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"his book that is being written is truly blessed by God. The book will soon come to an end but those who read these messages will truly have them embedded in their hearts forever.

"God's work never ends, so continue . . . to share all that I am teaching you. . . . The Gospel must be spread."

Our Blessed Mother, May 18, 2004

### **Dedication**

This book is dedicated first to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary whose messages are recorded in these pages.

Second, this book is dedicated to all those persons whom the Hearts of Jesus and Mary desire to touch through the messages of these pages so as to bring them to the light of the Gospel and to a deep spiritual life in Jesus' Holy Church.

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### ANecessary Preface

### [To be read before reading the book]

In this book I do not mention the name of the parish to which Little Mary, who receives the messages, belongs, or even mention the state in which she lives. The name of her priest spiritual director is not given, nor the diocese in which she lives. I had a reason for doing this. What is most important are the messages, not the messenger. As you will read below Bernadette Soubirous of Lourdes knew it was important that people not be drawn to her but rather to the messages of Our Lady.

Experience in doing much writing and lecturing has taught me that people can get very excited and not realize what they are doing to others whom God may have used or is using in a special way. In the book *Francis* I tell how people would crowd the house of this man who bears the wounds in his hands and undergoes the passion of Jesus every night. The people almost ruined his family life. Even his children were discontinuing to come home as the house was always crowded with people, those curious, those seeking healings. They would practically trample over his wife to get to Francis whenever he went places, even to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. People can think they own those given special charisms. Some can also attempt to use them for their own agenda. Others can be harsh and seek to destroy them. After the book on "Francis" came out, his wife told me: "The book had a great leveling effect. People finally realized what they were doing to our family."

Were I to give names and locations, countless phone calls, attempts at house calls, letters—going through every channel possible—could disturb the peace and balance needed without proper meditation on the *Messages from the Heart of Our Mother* which this is all about. Each message is where the reader should place his or her focus and meditate on them, not seeking some special favor. The messages appear simple, but with meditation have a greater depth than first meets the eye. I have often given my own commentaries after many of the messages to indicate the depth of the message and help the reader who at times may see much more than I have.

The messages have a flow to them. They do not represent the style with which Little Mary normally speaks or writes. In my judgment, and many others, the messages are not Little Mary's. They are: Messages from the Heart of Our Mother.

As I neared the conclusion of compiling these messages and commenting on them I finally asked Little Mary about something that had bothered me. I told her that I did not understand why the Blessed Mother on occasion would switch from the singular to the plural within the same sentence. An example: "A good confession takes time. One must examine their conscience and be truly sorry for their sins. One must be honest and then work on those areas where they are weak."

As often happened in the past few years when we discussed spiritual matters our Blessed Mother gave Little Mary an interior locution. On this occasion of my inquiry of why the switch from the singular to the plural she heard:

The messages are directed to each person. They are also intended for everyone.

Little Mary through the years was often reminded that the messages were for the world. The Blessed Mother then was using a style of communication directed to all, but desiring as a good Mother to have her messages touch each and every one of her children. We should read them as if spoken to each one of us.

I do relate in the book a limited number of accounts of healings, etc., so as to give credibility to the messages. I do relate some of the sufferings attached to the one given a special mission. Such sufferings do not seem to occur to others not well acquainted with the messenger. I do tell somewhat of the personality of the Messenger to help you realize the manner in which the messages are given. All this is in no way intended to make any judgment for the Church. I can see that the bishops involved have to be responsible and perform their duty. We should all respect that. The Church is always cautious, as it should be, regarding reports of supernatural messages.

This book goes to print in the 150th year of the anniversary of the solemn papal definition of the Immaculate Conception by Pope Pius IX.

This book goes to print also in the 160th year since the discovery of St. Louis de Montfort's book, *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary*.

Devout Catholics will better understand the concern of their heavenly Mother, the Mother of the Church, and her messages when they have an appreciation of the role of Mary as Mediatrix of all graces. Also, when they appreciate total consecration to our Blessed Mother.

Pope John Paul II in early 2004 used the 160th anniversary of the publication of *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary* to recall and explain the doctrine of its author, St. Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort. The Pope owes his episcopal motto, "Totus Tuus," to this saint, an expression of his totally belonging to Jesus through Mary.

As a youth Karol Wojtyla received "a great help" from this book. "I found the answer to my perplexity due to the fear that the devotion to Mary, if excessive, might end by compromising the supremacy of the worship owed to Christ," the Pope said in his message to the Religious of the Montfort family. "Under the wise guidance of St. Louis-Marie, I understood that, if one lives the mystery of Mary in Christ, such a risk does not exist," said the Pope in his letter dated December 8, 2003, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

St. Louis-Marie de Montfort wrote *True Devotion* at the start of 1700, but the manuscript was hidden and ignored until "accidentally" rediscovered in 1842 and published a year later. The saint had predicted that evil forces would not want the book out and it would be hidden.

Pope John Paul II said that when re-read in the light of the Second Vatican Council, the Montfort doctrine retains "its substantial validity." "As is known, in my episcopal coat of arms, the motto *Totus Tuus* is inspired by the doctrine of St. Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort. These two words express total belonging to Jesus through Mary.

"Totus tuus ego sum, et omnia mea tua sunt,' St. Louis-Marie wrote, and he translates: 'I am all yours, and everything of mine belongs to you, my beloved Jesus, through Mary, your holy Mother," the Holy Father said.

For St. Louis-Marie, true Marian devotion is Christ-centered and becomes a

privileged means "to find Jesus Christ perfectly, to love him tenderly, and to serve him faithfully." In this connection, Mary becomes the faithful echo of God.

The Pope said: "Every time that you honor Mary; Mary praises and honors God with you. . . . St. Louis-Marie contemplates all the mysteries beginning with the Incarnation, which takes place at the moment of the Annunciation, in such a way that in the treatise Mary appears as 'the true earthly paradise of the New Adam,' the 'virgin and immaculate earth' from which He has been formed. . . . She is also the New Eve, associated to the New Adam in the obedience that repairs the original disobedience of man and woman. Through this obedience, the Son of God entered into the world. The Cross itself is already mysteriously present in the instant of the incarnation."

St. Louis-Marie wrote: "All our perfection consists in being conformed, united and consecrated to Jesus Christ. . . . Now, from Mary being the creature most conformed to Jesus Christ, one learns that, among all the devotions, the one that most consecrates and conforms a soul to Our Lord is devotion to Mary, his holy Mother, and that the more a soul is consecrated to Mary, the more consecrated it will be to Jesus Christ."

The Cross, the Pope said, is the culminating moment of Mary's faith: "Through this faith, Mary is perfectly united to Christ in his despoliation. This is, perhaps, the most profound kenosis of faith in the history of humanity."

I have studied all the Marian documents that are mentioned in this preface, and studied them in some depth. I find the simplicity of the messages you are about to read in harmony with all these other profound Marian documents. The most important part of this book are the messages from the Heart of our Mother. Occasionally there are reported healings within the book. No one is asking for a pronouncement by the Church on these. No one mentioned in this book is carrying a banner asking all to accept any reported miracle connected with people praying. Why get excited? Some are allergic to any such mention and will say, they will even scream, "but it's not approved by the Church." The hierarchy of the Church would get little else done if it had to investigate thoroughly every reported miracle. There are millions of unreported miracles of grace. Why? Because God is God and He loves His people. "Ask and you shall receive." Let me quote here Fr. Michael Scanlan who has done remarkable work for years at the Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio, as he was interviewed by Catholics United for the Faith in *Lay Witness* [March/April, 2004].

"First of all, I believe miracles are an ordinary part of Christian life, but they are usually private. They're not the miracles that can be published or used as canonical proof for somebody to become a saint. But we pray for something and supernatural grace works. God intervenes and what nature would have accomplished in the ordinary realm of things is changed. Praying people believe in miracles. It's just that when they happen, you can't usually prove it. You pray, and your needs are met.

"We usually forget what we pray about. We pray that we might be healthy enough and get over this cold so that we can go on that trip two days from now. It happens. And then someone says, 'Aren't you lucky?' So there are a whole bunch of ordinary miracles in our everyday lives. Sr. Briege McKenna, one of the great 'pray-ers' in the ministry of healing, once had an incurable illness. But she was cured! She has believed in miracles ever since and has probably promulgated the truth about miracles as strongly as anyone I've ever heard. She always says, 'I'm

not supposed to be able to walk, but I can.' She still believes in miracles because of that....

"More and more I realize how many miracles happen in the Sacraments. I think the number one place is in confessional. The priest, so very frequently, doesn't know how he knows what he knows. . . .

"There's a Mass eternally going on in heaven as the Book of Revelation shows us and that Scott Hahn has so well developed in his book, *The Lamb's Supper: Experiencing the Mass.* Our Eucharist takes part in that, with the angels, the saints, and all who have gone before us. We're really at the Last Supper as well as at the Cross because we're outside of time and we move into that timeless, eternal presence of Christ. The priest is ordained to be another Christ and he is giving us the Eucharist as Jesus gave it to the apostles. That, in itself, is really amazing. The more we think about it the more amazed we get. The priests need to preach it and show that it is the most amazing thing—to be there with Jesus and receive His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. The faithful need to know that they're more than conquerors in Jesus Christ, as the Scriptures tells us."

So much for quotes from the popular Fr. Michael Scanlon, who years ago took over as president of Franciscan University in Stuebenville, Ohio, on the condition they'd let him run it. They did and he made a failing university truly Catholic and

it grew and exploded naturally and supernaturally.

I've experienced some miracles myself. I don't expect the Church to ever spend time in making a magisterial decision on any of the miracles in my personal life. It is not even important that they be known. God knows what I think and I thank Him.

I was present at EWTN in Birmingham, Alabama, the night that Mother Angelica—after decades of suffering pain and wearing something like a metal tank around her body and leg braces to be able to walk with crutches—was suddenly healed. I walked with her a day later across a field where the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament was under construction. Then I with others had dinner with her. As she walked easily and smoothly across that field with me, I asked, "Mother Angelica, aren't you stiff, don't your muscles ache after not using them for so many years, not being able to walk normally for years?" "No," she answered.

Just months before Mother Angelica was healed I had her speak at one of my annual national Fatima Family Congresses at the Fatima Shrine in Alexandria, South Dakota. She told the Fatima Family Congress how she had promised God that if she could just walk again that she would do special work for him. I understood it was like founding a new monastery in the south. Then she said, "When you ask God for something, be specific. I simply asked to walk again but I did not say 'without pain." So Mother Angelica with pain, braces and crutches walked again, founded a monastery of Poor Clare Nuns of Perpetual Adoration, built another monastery with a major shrine to the Most Blessed Sacrament near Hanceville, Alabama [near where the author-compiler of this book now resides], and developed a world-wide Eternal Word Television Network.

Mother Angelica was not interested in having any official investigation by the Church whether her healing could officially be called a miracle. She was walking unaided. That is what counted. What counted more was that she had work for Jesus and His Church to do. It would be for the good of souls and the glory of God and so she did it. She continued to do it even after a first stroke. A second stroke on Christmas eve would end her physical work at EWTN.

When she had the blueprints to build the present monastery and Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament already drawn up I brought "Francis" to see Mother Angelica. "Francis" bears the bleeding wound marks on his hands and undergoes the Passion of Jesus every night, between midnight and 3:00 a.m. Mother Angelica had "Francis" pass his wounded hands over every page of the blueprints. In November, 2003, when she could not talk, except for a few words now and then—that is, after the second stroke—I asked her if she remembered having Francis do that. She did.

In January, 2003, I had come to the Most Blessed Sacrament shrine with Francis again to see Mother Angelica. I said to Little Mary, "Ask Our Blessed Mother, that when Francis prays over Mother Angelica she may be healed so she can go back to work at EWTN." Little Mary did that and then told me: "The Blessed Mother said she is doing more good for souls by her suffering now than if she were working again at EWTN." One of the Poor Clare nuns said to me: "I've know Mother Angelica for over 40 years. She has always had to suffer."

Why is it that some, especially some priests, as well as some of the faithful, get excited, overly anxious, if someone is reported receiving messages and that healings occasionally take place while that person prays for individuals? If the messages are not in harmony with the Gospels and the Magisterium of the Church, then there is reason for concern. But if one's mission is bringing souls to Jesus, to the Church, to the Sacraments, conversions, and are in harmony with true teachings, why get excited? Just thank God.

The Church does on occasion declare on miracles, however seldom. Beatification and canonization require recognition of miracles as the result of the intercession of the person to be beatified or canonized. "If anyone says that all miracles are impossible, and that therefore all reports of them, even those contained in Sacred Scripture, are to be set aside as fables or myths, or that miracles can never be known with certainty, nor can the divine origin of the Christian religion be proved from them: let him be anathema" (Vatican Council I, *Die Filius*, no. 3).

We must believe that miracles can and do happen.

It is a part of our Christian faith. There are always those who will confuse the messenger God uses with the messages He gives. If one detects any weakness in the messenger they are willing to discount the messages. If the messenger seems like an ordinary person he or she can't possibly be the recipient of heavenly messages, is the reasoning of not a few. Look at St. Bernadette of Lourdes. She had to pray that the gifts or privileges given her by heaven would offset her weaknesses. Bernadette had a strong will, a fierce temper, a stinging tongue. Those very traits were used by heaven for its purposes.

I remember being told in the seminary, "If you want to be persecuted by the Church just claim you are having heavenly visions or receiving messages from heaven." While no one is proposing sainthood or claiming it for the recipient of "Messages from the Heart of Your Mother" [Little Mary], I think it is profitable to share at least a summary example of what other recipients of messages approved by the Church have gone through. This will enable those who are so easily surprised, so ready to reject at the slightest interference or suspicion by some of the faithful or even by some priests, even in some cases by some bishop or bishops, to take pause to consider more deeply. It is the history of the Church many times over, and in many cases those difficulties ultimately proved to be of advantage for the mission God had given. I give a striking example.

St. Bernadette of Lourdes was no exception to what I am speaking of here. Abbe Peyramale, her parish priest and pastor of the parish, had a reputation far and wide for his explosive temper. People sometimes shook with fear. The first time Bernadette went to see Abbe Peyramale he received her kindly but when he heard her request, he flew into a rage, accusing her of lying, of being a lunatic, of trying to disrupt the peaceful hamlet. Bernadette left shaking. Such was the Abbe's original firm position based on no evidence, no investigation.

You can imagine Bernadette's challenge then when Our Lady asked her to go to the priest. She knew she had to confront the same priest again so this time she had her Aunts Basile and Bernarde accompany her. She was hardly able to deliver the first part of the message when Abbe Peyramale hit the ceiling again. The barrage was so great that Bernadette was riveted to the floor, petrified. When he finished his tirade, she and her aunts left. They walked about a block from the rectory when Bernadette told her aunts she had to go back. She had not delivered the second part of the message. Her aunts refused to go with her again. They wanted nothing to do with the Abbe's anger. One of the aunts was a shopkeeper used to dealing with all kinds of people but she'd not deal with this priest on this subject again.

I tell this here to indicate how God does not necessarily choose the most extraordinary, pious, stereotyped person for His missions, nor does His Mother Mary. Who was finally to come to be the great supporter and defender of the reality of the mission given Bernadette Soubirous? It was none other than the parish pastor, Abbé Peyramale.

But there was someone who never believed in St. Bernadette Soubirous even after the mission given her was approved by the Church. As the family of the grotto grew with pilgrims coming and Church acceptance expanding, it became clear to the bishop that Bernadette should not remain in Lourdes any more. Bernadette herself knew that the focus would not be as it should be on Our Lady and the message of Jesus, through her, as long as she remained in Lourdes. It was a sacrifice for Bernadette but the words of Mary were clear: "I cannot promise you happiness in this world, but in the next." She decided to be a religious.

Almost every Order in France wanted Bernadette but she knew happiness in a hospice in Lourdes which was run by a Community of the Sisters of Charity of Nevers, France. That Order she decided to join. Bishop Forcade, the Bishop of Tarbes, went himself in person to present Bernadette's petition to the head of the Order. He was stunned at the response. They were not anxious to have her. Reluctantly, at the Bishop's urging, they accepted her. Leaving her home, her family, and her beloved grotto was a great sacrifice.

Mother Thérèse Vazou, Bernadette's Mistress of Novices when she entered the Convent of St. Gildard's in Nevers, later became Superior of the Community. This same Mother was the cause of most of Bernadette's spiritual suffering during the thirteen years that she was in the Convent. Mother Thérèse Vazou mistreated her almost from the day she entered. Even after her death this same Mother blocked the process of beatification from being opened until after her own death.

There are controversial opinions as to why Mother Thérèse Vazou acted this way. It is said she had a need to break her novices spiritually when they entered. It was something like stripping them down and entirely making them over into a fixed mode, a mode of her own making and idea which she considered necessary

for holiness. It also seems that Mother Thérèse had a preconceived romantic concept of what a visionary and bearer of heavenly messages should be like. She seemed to look for an air of mysticism, for visible signs of a high level of piety, things not projected in the personality of Bernadette.

Bernadette herself tried to convince the world of her unworthiness to be the recipient of the gift given her by Our Blessed Mother. Bernadette fought to be ordinary and Mother Thérèse considered that ordinariness her greatest weakness and therefore could not believe Bernadette received heavenly messages and visions. Bernadette, although sickly, was good at joking, cutting up, qualities that disqualified her as a recipient of heavenly messages in Mother Thérèse's mind. Bernadette would even cut up to the incoming novices. One can imagine how that set with Mother Thérèse who had her own ideas of holiness.

Did Bernadette lead a deep spiritual life? Certainly. Sr. Cassou gave this impression of Bernadette during and after she received Jesus in the Holy Eucharist: "Nothing could distract her. Once she had received Holy Communion, she became so deeply absorbed that everybody left the chapel without her seeming to notice it. I stayed beside her. . . . I watched her for a long time without her noticing. Her face was radiant and heavenly, just as it was during the ecstasy at Massabielle. When the Sister came to close the doors she rattled the bolts vigorously. Then Bernadette came out of her ecstasy, as it were."

The greatest place of Bernadette's suffering was in her soul. She was attacked unrelentlessly by the devil. Sisters who watched over her during the night shared about the battles they could hear her waging with the devil. Her dark night was not a lack of faith in God as much as it was a guilt for not having given back to God in proportion to the gifts she had been given.

Bernadette died before Mother Thérèse did. As the years passed Mother Thérèse was required to retire for her last days to that hospice at Lourdes where Bernadette had stayed and fell in love with the Order. In retirement and old age she still was not reconciled with the saint-to-be. At the Lourdes hospice, hearing the crowds singing as they came to the grotto where Bernadette said the Mother of God had appeared, was too much for Mother Thérèse. She would close the shutters of her windows. The processions only agitated her. At the end, however, she prayed: "Our Lady of Lourdes, protect me in my agony."

The Superior General who attended the funeral of Mother Thérèse, prayed at her tomb as follows:

"Mother, things do not always look the same in heaven as they do on earth. Now that you are, I trust, illuminated by the pure light above, be so good as to take Bernadette's cause in hand. I leave the initiative in this matter to you. I shall not take any steps myself. I shall wait for a sign from heaven."

It was within three weeks of Mother Thérèse's funeral that the Superior General was told by Rome to gather information immediately for the process of beatification.

On December 8, 1933, Bernadette was canonized. St. Bernadette in 1958, four years after the solemn definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, had heard the Mother of God proclaim who she is: "I AM THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION." The heavenly and beautiful Lady from heaven, the Mother of the Church, was reaffirming the papal dogmatic definition of the Immaculate Conception proclaimed by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1954, as follows:.

"The most holy Virgin Mary was, in the first moment of her conception, by a unique gift of grace and privilege of almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of mankind, preserved free from all stain of original sin." The body of St. Bernadette remains incorrupt, remarkably fresh looking, to the present day.

Why do I spend so much time on the problems and dispositions St. Bernadette had? Well! They are not totally unlike those of Little Mary, as you shall see.

After the Second Vatican Council there was a decline in Marian devotion. Some have wondered if the bishops of the United States had come out with a document on Mary shortly after the Second Vatican Council if that would have prevented the decline in Marian practices and prayers for some years. Well, in reality the United States bishops did issue in 1973 a pastoral letter titled: *Behold Your Mother: Woman of Faith.* It reaffirmed the place of Mary in the Church admitting that Marian devotion fell on hard times after the Council. It stated, "First of all, we should clearly understand that the Second Vatican Council in no way downgraded faith in or devotion to Mary. On the contrary, the eighth chapter of the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church is a clear and penetrating account of Catholic teaching on the Blessed Mother of God."

Then in 1974 Pope Paul VI issued his remarkable apostolic exhortation *Marialis Cultus* on the right ordering and development of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope John Paul II in 1987 issued the encyclical, *Redemptoris Mater* (Mother of the Redeemer), and in 2002 Pope John Paul II released his apostolic letter, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* (The Rosary of the Virgin Mary), calling for the Year of the Rosary, and introducing five new luminous mysteries of the Rosary.

The above treasury of Marian doctrine and devotion explain how Mary, together with Jesus Christ as Head, should be the focus of Christian attention. Shortly before the completion of the compilation of this book the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops published: *Mary in the Church—A Selection of Teaching Documents*.

It seems the time is ripe for a new springtime for Mary in this country and throughout the world. While there are many reports of Marian messages, and we must be cautious in considering them to discern authenticity, what does appear clear is that Marian devotion is returning to Catholic life. The balance the Second Vatican Council called for is in order. Authenticity will always require in the first place that the messages are in harmony with Sacred Scripture and the Magisterial teachings of the Church. They must lead to Jesus Christ and the Blessed Trinity. I believe the messages received by Little Mary fulfill those requirements.

Having spent hundreds of hours over the past years communicating with Little Mary, being on retreats with her, etc., I can say, on the natural level, what she has been through; only a strong will and her spirit of being a fighter, has enabled her to continue. I explain some of this in the book in as charitable a manner as I am able when it touches other personalities, without distorting any facts deliberately. I've learned her sense of humor, put her to the test with my own humor and perhaps got to know her better than any priest, as her closest friends will testify. Those who have wanted to stop her mission hardly have the slightest glimmer of an understanding of the real personality and disposition of Little Mary or what has all been happening to which they did not open themselves to discover.

Multiple times she has wanted to give up her role as a messenger, even ver-

balized in moments and hours of temptation—that she was quitting. She often felt she could no longer take it, but always she would snap back when the decisive time came for action. For these desperate times, throughout the world, God has chosen various messengers. I am able to think that not a few chosen to be messengers discontinued because they could not take what went with it. God respects our free will. God gives the necessary grace for any and every mission He gives us. Still we must be open to that grace, and willingly carry that cross.

There will be those who will object to the mission of Little Mary and the messages as reported in this book. This book is not a judgment on the part of the Church. No one is asked to put faith in the messages as supernatural. The compiler of the book personally believes they are of supernatural origin because of his extensive experience with the messenger and messages. If one prefers to read the entire book simply as a novel, be my guest. If anyone finds contents in the messages that are contrary to Sacred Scripture or the Magisterial teachings of the Church, please come forth. If anyone has read this book in its entirety and concludes these messages should be silenced, I suggest you first put your time, energy and effort in working to correct abuses in certain parishes across the country which are not acting according to true Catholicism. I take responsibility for the book. No one asked me to write it and/or compile it. I personally saw the need for it as I did when I wrote multiple books on Fatima and gained the friendship and respect of different bishops of Fatima who personally came to my parish rectory three different years when I was pastor and participated in national Fatima Family Congresses. One year the Cardinal Prefect of the Pontifical Council for the Family came and spent some days with me at a national Fatima Family Congress and said, "My presence says more than my words that I endorse the Fatima Family Apostolate.'

When I wrote the book *Francis* about the man who bears wound marks in his hands and undergoes the "passion" every night after midnight until 3 a.m., I received the encouragement of Francis' bishop after he had read the book. When I wrote *Light from the East—Miracles of Our Lady of Soufanieh*—those miraculous happenings in Damascus, Syria, cradle of Christianity—the book was welcomed by Orthodox and Melkite rite patriarchs and priests as well as laity in Damascus. I don't take things lightly.

I can say that I've both heard from and have met hundreds of people who have been helped by these messages across this country. If you prefer to read them as simply the fruit of someone's meditation, that is your privilege. Personally, I think, you will at the same time be reading messages of the Mother of the Church. You are not obliged to share that personal position of mine. But if I thought the messages were no more than someone's personal reflections, of which I know Little Mary is incapable, I would not have compiled this book.

How did "Little Mary" acquire that name when her baptismal name is simply "Mary"? When the messages were permitted to be publicly read people would talk about them and say to the pastor, "Mary said...." He would often think they were speaking of something taken directly from the messages but it did not sound like the messages. When they explained they were merely relating what Mary had said the pastor would say, "Oh! You mean LITTLE MARY!" That story got around with a certain amount of humor as the same was happening between parishioners. Mary is in fact small built. Thus the name was popularly acquired, "Little Mary."

### **HOW TO READ THIS BOOK**

You are encouraged to read the messages meditatively. If one reads rapidly, seeking something sensational or just reading out of curiosity, the spirit of heaven's call to have the Word of God embedded in our hearts—for a deeper conversion of heart to closer union with Jesus Christ—will be missed.

A good program may well be 20 minutes a day—a maximum of 30 minutes—meditating on points that especially touch the heart.

### Chapter 1

# Placing Private Revelations in Proper Perspective

It is most important that what is written in this book be understood according to these teachings of the Church:

66 "The Christian economy, therefore, since it is the new and definitive Covenant, will never pass away; and no new public revelation is to be expected before the glorious manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ' (DV 4: cf. 1 Tim 6:14; Titus 2:13). Yet even if Revelation is already complete, it has not been made completely explicit; it remains for Christian faith gradually to grasp its full significance over the course of the centuries.

67 "Throughout the ages, there have been so-called 'private' revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. They do not belong, however, to the deposit of faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ's definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history. Guided by the Magisterium of the Church, the *sensus fidelium* knows how to discern and welcome in these revelations whatever constitutes an authentic call of Christ or his saints to the Church.

"Christian faith cannot accept 'revelations' that claim to surpass or correct the Revelation of which Christ is the fulfillment, as is the case in certain non-Christian religions and also in certain recent sects which base themselves on such revelations."

### Catechism of the Catholic Church—Second Edition

Public divine revelation ended with the death of the last Apostle, St. John. The Church is still studying and meditating what public and divine Revelations have been given her from God through the Sacred Scripture and Tradition. Deeper insights into God's Word thus are progressing. While private revelations can help us see what is already in Scripture and the traditional teachings of the Church, any private revelation is never the source of our divine faith.

With the multiplicity of reported private revelations and locutions so widespread in the world at the present time, it is difficult for people to know which, if any, can be trusted. It must, of course, be said that all we need to know and believe and practice is already contained in the Scriptures and Magisterial teachings of the Church. No one is obliged to believe private revelations, even those major ones approved by the Church as worthy of *human* faith. Private revelation does not mean such is to be kept private and not publicly circulated. Private revelations are supernatural manifestations made to a particular person since apostolic times.

The basic motive of all faith is the authority of the one who is speaking. It is known as *divine* faith when the one believed is God. It known as *human* faith when the persons believed are human beings. Divine faith then is the assent of the mind to what God has revealed and is distinct from *human* faith, which is the acceptance of the word of a human being. As sincere Catholics we must have *divine* faith in all that is contained in the Word of God which makes up the Sacred Scriptures of both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible.

A dogma of faith is a doctrine taught by the Church to be believed by all the faithful as part of divine revelation. Those who consider themselves sincere Catholics must accept as formally revealed truths the dogmas which have been promulgated as such by the Church. Dogmas of faith are revealed either in Sacred Scripture or contained Tradition, either explicitly, such as the Incarnation, the Word made flesh, or implicitly, such as the bodily Assumption of Our Blessed Mother into heaven.

It goes without saying, then, that the messages contained in this book do not fall under divine faith except insofar as they may contain what is already in Sacred Scripture or the dogmatically defined revelations of Jesus Christ which bind us in conscience. One could be a good Catholic who did not believe the source of the messages even of Guadalupe, Lourdes or Fatima to be supernatural in origin. We may put *human* faith in their origin.

As one who has studied Guadalupe, Lourdes, Fatima and some other private revelations approved by the Church as worthy of *human* faith, it would seem to me rather foolish if one is well informed on these sources and their messages and still would not accept them. Yet, it would be the privilege of a sincere Catholic not to accept as of supernatural origin that which is not solemnly required in *divine* faith by the Church if one were not humanly convinced.

The simplest and surest way to recognize whether phenomena are supernatural, and not natural or preternatural phenomena, would be humility on the part of the person, obedience to Church authority, and, of course, that the fruits of the supernatural gifts are having good effects. The effects would refer both to the person with the charism, and especially others, for a charism is for others. So the surest way to test authenticity is the character of the person who receives the messages and whether good fruit is the result.

It is even possible that the devil can be speaking through a person who manifests signs or presents messages that cause wonderment in others.

What is meant by preternatural? It is that which is beyond the natural but is not strictly supernatural. It is either because natural forces are used by God to produce effects beyond their native capacity, or because above-human forces, angelic or demonic, are active in the world of space and time. This means that it is possible in the spiritual world for phenomena to be of evil spirits.

It is important then to determine the effects. Jesus said, "Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? So, every sound tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears evil fruit. A sound tree cannot bear evil fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits" (Matt. 7:15-20).

The greatest temptation is pride. There have been genuine mystics who eventually have fallen victim to pride. Thus they can betray the grace of God and not bear the fruit that originally was intended.

It would seem this is why Lucia of Fatima remained upon the earth for so many years, even remaining close to 90 more years on earth [as this book is written] after the 1917 revelations when she was already ten years old. Lucia's remaining upon earth for so many years was not only to fulfill her mission given, that she remain upon earth for years to spread devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, but also her presence and prudence in general, with obedience, has confirmed the genuineness of her mission. She has remained humble. She has, in fact, often been humbled. She has not lost her balance. What is needed in the studying of persons who are instruments of God in performing miracles is the character of the person who is used and the effects.

The Portuguese priest who first had published in three languages the *Memoirs of Sister Lucia of Fatima* was Fr. Antonio Martins, S.J., of Portugal. The author-compiler of this book, *Messages from the Heart of your Mother*, worked together with Fr. Antonio Martins, S.J., in producing the large volume in English, *Documents of Fatima & the Memoirs of Sister Lucia*, and also the book, *The Intimate Life of Sister Lucia*. This latter book in English, which I had translated from the Portuguese, contains documents from the life of Sr. Lucia and is the only book of these personal documents of Sr. Lucia available today. I also wrote the book, *Light from the East—Miracles of Our Lady of Soufanieh*, after research time in Damascus, Syria, and interviewing the hierarchy of both the Orthodox and Eastern Rite Catholics, who subsequently seemed pleased with the book. I mention these other works in this first chapter only to indicate that I am not unfamiliar with private revelations and the caution needed.

It is wise in the case of persons seeming to possess unusual phenomena which seem to be supernatural that, for the record, all be put on paper. I once heard the original theological advisor to the Fatima Family Apostolate, Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J., advocated that when such phenomena seem in evidence to put all on paper. In the case of Little Mary, heaven has asked her to write the messages, even dictating them for her. This is what Sr. Josefa Menendez experienced in the early 1920s.

Writing is a duty to persons who have been given a special mission. Remember Our Blessed Lady instructed Lucia to learn how to read. This directive was also that she learn how to write, as she was later put under obedience by her bishop to do so more than once. *The Memoirs of Sister Lucia* became a classic in spirituality already in her own lifetime.

Jesus Christ Himself did not write in the sense that His personal writings were to be preserved. That was for His Church as the Bible is a Church Book written by Church men for the Church's use. So others wrote for Jesus under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, in the case of the canonical texts of the Bible. God decided that there would be the Scriptures we know today as the Bible.

For a long time there were no Scriptures. Then, Abraham became the father of the chosen people. He was chosen by God. God being all wise decided there must be a record for the people of what He had said and done. That's how the Bible began. Judaism and Christianity are the only two religions which have written records that are historically verifiable. Mohammed was a dreamer, but not of the kind in Scripture where God uses dreams. The Koran, which is the Moslem Bible, is not factual.

The importance of writing, in the case of one who is supposedly receiving messages or being used in a supernatural way, is not only that there be a record for the good of others, but also, in the case of those whose experiences are not supernatural, but only natural or preternatural, the record can eventually assist in determining the falsehood if necessary. Where there are records that show frequent contradictions, statements contrary to the Sacred Scriptures and dogmas of faith, drawing attention primarily to oneself, and evidence of bad fruits, all this will be on record too, but then not for authenticity of things of a genuine supernatural character. Admittedly, the one keeping the records must be authentic, sincere in heart, truthful.

The author of this book containing private revelations has exercised his priest-hood for nearly 50 years at the time this is published. He has been engaged in apostolates which have become international. Being also active in the Catholic media most of his priestly life, more than a few cases of reported heavenly messages have come to his attention. What I have learned from frequent exposure to reported private revelations among other things is this: If a work is of God and is producing good fruit, good effects, one can also expect sufferings and attempts by some others to destroy the good effects. The devil is never happy when souls are being converted and coming to Jesus Christ through the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist and intensifying their prayer lives.

I have also learned that often well-intended people with reported messages from supposed supernatural sources, however sincere they may be, are too often under deceptions, not making proper distinctions, and not under proper spiritual direction and guidance. The Church in her wisdom knows well the need to be cautious and how often reported apparitions and seemingly supernatural phenomena eventually prove to be something else.

On the other hand, we can see in history, especially during the past century of the Marian Era, that even at times, religious leaders at least at first, in great caution which in itself is praiseworthy, have tried to suppress the messages. This has been true especially when Church authorities have been misinformed or not fully informed. I personally know more than one mystic, in this country and abroad, who at first received silent response from the higher Church authorities, mistrust from some local priests, sometimes for motives not the most pure. At a later time authenticity was established as worthy of *human* faith.

Often it has been the lack of sufficient communication, misinformation given authorities, excitement of the devout, etc., which rightly cause concern. The Church more than once has had to reverse itself on decisions about private revelations and persons when authorities received more reliable information, and made more thorough study. Such caution and guidance are the responsibility of the Church.

The Church had to reverse itself regarding St. Padre Pio during his early years of suffering the stigmata. Even the Vatican imposed obedience on him not to meet the public or celebrate the Sacrifice of the Mass publicly. Immoderate emotional reactions from some of the faithful hindered the mission given him and sent a false message about Padre Pio to the Vatican. Today we popularly know this holy priest as St. Padre Pio. Pope John Paul II obviously loved him much and what Padre Pio stood for and after study of his life and miracles by the proper Congregation for the Saints, he was raised to the altars of the Church.

In the case of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, the apostle or secretary of divine

mercy, poor and incorrect translations from the Polish of her writings into various languages hindered the Church's study. Such were the cause of having St. Faustina's now classic writings on divine mercy placed by the Church under a blanket of censure for many years. It was Cardinal Carol Wojtyla (Pope John Paul II), who, as Archbishop of Krakow, was able to inform the Vatican correctly. He has seen fit as Pope to teach much about Divine Mercy, obviously inspired greatly by St. Faustina. In August, 2002 he dedicated an International Shrine to Divine Mercy on the grounds where Sr. Faustina lived as a nun and it was my privilege to visit that shrine more than once on pilgrimages to Poland.

Am I asking that you believe that the source of Little Mary's messages are authentic and that she is a true mystic? No, I am not. I am sharing with you the record I've been keeping of one I've known the past few years and have studied the messages she has recorded from years before I became personally acquainted with her. The past few years, several times a week, some weeks daily, especially at times of suffering, I've been in conversation with her to encourage her because I detected her honesty and sincerity. I've discovered the great sufferings she undergoes which are known to only a few. Some in responsible positions have not yet taken the time or had the occasion, or interest to investigate her experiences in a responsible way. Her sufferings, I believe, could only be borne with special divine help.

I've been on pilgrimages with Little Mary, given an 11-day retreat at Fatima in which she participated. I was one of the presenters with other priests at another retreat she participated in. Also, at one of the many retreats at Casa Maria in Birmingham, Alabama, at which I've been spiritual director, Little Mary participated. I've worked consciously to be honest in reporting, not mentioning many things that would duplicate or not be of particular value beyond which is already on record. I've spent literally hundreds of hours the past few years interviewing Little Mary and sharing her spiritual experiences.

The reader can decide for him/herself whether he or she desires to accept what I see as appearing authentic as does her official spiritual director. The messages have already helped hundreds, indeed thousands of people in a positive way. My judgment is not a judgment on behalf of the Church. It is as I have perceived things myself during the past years. I have witnessed hundreds who have shown great interest in the messages as well and who have also been helped.

If some desire to say the messages are simply the fruit of Little Mary's personal meditations, that is their privilege. Then, so long as they are in harmony with our holy Catholic faith, they should not resist the diffusion of the messages if they themselves are sincere Catholics and see the messages in harmony with Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Church. The chief importance of this book is not the messenger used but the messages given.

Personally, messages given to me by Little Mary, even directed to me personally at times in the living of my priestly life, I am convinced she could never have given or known or composed, except with help from above. But the messages given with precise dates, as often stated, are for people throughout the world.

Little Mary does not claim to be a special saint. She has her weaknesses about which I've frequently teased her. She has not wanted the mission of these messages. She has often been tempted to quit. Early on, as I became acquainted with her, she offered to let me be the one who receives them. "No way," was my response. "I'd never get my work done, especially with all the suffering that must go with being such a messenger."

I, and her more official spiritual advisor, repeatedly have had to work to give her courage to continue, especially when diabolical attacks were in evidence. Jesus and our Blessed Mother, as you will see in many of the messages, have to encourage her to continue writing the messages when she wants to discontinue. I have not seen her wanting notoriety. I've seen her desiring to hide, quit, and work to overcome timidity. I've worked to get her to look at herself in a humorous way so as to have strength to continue the mission given her.

You are not asked to believe what is in this book as a part of Catholic faith, certainly not *divine* faith. If you care to put *human* faith, which is distinct from *divine* faith, in what is contained in the messages, that is your choice. But there is no responsibility to believe the contents even in *human* faith, unless of course what is said is merely a reaffirmation of and already in agreement with the Scriptures, Tradition and the teachings of the Church.

God is the ultimate source of our faith and from that one Source, as through three streams to us, the content of our faith flows. The deposit of faith is thus found in Sacred Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterial defined teachings of the Church. Good Catholics already accept and strive to live by these. The messages Little Mary receives are simply reminding us of these and for many informing them for the first time.

Your responsibility then is to believe by *divine* faith and practice what is already contained in the Scriptures, Tradition and the Magisterial teachings on faith and morals of the Catholic Church. If the book assists you in appreciating better what is in the Sacred Scriptures and the official teachings and practices of the Church, then I shall rejoice; for such, I believe, is the purpose of the messages to reawaken us to the treasures of the Church.

If you don't believe these messages are of supernatural origin, then perhaps you will want to read this book simply as a novel. Novels of a spiritual kind have been known to touch many souls, for they have often drawn for their sources the truths of the Scriptures and the teachings of the Church.

The opinion of this author is that Little Mary is authentic in giving us the messages. But that is only my educated position after much thorough investigation and hundreds of interviews with Little Mary and reading of countless numbers of messages.

I look to the fruits. I am aware of hundreds of souls drawn closer to Jesus Christ and His Sacraments through the prayers of Little Mary and her messages from the Heart of Our Mother. I am aware of marriages healed, of souls which have returned to the Sacraments after many years, once they came into contact with these messages. I am reminded here of Jesus and His Church, much as I have been with the case of "Francis," who bears the bleeding wound marks in his hands, and undergoes the sufferings of Jesus every night. I wrote of Francis' life and mission in the book titled *Francis*, which won the respect of his bishop from whom I have subsequently heard more than once.

I am well aware of the plethora of reported apparitions and messages today claiming to be supernatural. I admit to discounting most, as sufficient evidence is unavailable. I remain neutral to some, and totally reject others which lack the ring of authenticity and too often lack a spirit of humility and obedience.

If you know the teachings of the Church, I think you will agree that in a most simple and motherly way the messages reported here aid us in knowing and liv-

ing in a practical way much of what is in public revelation. We will then not be indifferent to the role God assigns to private revelation in the life of the Church.

Little Mary has a real perception by her external senses. It seems a real acoustical vibration is produced in her ears. She hears our Blessed Mother, sometimes Jesus—she tells me this happens as clearly as she hears me when I am talking to her by phone.

Can we act upon these messages? Certainly, a person may act upon these messages if one observes that they contain nothing contrary to our faith and authentic Catholic morals and that they help bring one closer to God. ". . . A sound tree produces good fruit but a rotten tree bad fruit. A sound tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor a rotten tree bear good fruit" (Matt. 7:17-18).

Have there been signs? I have received written testimonies from people who have received physical healings after Little Mary prayed over them. I have received one even from a doctor whose four-year-old child was seriously ill but when they arrived at Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, for treatment, all symptoms of the problem had disappeared. I personally know a woman whose child would soon have been born dead except for the message given Little Mary to relay to the mother of this unborn child that her yet to be born child was in deep trouble and to seek the help of doctors immediately. After the child was born the mother gave me a long and detailed account.

The world is in turmoil. Family life is in crisis. Many souls are being lost. The Church itself is in crisis even though Jesus has promised it can never totally be destroyed. People are confused by some who should teach the fullness of the Gospel but misrepresent the true faith and morals of Catholicism. Some parents, sometimes even priests and religious, do not explicitly misrepresent but rather ignore or are silent on matters of faith and morals which need to be taught. Thus our heavenly Mother comes with messages pleading for faith in the full Gospel and a living of the full Gospel.

I have long been a professional Catholic writer, with all my own personal weaknesses and failings. Having written more than 50 books and thousands of articles, editor of the *Immaculate Heart Messenger*, still, I would not be able to write the messages day after day which Little Mary receives and writes as they are dictated to her. After 45 years of professional writing experience, I could not express such calls for living the Gospel, our Catholic faith, so simply, so pointedly, so meaningfully for the average person so that the Heart of Our Mother touches the hearts of her children. Knowing Little Mary well, I know that she too is incapable of composing these messages on her own. In conversations with her she talks differently. In letters from her, she writes differently in style from the messages. The messages flow. At times they seem almost poetic. Often the content is the same as that of Scripture without Little Mary even realizing it until I point out to her that the message is the same as the Gospel.

May you discover the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of His Mother on your journey to the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, as you read the contents and commentaries of these messages.

In the late spring of 1994, Epiphany school had a sign-up sheet for families who wanted to have the statue of the Blessed Mother in their home for one month. Little Mary signed up thinking it would be a beautiful decoration for her living room. The family who brought the statue told her that she must pray the

Rosary daily, pray for priests and all vocations as well as for the conversion of sinners of this world. Little Mary prayed faithfully each day for these intentions but did not pray the Rosary because she had forgotten how. While praying before the statue one evening she was filled with doubt. "Maybe in praying to Mary I am taking away from the glory I owe to Jesus." Confused, she prayed to Jesus, asking Him to help her see His Mother in Jesus' own light, as He sees Her.

After this Little Mary had some spiritual experiences that gave her great peace and a sense that she needed to learn how to pray the Rosary properly. In this spiritual experience she knelt down and began saying the Hail Mary and Our Father and had to admit she did not know how to pray the Rosary.

She then began getting words from our Blessed Mother Mary every evening as she put her three-year-old son to bed. Often Little Mary would have to lay down with her little son so that he would stay in bed and fall asleep. It was at this time that Little Mary would hear that same beautiful voice. These would be wonderful evenings to Little Mary and she would anxiously wait for her son's bedtime so she could hear the wonderful words the Blessed Mother would relay to her.

Little Mary described the Blessed Mother's words from these first experiences as poetic. The Blessed Mother would tell her how much God loves her and how special she was to Him. She would speak about heaven and its beauty and how Little Mary was chosen by God for a very special mission. Although she had no idea of the extent to which God would use her, she felt wrapped in a cocoon of pure love.

Little Mary shared these first experiences with no one, not even her husband. She was afraid he would not believe her because she did not know how to explain the way she was hearing our Blessed Mother. She described our Blessed Mother's words as poetic.

The Blessed Mother would speak about heaven and its beauty and how Little Mary was chosen by God for a very special mission. Still, she had no idea of the extent to which God would ask to use her. The Blessed Mother was gradually preparing her and developing a personal relationship with her and leading her closer to Jesus, her Son.

In the meantime, Little Mary's husband, Terry, without realizing it, was also being prepared to understand what was happening to his wife. He was invited by a man from Epiphany parish for a weekly gathering in his home hosting a prayer cenacle in which locutions were studied. He would often invite his wife to go with him, but her timidity kept her very close to home. She also felt uncomfortable because she did not yet know how to pray the Rosary properly, a prayer which that group would recite.

In the meantime, Little Mary was being told by the Blessed Mother to write down the words spoken to her. She was hesitant to do so. Our Blessed Mother kept telling her to write. On the evening of January 11, 1995, Little Mary wrote the first message. In that message our Blessed Mother told Little Mary that she has always been protected. She was to look to the Highest and crown Him with many crowns. She told her that Jesus reigns and is above all the earth, and in order for her to hear our Blessed Mother's words, she must be silent. The message ended telling Little Mary to look at the Heart of Mary.

Little Mary did not share this message with her husband. She feared he would think her crazy. Instead, she called the man who was coordinating the cenacle. For three days in a row she would call and read the message to him. He told her to ask this Lady who she is. On the eleventh day, she told Little Mary, "I am Mary, the Mother of Jesus." The Blessed Mother described herself as blessed and pure and white as a dove to show brightness to the world. She described herself as golden like the sun, as is her Son, Jesus. She told Little Mary that the blueness she sees is the color of a fresh spring waiting for those who might thirst in her. She said she was pure and clean in spirit. She talked of her Heart being red and feeling torn at times due to the world and how her Heart bleeds due to the world's sinful acts.

Blessed Mother said many guests shall arrive, for they will become hungry for the Lord. Little Mary shared this with the man who was coordinating the cenacle. He believed her. He brought to Little Mary a Rosary prayer pamphlet and encouraged her to learn how to pray the Rosary. He suggested also the need to seek guidance from a priest.

Little Mary became more aware of her need to get a spiritual advisor. She thought of a young charismatic priest who she thought would believe her. But Blessed Mother told her that God had already chosen a spiritual director for her and that it is "Your Pastor." Little Mary exclaimed: "OH, NO! I can't go to the pastor. He's too old and he'll never believe me!"

She cried because she felt overwhelmed with the messages. It was difficult to make a call to the pastor because she had never talked to him or shook his hand in the three years they belonged to the parish.

Telephoning the pastor resulted in tears. Hearing the Blessed Mother and writing the messages every day for a month had already become overwhelming to her. By phone she began reading some of Mother Mary's messages. The priest asked her, "Do you know what an "interior locution" is? She did not. She tried to explain to him that she could hear a voice and it was as if it came through her whole body. Father told her to come to see him in two days.

Little Mary met with the pastor for the first time on February 11, 1995, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It was exactly one month after she wrote her first message. Her husband came with her for support. She read messages to the pastor for one hour and the priest never said a word. Finally this priest looked up and said she had read enough and that he believed her after the first message. She had been fearing he did not believe. The Blessed Mother had told Little Mary that she would need to see a certain bishop, so the pastor arranged that with this bishop for March 11th.

This auxiliary bishop was very kind and told Little Mary that she would have to go before a Diocesan Commission and that one of the people on the Commission was a psychiatrist who would evaluate her. Only the pastor went with Little Mary to meet the Commission. The Blessed Mother helped her answer the questions in a very simple way. The Commission found nothing wrong with the messages. They did not continue the study further.

In September, 1995 the bishop of the diocese to where Little Mary resides retired because of age. Shortly after his retirement he asked the new bishop administrator of the diocese to meet with Little Mary.

The new bishop met with Little Mary during the first months of 1996, together with her husband and spiritual director. His first concern was that the marriage of Little Mary and her husband was solid because this was her primary vocation. The Bishop did not want her life as a messenger to interfere with her duties as a mother and wife. After several meetings, the new bishop gave his consent to her pastor, in April of 1996, allowing this.

He urged Little Mary to read the messages after Mass and recite a Rosary on Monday evenings.

About this same time Little Mary began receiving interior locutions from Jesus on occasion. She was afraid to tell anyone of this. Some people were finding it hard to believe that the Blessed Mother was truly giving messages—how could they believe that she was also hearing Jesus?

Jesus asked Little Mary to begin praying with those who were coming to the group. Jesus told her that all power comes from Him, her God. He told her that He was going to bless her hands so that she could touch His people through her hands and they would feel His love and warmth. She was told to hold their hands while she prayed with them and to tell them, when she was through praying, that they would need to go to Adoration and tell Jesus what had been done. If it was in God's Will, miracles would happen.

In 2001 Little Mary's spiritual director was required to retire as pastor of the large parish because of age. It took some months before a new pastor arrived. At the time of the publication of this book in 2004 this same priest was still acting as spiritual director to Little Mary.

### Chapter 2

### The Purpose of the

## Messages

I want to begin this book by telling you how I got acquainted with the person known as "Little Mary" who receives messages from Jesus and especially Our Blessed Mother. The messages are for everyone, for the whole world. The circumstances which I am about to relate initiated a spiritual relationship immediately thereafter. These have consisted of frequent communications each week, as well as meeting her and her husband personally from time to time. Hundreds of hours were spent in this fashion. This aided me tremendously in my personal judgment and in the preparation of this book over a period of three years.

In May 2001, just before the 84th anniversary of the first appearance of the Mother of God at Fatima, I was invited to be the speaker at celebrations honoring a new shrine to Our Lady of Fatima in one of the largest parishes in the Upper Midwest. The pastor, ordained 50 years, had wanted to build a shrine to honor our Lady as he celebrated his 50th anniversary as a priest of Jesus Christ. He was planning on it being a shrine to honor Our Lady of Lourdes. Then Little Mary received a message from Our Blessed Mother that the shrine the pastor envisioned should rather be of Our Lady of Fatima. The pastor agreed and thus a beautiful shrine was constructed on the parish property in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

There would be several days of special prayer and talks and I was asked to be the main celebrant and speaker as celebrations were held initiating the prayerful use of the new shrine.

On the way from the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport to the parish, the pastor told me of a middle-age woman, 43 years old, who was receiving messages from Our Lady and Our Lord almost every day, usually in the morning. Each Monday evening up to 500 to 600 people on the average would come to the church for an evening of prayer, lasting several hours. And the people would stay. First there would be a Mass with homily. Then a meditated Rosary, prayed slowly with meditations and reverence. Finally Little Mary would read from messages received during the past week. Then the pastor would give an interpretation of the messages. Finally, those who desired could come forth to have Little Mary pray with them individually. This was done in a side room close to where the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered. Hundreds of letters had been sent to the bishop describing personal healings, some healings from very serious afflictions.

I use the term here "Little Mary" to distinguish her from our Blessed Mother

whom we also call Mary. This developed in the beginning stages of the messages when people would say "Mary said. . . ." There was confusion as to which Mary was meant. The pastor would respond, "Oh! You mean Little Mary," if it was the messenger. Thus she became known as "Little Mary."

While still in the car traveling to the parish the pastor said to me: "I would like you to meet with this lady to see what you think. You could meet perhaps for a half-hour." I asked: "Father, what do you think?" He replied: "I think she is authentic." At this time I had read none of the messages.

I had carefully planned my several talks which I would give as well as the homilies for Thursday and Friday evening Masses. During the day I would lead a meditated Rosary at the outdoor shrine for approximately 1,000 grade school children.

As we came by car from the airport—approximately an hour's trip, the route we took, stopping off at a Carmelite monastery—the rain came down in torrents at times. One could only wonder what the weather would be like for the two-day Marian celebrations. The moment our car pulled up to park near the beautiful shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, the rain stopped and within moments, it seemed, the sky cleared to reveal a beautiful shining sun. The great greeting of good weather remained for the next two days.

The second day I was in this parish the pastor brought Little Mary and her husband Terry to spend time with me. He introduced them and withdrew. The couple spent about an hour and a half with me. The sincerity rang true in this woman. It was not difficult to see that the simplicity of this soul seems almost incapable of not being truthful. Her husband, who is an engineer with a supervisory position, rang true as well. His faith, his loyalty to his Church and family rang true. He is anxious to evangelize souls, especially through Catholic radio. He has traveled to Birmingham's EWTN cable television to meet with Mother Angelica.

Beginning in 1996, with the permission of the bishop, the pastor of the parish and spiritual advisor to Little Mary was able to have special services at the church each Monday night. There would be Mass and praying of a meditated Rosary. At one point Little Mary would read some of the messages received during the previous week. This went on for six years until a new pastor was appointed. The new pastor would soon show his disfavor for the Monday night prayer gatherings with Little Mary reading her messages and praying over people.

Soon after becoming acquainted with Little Mary I was to learn that Little Mary would like to escape the mission God has given her to share heavenly messages with others, even throughout the world. She suffers much, both interiorly and physically. Repeatedly Little Mary has urged me to influence her spiritual director that she would not have to deliver these messages every Monday night. She begged me to ask this good priest if perhaps "once a month" would not be enough. I refused to do so. I said, "I don't want our Blessed Mother to become unhappy with me."

The founding pastor of this large parish shared with me how Little Mary repeatedly attempts to get out of coming Monday nights to read the messages. I replied: "I hope you don't give in to her." He replied: "Only twice." That was only twice in six years. On such rare occasions the pastor himself had read the messages. When someone else reads them, they seem to lack the sweetness of a motherly voice in the even flow of the words and sentences which fall in cadences.

One Monday in August, 2001, about noon, and again late that same afternoon, about an hour before she was to be at the large church to read the messages and join

in the prayers and Mass for the evening, Little Mary phoned me for the second time. She was having a particularly difficult time fighting off the temptation not to come to the church to read the messages. I remember telling her that she must thank Our Lord and Our Lady for choosing her for the messages. It would be difficult for her to pray that prayer with positive feelings in her heart. At least every other week her priest/spiritual director and her husband Terry had a difficult time keeping "Little Mary" from getting out of the Monday night sessions.

While there is great reluctance on the part of Little Mary to be the Messenger and she finds difficulties in coming to the church on Monday nights, yet, it all adds a positive note to authenticity. My many conversations with her reveal her great difficulty in understanding why she was chosen and her desire not to be different. She is not seeking self-glory. She would like to run away from it all. I sent word to

her that she reminded me of the prophet Jonah.

I once advised her to thank Jesus and Mary for choosing her as their messenger. She started doing so each morning. Deeper in her heart and with her intellect she meant it when she so prayed. Emotionally she still had feelings of not wanting to be the messenger. Much sufferins goes with this mission from God. Whenever anyone is an instrument to help many souls there is a price to be paid. She paid the supreme price of infinite value. Yet, the members of His Mystical Body whom He uses in a special way must suffer.

Now Jonah wanted to flee from being the Lord's messenger. He attempted to run away from his divine commission. To the surprise of Jonah, the wicked city of Nineveh listened to his message of doom and repented immediately. All, from king to lowliest subject, humbled themselves in sackcloth and ashes. Seeing their repentance, God did not carry out the punishment he had planned for them. Whereupon Jonah complained to God about the unexpected success of his mission; he was bitter because Yahweh, instead of destroying, had led the people to repentance and then spared them.

Because the Jews were the chosen people, many of them cultivated an intolerant nationalism, which limited the mercy of God to their nation. It was abhorrent to their way of thinking that nations as wicked as Assyria should escape God's wrath. The prophecy of Jonah, which is both instructive and entertaining, strikes directly at this viewpoint. It is a parable of mercy, showing that God's threatened punishments are but the expression of a merciful will which moves all men to repent and seek forgiveness. The universality of the story contrasts sharply with the particularistic spirit of many in the postexilic community. The book prepared the way for the Gospel with its message of redemption for all, both Jew and Gentile.

I sent word to Little Mary that her reluctance reminded me of Jonah. I found her behavior at times to be humorous. Both her priest/spiritual director and husband would wonder how much longer this behavior would be going on. Jonah had to learn that Yahweh's compassion and love were dominant. The story uses an actual personality to teach a moral lesson: God's mercy is at hand provided man is willing to repent. Is not this the mission given to Little Mary—to bring people to repentance and God's mercy?

Those who have read the book *Francis*, which I wrote of the man who bears the wound-marks in his hands and undergoes the sufferings of Jesus every night between midnight and 3 a.m. and has been given the mission from Jesus, "Touch my people," may know how I advised people close to Francis that

"God knew who Francis' wife was when He gave Francis this mission." I said the same of Terry. "God knew who her husband was." Terry has been supportive and it has not been easy for him either to have this mission given to someone within his family.

People reacting to the mission given "Francis" were seemingly destroying family life as people stepped over his wife, invaded his home. Their children were reluctant to come home. People invading their home were making their private home a public meeting place as if a church for all. Finally the book *Francis* came out and was well-read—far and near and especially near. It had a great leveling effect on people. They realized what they were doing to that family and that self-ishness was too often involved in their invading the privacy of the home and not recognizing they were dealing with a family, not just one man whom they could use for their own purposes.

This is one reason a person chosen as a messenger needs a good spiritual director who is loyal to the Church and has a knowledge of souls and the workings of God in souls. They must be protected from people using them for their own purposes and glory. They must be guided and placed under obedience at times so that they may cooperate with God's grace. A charism is not for one-self. It is for others.

Literally charisms are "gifts of grace" (*charismata*), described by St. Paul as gratuitous blessings of an extraordinary and transitory nature conferred directly for the good of others. Indirectly they may also benefit the one who possesses the charisms, but their immediate purpose is for the spiritual welfare of the Christian community.

Depending on the classification, the charisms are variously numbered. The longest single enumeration is in St. Paul (1 Cor. 12:1-14, 40). Spiritual writers sometimes list five categories, based on the Pauline writings and the Acts of the Apostles, namely, charisms of instruction, administration, miracles, service, and prayer.

At our first meeting I shared with Little Mary the story of an older woman who was causing many problems for me. Among them were her verbal attacks against the priest because he said that a person living with someone with whom there was no marriage could not receive the sacraments of the Church. Similar attacks had gone on for several years. I asked Litle Mary for her prayers for this case. She held hands with me and her husband and prayed fervently and I was somewhat astonished at the smooth flow of words in prayer involving Jesus, Mary, the good holy Archangel Michael. Her hands swelled somewhat and turned red. I was to learn that such is normal when she prays with people. She feels as though her hands are being pierced through.

After that initial prayer she told me she kept hearing from our Blessed Mother, "Father must tell that person the truth." We discussed how best to accomplish this. I knew I must tell her the truth in charity. It should have been done some years earlier but there had been total misrepresentations in the past and reaching out to her in correction could result in her more serious accusations based on falsehoods as she had been doing for years. I spent a month or more studying, praying how best to tell this person the truth in charity and how a continued path of such actions and words were being detrimental to the salvation of souls, including herself. I added, "I am willing to arrange a meeting with you and the bishop so you can hear what he has to say." Finally, I went to the person and carried out the mission. To

my knowledge the malicious accusations stopped, at least in a great measure. Others noticed that the uncharitable talk and accusations had ceased.

A young man named Joshua of my parish, 18 years old, was killed in a car accident on the Vigil of the Assumption, 2001. He had a hard time putting it all together as he grew up due to unfortunate circumstances in the family. By nature he was good and lovable but also tempted strongly and would get into trouble. He was sent to a boot camp for wayward youth. Three times he was within a week of coming home and would blow it by some disobedience. From the time he was a little boy his grandmother brought him to me whenever he was in this area, as his parents had moved and then separated. His grandmother would bring him to me as she wanted this growing boy to have a good image of the Church. I would hug him and tell him that I had put him into my heart and would keep him there forever.

As he grew up, from time to time he would come back to Alexandria, South Dakota, where I was pastor, to attend our religion classes. He was somewhat confused, as his mother was not Catholic and he had been taken to a fundamentalist church while away for some years. As a teenager in boot camp, he said he had had a deep religious experience one night, which he shared with me when he finally came home. After that he usually came to the religion classes I was teaching.

One night at boot camp he was awakened with a terrible dream. "It was very real," he shared with me. "The devil in ugly form was after me, about to get me and destroy me and I kept running from him and he kept coming after me and I thought he was about to get me when I woke up." The dream was so real that there in the barracks during the dead of the night, he sat on his bed shaking. "I could feel then the presence of God who protected me. All the sins of my life flashed before me. I sat up in bed and confessed my sins to him. It took at least an hour to tell God all my sins. I know this is not the Catholic way. But it is what I did." I said to Joshua, "It surely is Catholic." "It is? Oh! cool," he replied. I then explained that the Church encourages us to examine our conscience daily and make an Act of Contrition. I gave him a prayerbook and catechism and pointed out the pages to study for his first confession. Some weeks later, shortly before Christmas, he made his first confession, coming to my office to do so.

He made his first Holy Communion Christmas eve 1999. He was the last one to receive. I did something then I had never done before or since. I was so happy to see him receive our divine Lord that after he received the consecrated Host I reached out my free arm and held him for a moment to my heart. The Church was full of people and the grandmother worried that the 16-year-old would be embarrassed, but he told his grandmother it made him feel happy.

Joshua received the Sacrament of Confirmation in May 2000, taking the name "Peter" in honor of St. Peter. I had frequently emphasized St. Peter because of his great faith, his loyalty to Jesus Christ, and yet his impetuosity. This man was chosen as the first visible head of the Church (first pope) after Jesus would ascend into heaven and with the Father send the Holy Spirit upon the Church. I had taken the name "Peter" as a boy when I received the great Sacrament of Confirmation for these characteristics of St. Peter. Somehow it always pleased me when young people chose St. Peter at Confirmation time. I was especially pleased that Joshua so chose for he was a challenge to me through the years in trying to lead him to develop in the fullness of true faith.

Joshua continued catechism classes through his senior year. It was most important to him to be at CCD classes I taught every Wednesday night. He

lectured at the graduation Mass, assisted at May crowning and during the June, 2001, national Fatima Family Apostolate's Marian Congress he helped with the carrying of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima during the candlelight procession. All this does not mean that Joshua lived a saintly life. He was on-again, offagain and with his talents and gifted intellect had the potential of being a saint or a criminal. He had great acting ability and it seemed to some he aspired to such a career someday.

On the vigil of the Assumption, 2001 I was saddened to hear that Joshua Schroeder was killed in a car accident. My immediate concern was for the salvation of his soul. Was he ready? Did he have moments to repent as that car went out of control on a gravel road? I hesitated to ask Little Mary who was known to salv Our I advintigate questions at times and receive an angular

ask Our Lady intimate questions at times and receive an answer.

I asked Little Mary through a friend of hers, Abby Blake, who lived near Little Mary in another state. Abby was contemplating a vocation to the Carmelites in my parish but later joined the Carmelites elsewhere. She called to tell me of her visit with the bishop with whom she shared the information that through Little Mary's prayer meetings on Monday nights she and her family had come closer to God. Abby, who knew Little Mary well, phoned back to say, "Little Mary asked Our Lady and she was told 'God is a loving God. God is a loving God.' If Our Lady tells her more she will let you know."

The next day, Feast of the Assumption, about noon, Little Mary called to tell me that she had had one of her worst nights of suffering. She was so concerned for the soul of Joshua that she told Jesus and Mary she was willing to suffer for him. Shortly thereafter the suffering became intense about 9 p.m. and continued through the night, giving her no sleep whatsoever. It was one of her greatest nights of suffering. When little Mary called me about noon the next day she was still weak from suffering. She had heard more from Our Lady.

This was the message Little Mary had received concerning Joshua. "His grandmother must keep praying for him. It is her prayers which have helped him the most. Keep praying for this boy and have Masses said for him and it won't be long before he is in heaven. Just as Joshua carried the statue of me, so I am now holding him in my arms." It has long been a pious belief among many Christians that Our Blessed Mother descends into purgatory to comfort souls and to take them to heaven, especially on Saturdays. She had told Little Mary that often she descends to purgatory.

It was the only funeral I've ever had in 47 years with such a message accompanying me as I accompanied Joshua to his grave after offering the Sacrifice of the Mass at his funeral. And this for a young man about whom for years I was concerned about his salvation.

Little Mary, I was to learn, is generally careful to whom she talks about her suffering or diabolical attacks. I will not go into detail here about the diabolical attacks, which are vicious and terrible to behold. This is especially true before the Monday night prayer sessions when many souls are converted and brought back to the sacraments. These attacks begin on Sunday, especially at night, and continue on Monday. When a large number of people are to come Monday evening, the attacks are more vicious and prolonged.

Few people know of her great sufferings. On Sunday nights there is often sufferings in hands and feet and little or no sleep. There are diabolical attacks even during the night before Monday prayer meetings.

St. Padre Pio has come to Mary more than once. He speaks strongly to her. His eyes are penetrating. He has shown her his wounds. He tells her she must be willing to suffer for souls. The Archangel Michael, who appears from time to time in the messages, has also appeared to Little Mary more than once. St. Michael the Archangel appears as a young man in his twenties, very handsome. His hair is not all curls but more straight. He has beautiful eyes. He wears much armor. People need to call upon St. Michael today in defense against diabolical attacks.

One reason for not talking to people about diabolical attacks or my describing in detail what the "roaring lion" does to discourage Mary, even from showing up Monday nights, is that this "father of lies from the beginning" and the "spirit of disunity" is full of pride and would glory in stories told of his efforts to destroy. "He [the devil] was a murderer from the beginning, and has not stood in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie he speaks from his very nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44-45). The devil would relish things being told of how he troubles people attempting to upset plans and work which are for the glory of God and the salvation of man.

This book is essentially not about "Little Mary" but about the messages from heaven which she is to get out to others in the world. In this chapter we do give you somewhat of a background so the reader knows in what kind of mode they come. The various writers of the Bible, who give us the Word of God, yet the personality, the style, of each human author colors the manner in which Truth is presented. The Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God in human form of expression. The individual human personality of each writer God used as secondary authors shines through the manner of presentation, while God is the primary Author. The truth is His. If this be true of the Bible, which is divinely inspired in its entirety, so much the more so are heavenly messages given through the centuries through certain souls for which the Church can claim no divine inspiration. If the human personality of each secondary author God used in writing the various parts of the Bible are evident, we can also expect the human modes of the instruments God uses to be reflected in private revelations.

Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J., who for years before his death in late December, 2000, served as theological advisor to the Fatima Family Apostolate, which is canonically recognized, defined *private revelations* in his *Modern Catholic Dictionary* as follows:

"PRIVATE REVELATIONS. Supernatural manifestations by God of hidden truths made to private individuals for their own spiritual welfare or that of others. They differ from the public revelation contained in Scripture and tradition which is given on behalf of the whole human race and is necessary for human salvation and sanctification. Although recognized by the Church and, at times, approved by her authority, private revelations are not the object of divine faith that binds one in conscience to believe on God's authority. The assent given to them, therefore, is either on human evidence or, when formally approved by the Church, on ecclesiastical authority according to the mind of the Church. Private revelations occur as supernatural visions, words, or divine touches. Often it is impossible to distinguish the three forms in practice, especially since they may be received simultaneously."

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, under the heading **There will be no further Revelation**, says this:

66 "The Christian economy, therefore, since it is the new and definitive Covenant,

will never pass away; and no new public revelation is to be expected before the glorious manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ' (Rev 4; cf. 1 Tim 6:14; Titus 2:13). Yet even if Revelation is already complete, it has not been made completely explicit; it remains for Christian faith gradually to grasp its full significance over the course of the centuries.

67 "Throughout the ages, there have been so-called 'private' revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. They do not belong, however, to the deposit of faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ's definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history. Guided by the Magisterium of the Church, the sensus fidelium knows how to discern and welcome in these revelations whatever constitutes an authentic call of Christ or his saints to the Church.

"Christian faith cannot accept 'revelations' that claim to surpass or correct the Revelation of which Christ is the fulfillment, as is the case in certain non-Christian religions and also in certain recent sects which base themselves on such 'revelations."

Applying the above to approved apparitions, such as Lourdes or Fatima, it means that we are not obligated in divine faith to accept even these. We may accept them by human faith if our study convinces us of their authenticity. We must never place them on a par with the Scriptures which were written under the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit. When the Church studies certain apparitions and messages and lends her approval, the Church does so only when they are in harmony with the Sacred Scriptures and official teachings.

My own experience of some Catholics and even of some priests who do not show interest in Fatima or other Church-approved apparitions and messages, or even say that they don't believe in them, is that in reality they have made no prayerful study in any depth of these private revelations. Yet, I cannot say that they are sinning against the Catholic faith by this stance. Personally I may think them a little foolish, with all the evidence and interest and words of popes on such subjects, yet they are not held to accept them by divine faith as they are of Sacred Scripture and the dogmas of Catholicism.

With this in mind, how do we apply it to the messages which Little Mary says come from Jesus and Our Lady? The Church has made no official pronouncements nor has it done in-depth investigations. Yet, as we shall see, those responsible for the care of the Church in the diocese where Little Mary lives permitted prayer meetings and the reading of the messages in her parish, at least so long as

the pastor was favorable, which was for some years.

The messages began in 1995. She wrote her first message on January 11 of that year. During that year her pastor, together with Little Mary, were asked to meet with a diocesan committee which would be investigating to determine the reliability of Little Mary. Was she psychologically sound? Consistent? In harmony with the teachings of the Church? Only her pastor and Little Mary were to meet with the archbishop's committee at the chancery.

The meeting lasted two and a half hours to three hours. The pastor, for the most part, just listened. It went well. Afterwards her pastor asked Little Mary, "How could you do that? How could you answer so well?" Little Mary felt it was a very simple and easy matter. "Our Lady told me what to say," she answered the pastor. Later the bishop wrote her a letter saying that nothing wrong was found. The "nothing wrong found" included the findings of an archdiocesan theologian who studied the messages at that time.

Since 1995, when she began to receive the messages, her pastor served as Little Mary's spiritual director until he was required to retire as pastor but remained working in the parish and serving as spiritual director to Little Mary. When Our Blessed Lady told her to get a spiritual director, she was thinking of some young charismatic priest. Our Lady said, "No. I want you to take the pastor of this parish." The same priest, now ordained over 50 years, has served as Little Mary's spiritual director ever since as regards the messages. He read each one before they were read to hundreds at the Monday night prayer meetings over a period of six years.

Usually it was the priest who served as her spiritual director who gave comments after Little Mary had read the messages. When she read them in the large church many said that it seemed like the Blessed Mother herself was speaking. She read them, obviously, with the same intonations as she heard them spoken by Our Lady.

Here are some of her spiritual director's comments after a Monday night's reading in which at times he quoted Our Lady's words from their messages.

"Many long to hear these messages but very few live them. I say this because many are not praying like they should, many are allowing their business to pull

them away from prayer.

"All must take time to gather their children and pray as a family. You must pray the Rosary daily. I want each of you to take the time to pray. I want each of you to increase your prayers now." It is a continual reminder of Mary that we can listen, listen, listen, and read, read, but development of our interior lives, our spirituality, is dependent on what is happening within our heart and soul. What is our whole life and recollection, and what is our response to the Lord that lives within us?

"So, when we come on Monday nights, we need to have less itchy ears and stop wondering if there is anything new in these messages? If they go on for another 20 years, it is going to be the same old thing. There will be nothing new. Once St. John the Apostle died, that was the end of public revelation. There is no more. That was the end of all public divinely revealed truth. There isn't anything new. Mary is hammering the same thing she has been hammering all around the world. We need to do more than listen, more than read. We need to pray.

"If you remember, St. John the Apostle's homily in his declining years as they carried him into church was always the same. He would get up from his cot and say three words, and then they would carry him out. He would say: 'Little children, love one another.' After a while they said, 'Fr. John, how come you always say the same thing? Don't you know anything else?' He said, "When you start doing what I am saying, we will change the subject. If you do that, you are living the Gospel message."

Little Mary was born to Clarence and Dolores Maas. Her father was living at the time of the writing of this book and was met by the author and interviewed by him. Her father, in fact, went to Fatima with me on pilgrimage along with more than 70 other pilgrims. Dolores, mother of Little Mary, died on March 19, 1999, of cancer of the lungs. She had been in a coma for about a month. Three days before her death she became conscious for a short time and could speak lucidly, even on the phone. Her maiden name was Kaiser.

Clarence's parents were both German and Dolores' father was German and her mother Polish but both these grandparents of Little Mary were born in the United States. Clarence was born in 1922 and Dolores in 1930.

They had five children. Little Mary was the number four child and was born January 26, 1958. Her sister Christine was born eight years later. Oldest to youngest, the children are: Diane, John, James, Little Mary and Christine.

The children were born and raised in Columbia Heights, Minnesota, where the father, Clarence, worked as an occupational serviceman for the Minnegasco Company, a utilities company, for 33 years. The mother, Dolores, worked at home and Clarence was happy to have her stay home and take care of the children.

What was the spirituality in the home of Little Mary like when she was growing up? I interviewed the father on this too. Clarence Maas said the family went to Mass every Sunday and holy days of obligation. They likewise went to Mass every Saturday morning."

Clarence gave me the following information when I interviewed him in the

year 2001:

"Little Mary always went with us for Mass on both Saturdays and Sundays. The teenagers in the family did too. When the children were small Little Mary was the only one I did not have to correct in church. Since the time when she was two years old she seemed to feel so at home in church; she knew what to do. When we parents would go up to the Communion rail to receive Our Lord, Little Mary would come along and she would be all smiles.

"Mary led a normal life. I was always protective of her from rough kids when she was in the lower grades. She loved the outdoors: fishing, activities, hiking and camping. She would go with her dad and brothers. Sometimes she'd go fishing with dad alone— even as a teenager she would go alone with dad. She left home after high school but would sometimes come home and say, 'Dad, it's time for us to go fishing again.' She finally became an LPN (licensed practical nurse). The nurses had a softball team and she was a pitcher. She worked in nursing until she got married at 25 and then continued until she was expecting a child.

"Her husband Terry came from a good Catholic family of five in Mauston, Wisconsin. Terry is a production engineer, doing supervisory work on computers."

I asked Little Mary's father, "When was the first time you noticed something different about Mary?" He answered: "There was not too much change until she got messages. I was the first person she told. She called me and asked, 'Do you get visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary? I hear messages from the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Lady tells me to write them down.' My response was, 'Praise the Lord. Then write them down.'

"I back her up in every way I can. I pray for her, especially on Mondays. When possible I go on a Monday every couple months. [For years the bishop's office had permitted meetings at the parish church on Monday evenings.]

"The devil tries to deceive her not to go to the church on Mondays.

"I tell her the more you touch souls the more the devil will harass you. Every day I pray for her.

"About three years ago the Blessed Virgin Mary said that she was picked from the moment of conception to receive the messages from the Mother of God."

I then asked Little Mary's father, "What did you notice different about her after the messages she began to receive?" He replied, "She prayed more. She knew more about the reality of the spiritual life. Before, she knew little about the Bible or even her own Catholic religion. After that she really picked up on her knowledge of all this. It changed her spiritually."

"What effect does it have on her and Terry's children?" I asked, "The children

seem to understand. The youngest was only four when it started and the older was seven. One day the youngest one came downstairs and asked. 'How come Mother Mary is stepping on the snake?' 'Go ask her.' The little boy went back upstairs and asked Mary and came down and said, 'Mamma, Mary said because he is very bad.'

"Shortly after the older one made his first Holy Communion, when he received the angel lifted him high in the air and then set him down. Joey was embarrassed. He feared others saw it but they did not. He already then did not want to be different. He was afraid to be different as he thought others would tease him."

"What is happening between Mary and Terry?" I asked. "Terry was an average good Catholic before but now he is better than average. He leads family prayers. He gets down to Eternal Word Television Network and wants to work with Catholic radio. At family prayer, Terry brings in the angels, asks for abortion to come to an end, and prays other petitions."

"How about the brothers and sisters of your daughter Mary? How do they all look at this?" "They are supportive. They are Diane, John, James, Mary and Christine. Diane is the oldest child and she believes it.

"One time I was in a boat fishing with John in Canada and we were in the line of a tornado. We kept fishing and then noticed the tornado was coming right at us. We opened up the motor full speed to run from it as we were in the middle of a river. We headed for the shore opposite the tornado and were drawing near the shore line but then saw a high rock on the shore that appeared 30 feet high, yet it was the only direction toward which we could go. By then water was coming into the boat. How could we possibly hang onto that rock, was the problem. It was vertical up in the air. There was no place to hang on to or put the boat on shore. The wind and waves were picking up. When we got there, there was suddenly a little opening in the rock; the boat was now full of water. The opening in the rock was eight feet wide and went up at a 45 degree angle and we could walk up and pull the boat up.

"We had been there many times and that opening in the rock was never there. I prayed strongly. We laid down, then I knelt down and prayed that the Lord would save us. While praying, the tornado came right up close to us and then made a right turn and followed the tree line. Many trees were broken down and turned over. Afterwards we could see that starting about a block from us the trees were down for about a mile. That was in 1997. A year later we returned and there was no opening in the rock."

In 2002 Mary's father, Clarence, went to Fatima with me. I could see then how supportive he was of her. In the early years of the messages when Little Mary would be visiting her parents, Clarence, knowing she was receiving messages as she was writing hurriedly in a room, would wait outside the door and then he would want to read the message.

It is obvious that Little Mary's parents were chosen too and especially the father who would remain longer upon earth after Dolores' death. Through the trying years, until the publication of this book, he remained most supportive of her by word and prayer. A few days before Dolores' death, just before she went into a coma and died, she looked at little Mary and said: "Always do God's will. Keep writing. I am so glad God is taking me first for it is so hard to watch my daughter suffer."

A few weeks before her mother died Little Mary told her spiritual director

that her mother would die on the feast day of St. Joseph, March 19, 2000. The reality came when on March 19 Dolores died peacefully. A few days later she was buried from St. Joseph's Church in Crosby, Minnesota.

Giovanna Theisen is an old friend of Little Mary's; 17 years ago she and Mary belonged to the same young adults' group. They did activities together and so I

share her impressions of Little Mary here.

"She was always very kind, accepting of others, and simple. As the years progressed we saw each other off and on. We were both expecting our first child about the same time. When Mary had her first son, Joseph, there was nothing she wouldn't do for him. She didn't go out much as she was at home with her son and husband. She was always a good, caring mother.

"At that time both of us couples went to the same parish which didn't offer much spiritually. Confession wasn't stressed nor was daily Mass. Now we joke about how silly we were to have gone there. Eventually Little Mary and her family went to the parish where her present spiritual director was pastor. One day she said, 'Come there, it's so alive.' We did, and to this day we have not regretted it.

"As I look back, it's amazing how we stayed in contact through the years. Now, I believe it was to fulfill God's plan by having the messages at this parish through Little Mary. At this parish we kept in contact, talking about old days and our future with our children. At this time, a friend gave me a book called *Apostolate of Holy Motherhood*. It was about a woman in the United States who received messages from the Christ Child Jesus and Our Blessed Mother. She was a homemaker. It was a beautiful book which opened my eyes to heavenly messages. I was so inspired by this book that I recommended it to everyone.

"One day I ran into Little Mary's husband Terry on the parking lot. I told him about this book and said, 'Can you imagine a person getting messages from heaven?' He looked at me and said, 'Give Mary, my wife, a call.' I'll never forget my

feeling—so puzzled—but I knew I needed to call her.

"As soon as I got home I talked to her. She was hesitant when I asked her what was going on. She told me her dream and I remember saying, 'People don't dream like that.' Then she told me everything and I cried. Then she asked me if I'd like to ask her something. 'Of course. Tell Our Blessed Mother that I love her.' She did and came back with a response. Mary said, 'She loves you too but you can tell her yourself.'

"When Mary told me that she was getting messages I believed her immediately. It was not in her nature to make something up like this. So I have never questioned her. From that point on it seemed like her cross just began and would get heavier. She went before a committee in the archdiocese to be evaluated and was judged as normal. She was constantly questioned, criticized by priests, religious, and lay people. Her life became public because all wanted to know about her and her family. She'd get phone calls for prayer petitions and to ask the Blessed Mother this or that.

"Her priest/spiritual director gave her guidance. The bishop allowed the messages to be read on Monday nights. The church was opened by the pastor because many were coming, even from other states. On Mondays many came with illnesses, hoping for a cure. Little Mary had pain in her hands. We would see her hands get red due to the pain. Many healings were reported and documented and sent to the bishop. There were many who, after hearing the messages, wanted to come back to the faith. When Little Mary read the messages her voice would change. She'd tell me at times she didn't even know where she was. She was hearing the

Blessed Mother's voice all over again. Many people regained their faith.

"A woman after 17 years of not being pregnant, became pregnant after prayer with Little Mary. Many people with cancer were healed. Some were lost, but we always said, 'If God wills it, healings will occur.' The heavenly Mother would always remind us that crosses are gifts from God. We needed to hear that, then live it. Many, many blessings have come due to the messages. I see my friend suffer much. This is from people who criticize her and do not accept the messages, no matter what, because they are not approved. The suffering from her neck after her car accident is great. She had plenty of internal sufferings. Also, some sufferings come from the devil. I'm sure there are other types of suffering she endures.

"On Monday nights, we began with Mass at 7:00, followed by the Rosary; then the messages are read from 8:30 to 9:30. Afterwards, there is healing prayer until 10:30. People of all faiths have come. Our shy Little Mary has become stronger in the past years. She reads the messages and speaks to the people who are gathered.

Four hundred to 500 people attend each Monday night.

"Constantly we hear how the messages have changed their lives. They also changed my life. I will briefly describe my own testimony. There were many times when the Mother would say, 'Be open to life.' Many times she'd say, 'Contraception is wrong.' After our third child my husband had a vasectomy. After hearing the message my heart felt uneasy. I went to Little Mary crying, saying, 'I can't have any more children and we have made a mistake.' I received a lovely message from our heavenly Mother. She basically said, 'Pray to St. Joseph and new doors will open.' I will always treasure her words.

"I prayed for seven months in our adoration chapel at the parish. I'd always say if it's God's will, could you change my husband's heart and get it reversed. As mentioned, seven months later he was open to the idea of a reversal. We prayed and knew we wanted more children. My husband had his reversal and we

regained that peace we once had.

"We tried for several years to have children, yet it did not happen. I went to ask Little Mary for prayer, so we could once again be blessed, but nothing happened. We felt our cross get heavier, yet never regretted having the reversal. One day I went into adoration and prayed to God for I felt puzzled. I said that there must be another door to open. I'm open to life, yet we don't have another child. A few Mondays later I met a woman from the prayer group who said she was going to Ukraine to adopt a child. She used to work in the orphanages in Ukraine and Romania and brings orphans back to the United States. She said, 'Come with me.' My husband said, 'Adoption? Let's keep trying.' It had been years and he finally said, 'Let's adopt.'

"Today we have the cutest blue-eyed, blond-haired little boy. He was abandoned at birth in a hospital in Ukraine. He has brought healing, laughter and hope into our lives. Now when I go to adoration, I thank God for opening my eyes. Now my prayer is: Thanks for blessing me with three biological children. If you ever want to bless me with another biological one, I have another idea. Bless a family who has never ever conceived one. It is so beautiful carrying a child and raising a child from birth. So many are not open to adoption. Our family is and would like to welcome

another child only if it's God's will.

"There has not been one day since we received John that I have not prayed for all the orphans who still wait to be adopted. We named our son John Joseph. John after St. John Vianney, one of my favorite saints. His middle name is after dear St. Joseph. "At the prayer group I did my testimony on contraception and sterilization. Many came up to me afterwards in tears telling me their story. Now I tell everyone for that is where I got my healing and every time I look at my son John Joseph there is healing. The night I gave my testimony, tears flowed down my face and I said, I have the courage to tell you my story. Never once did the Blessed Mother judge or scold me, yet she encouraged me to tell my testimony.

"Much has happened since the messages from the Blessed Mother have come to our parish through Little Mary. I see peoples' lives changing. I see more reverence and holiness coming back into our church; more devotion to our Blessed Mother. I see a greater understanding of things that happen in our lives. I am thankful for Little Mary saying 'yes' to God. Many times she doesn't want to go on Monday night. She gets encouragement from many. Fr. Fox, you came at a crucial time when there were many changes going on at our parish. Our pastor was kept busy. She needed his guidance, yet was called to be there for his large congregation. You came to assist her at a perfect time. She needs your blessing, your guidance and wisdom. You have been a blessing for her.

"I can testify that all the reports of the happenings at the parish are true. Little Mary has said, I don't want this job for there are many crosses that come with the messages.' It has been a wonderful journey with our heavenly Mother. We are thankful to God she is here to help us."—Giovanna Theisen

Mrs. Stephen Gazick, another close acquaintance, wrote from another

perspective:

"My name is Stefanie Gazick and I'm a friend of Little Mary. Our friend-ship goes back to the fall of 1994 when her oldest son, Joey, and my oldest daughter, Jennifer, were in the same first grade class together. We frequently phoned each other. My husband and I would attend weekly prayer meetings. Sometimes Little Mary was there. One particular evening the leader said that Mary had something to share with us. She read a message from the Blessed Mother, dated January 22, 1995.

"Many times in our previous phone conversations Mary wanted to share something with me, and I wanted to share a beautiful spiritual experience with her, but we always would get interrupted by our children and have to hang up.

"While Mary was reading this beautiful message I remembered being utterly amazed that she was receiving messages from the Blessed Mother. At first I thought it was just a nice poem which she had found that she wanted to share, but halfway through I realized that was not a poem, but a message from Our Mother to us through Little Mary. Needless to say, we were all amazed. We just stared with our mouths open. Suddenly my big beautiful spiritual experience looked like a speck in comparison to her astonishing news. It has been seven years since all that happened.

"Mary and I still like talking on the phone. Being a messenger has not changed her in my view. She is still a down-to-earth, concerned mother who loves to laugh, keep a spotless home, go bargain shopping and enjoy a nice dinner out

occasionally with friends.

"I have seen her grow in her faith and her love for Jesus and Mary. She is always so concerned for anyone who is suffering, and she freely gives her suffering to Jesus so that our burden can be lighter. I've seen her grow in service to others.

"I used to tease Mary because she could never handle doing more than one

thing in a day. If she went to Mass, grocery shopping was saved for the next day. If she went to get her hair cut, she couldn't keep a meeting with someone. One event a day. You should have seen her when Our Lord began asking her to pray over people. She was a "basket case," worrying about whether or not she could do it for fear that she would be too tired.

"Now, Mary can handle more than one major event a day. She continues to give more and more of herself without the fear of being exhausted from it. I try to encourage Mary as much as I can. I can be as stubborn as she can, especially when I sense the evil one working overtime to get Mary to break.

"I have five children between the ages of 13 and three. The messages have been everything to me. I faithfully attend the Monday night Rosary group, hungry for my Mother's teachings. It is no longer Little Mary's voice that I hear, but the voice of a loving, gentle, patient, an encouraging and yet firm Mother. Listening to her has helped me in how I use my voice to my children.

"Over the seven years, I feel as though the Mother has recreated me. I am still me but better. I am more patient, and more at peace. I have been given the desire to live only in the will of God, for there is my peace. I am also more committed and will fight the evil one when he tries to interfere with God's will from being done.

"From the messages I have learned how to teach my children about God and their faith. I look forward to attending with Little Mary the retreat you will give in Birmingham. You have been a breath of fresh air for her; a light of hope that all of this will be made known."—Mrs. Stefanie Gazick

As a compiler of this book, and frequently giving spiritual advice and consoling Little Mary, or at least getting her to laugh at her problems, challenges and even crosses, I came to learn that Little Mary suffers much as part of her mission. Few people who come to the Monday night prayer sessions have any idea of the extent of her sufferings. She is careful about whom she speaks to about her sufferings and diabolical attacks.

Anyone whom God chooses in a special way to bring souls to Jesus and His Church suffers in a special way. The sufferings are both physical and spiritual. The physical sufferings involve pains in her hands, her feet, etc. She once said to me, "When I suffer physically I feel closer to Jesus. When I suffer interiorly [spiritually] I feel so alone." Interior desolation frequently seeks to overcome Little Mary, discourage her, tempting her to give up, but she does not.

Once while traveling with Little Mary and her husband Terry I suggested we pray the Rosary. All went well. Then I suggested we pray the chaplet of divine mercy. She agreed. I noticed Terry answered almost alone. Mary followed, put back her head, and a tear seemed to come from her eyes and she could not get out the words: "For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

I asked her when the chaplet was completed if she experiences suffering when the chaplet is prayed. She attempted to answer but the words did not come, so she just nodded her head slightly. It seems to me that at times she experiences the invisible stigmata. When she prays with people and especially before large groups come, when many souls are touched, she seems to experience greater sufferings.

July 30, 2001. I was again present to be the main celebrant for the Sacrifice of the Mass, the homily, and a major talk at the parish where Little Mary and her

family were members. All this was in addition to the meditated Rosary which was always prayed on Monday nights. Over 1,200 people were counted that night. The next day she wrote me a letter which in part was as follows:

"I received a beautiful message yesterday [which was not read the evening before] and it was like your talk. During Mass, I have never seen this before, but the Eucharist [Host] was pure gold, shining, the same color of the chalice. There was light around the Eucharist. In heaven everything is gold and I believe we had a taste of heaven last night. Blessed Mother was right there with me (thank heavens). People came up to me and said they heard about the group and didn't really know before how beautiful it was and they really felt blessed to be there.

"When I prayed over people last night Jesus' warmth really came through my hands. Jesus wanted everyone to know how much He loves them. He told me to tell the people that He has opened His heart for them and they were to open their heart wider for Him. You can share this with my pastor. Also, I saw a black cross on your hand, on the inside part. It was your left hand. I don't know what that was. I smelled roses as did others.

"There was a priest there who was a convert and was ordained one year ago. He had been a Baptist. The new priest said that through the messages he is coming to know the Blessed Mother. He said that he never knew her before and is now feeling more drawn to her. He asked me to pray with him and wants one day to witness to the group about his conversion. Also a priest who doesn't like me sent a girl to the group to hear the messages. I was so pleased that priest told her to come. God sure is wonderful and is opening the hearts of those who said it was evil.

"Terry and I would love to go to Fatima with you. I asked the Blessed Mother whether I should go and someday I'll have to tell you what the Blessed Mother told me as I asked her.

"I feel as though I never do a good enough job on Monday nights but I felt calmer than I thought I would. Thanks again for your kindness. You helped open a new door so more would come and hear the beautiful messages.

"Blessed Mother said she showered everyone who was in that church last night [with graces] whether they wanted it or not. What a good Mother."—Mary

### Since the message of January 19, 2001, states the purposes of the messages, I shall present it below:

My daughter,

Tell my children that the purpose of these messages is to make the truth known. One cannot be silent when so many are living in sin. God has chosen many messengers in these times to relay our words. ["our" here refers to Jesus and Mary]. So I say to you my daughter, continue forward in love and in truth. Continue forward for you have been chosen to relay our words. Continue forward so more awake, awake from their slumber.

Do not become discouraged by those who do not understand the purpose of these messages. God will be your strength and you shall be protected from the adversary. The truth must be made known or more will suffer when it is their time to leave this earth.

Many souls are in danger and that is why God is asking you to be persecuted for living your faith. In time all will have to decide to either repent or live in total darkness. It is time for all our children to understand why these messages are being given. My mis-

sion on this earth is to assist those children who are on the wrong path. Those who accept my motherly assistance will be led closer, closer to Christ. Those who accept my assistance will come, come to know the truth.

These messages are for all our children for you each have a soul. You each have areas that you must work on. You each need to come to know God in a deeper way. Until our children let go of their will God cannot enter your heart or soul. Pride is preventing many of our children from fully living the truth. Unwillingness to do what God is asking of you is why many are not growing in their faith.

Yes, lack of discipline and commitment to truly serve our Lord is why so many are giving in, into the world. Lack of prayer from one's heart is why our children do not hear God in the silence of their hearts. God is not pleased with those who are lukewarm in their faith. God is not pleased with those who are turning others away from those groups that I have formed. God is not pleased with those who refuse to see the goodness which is happening in those groups that I have formed. God is not pleased with those who are judging others for making the Gospel known.

If you truly want to please God then open, open your hearts now. Join hands and recite the Rosary and truly meditate on each mystery. Join hands and allow the Holy Spirit to become a flame inside you. Gather and pray and encourage holiness. Come to Mass as true believers and believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Pray for one another and pray each day for your pope, cardinals, bishops and priests. Pray for seminarians so they do not lose hope. Pray for those who are standing up for the truth. Pray and obey God if you truly want to be more pleasing to him.

Become apostles of unity and pray, pray, pray. Be faithful to daily Mass, Confession, sacrifices and fasting for in this way you will understand God's love for you. You will understand why God has asked me to assist his children. You will understand how dark this world has truly become. You will understand the importance of truly living and relaying the Gospel.

Today I weep with you my daughter because many do not understand the suffering you must go through. Many do not understand that this world is in danger because so many still continue to crucify my Son. Many do not understand that each time an abortion is done the earth trembles more. Greater chastisements will occur if our children remain deaf and blind to what is really happening around this world.

Sin has become widespread and there will be consequence for sin. Each child will need to be prepared when this time of God's great mercy and grace ends. God will not have mercy on those who are living in mortal sin. Man will have but little time to repent if they allow arrows of fire to fall from the sky. If man does not take heed to the Fatima message soon many will see the fire of hell. Many souls will perish and they will not see heaven, only hell.

I must be firm with all my children today because there is no time to give up. All must turn to God and repent, repent of their evil ways. All must take hold of the Gospel which is being relayed all around this world. All must change their ways and be truly sorry for their sins.

All depends on our children so please share my words from your heart. Share my work, my daughter, for they are truly embedded in your heart. Don't give in or allow Satan to confuse you for God has truly blessed your hands and voice. God has blessed this world with many messengers so please, please don't feel alone.

I will wipe your tears and hold you on those difficult days. Man cannot stop God so believe dear daughter that God is with you. Please help Jesus plan for the transitions of hearts so more souls can be saved. Please use your gifts now for the glory of God.

All will one day unfold and peace will reign on this earth. Bring joy to those now who are sleeping for many are spiritually lethargic. Many need to see Jesus' love in your heart so move on and trust that God and I are with you.

As a loving Mother I am with all my children each time you pray, pray the Rosary. Unite your prayers with the Holy Family and I promise you it will have a powerful effect on this world. Rejoice and go forth now in love, peace and fortitude. Amen.

We can see from the above message the importance of the fullness of true faith being taught. There is much ignorance of the basics of true Catholicism today, even among many who consider themselves Catholic. For decades youth have not been taught the fullness of Catholic faith, with the very poor catechesis so widespread. Thus we have many adults today, parents, without knowledge of the basics of faith and morals.

Thus Our Blessed Mother tells us in the messages given to Little Mary: "Tell my children that the purpose of these messages is to make the truth known. One cannot be silent when so many are living in sin. . . ." Yes, it is widespread that young people [fornication, impure actions, etc.] and often married people [artificial birth control, even abortion, deliberately missing Mass, not believing in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist], and with all this many do not recognize that their sinful lifestyles and actions and omissions are seriously sinful, separating them from God so as to deprive them of heaven. Thus to Little Mary our heavenly Mother said, "One cannot be silent when so many are living in sin."

God wills in this time of mercy to deliver messages of mercy. The messages of Fatima, which reaffirmed the Gospels, have not been sufficiently heeded. Mankind was led into World War II, as predicted by Our Lady at Fatima would happen if people continued sinning and not living the Gospel message.

At Fatima Our Lady said with a very sad voice, a voice so sad that Lucia said she would never forget it, "Pray, pray very much and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to hell because they have nobody to pray and make sacrifices for them."

We can see the same message as given at Fatima in the messages given to Little Mary, although drawn out and repeated in various ways again and again. The style and approach are not the same. The message is the same. The messages of Fatima and as given to Little Mary were long ago recorded in the Bible.

While the Fatima message was not listened to by the majority of mankind, even with the spectacular miracle of the sun, a miracle foretold months in advance as to the exact day and hour, "so that all may believe"—and so the world already involved in World War I at the time, fell into World War II and subsequent wars. We can understand then why it is judged that today, in a time of mercy, the messages must be repeated again and again in various parts of the world. If the message seems repetitious it is the love of a Mother, the Mother of God and Mother of the Church who cannot remain silent when her children are falling, suffering, in danger of losing heaven. She calls again and again.

Each pope has spoken of the Fatima message as "a reaffirmation of the Gospels." We see again and again in the messages given to Little Mary mention of the Gospel, the Scriptures, our need to read them and have the Word of God become embedded in our hearts as we strive to live the Word of God.

Our Lady at Fatima, when she spoke of the First Saturdays, along with

Sacramental Confession and a worthy Holy Communion, asked that we *keep her company* for a quarter of an hour while meditating on the Mysteries of the Rosary. This *keeping company* involves a certain presence of Mary with us. We are not surprised then to hear, in the messages of Little Mary: "As a loving Mother *I am with all my children each time you pray, pray the Rosary*. Unite your prayers with the Holy Family and I promise you it will have a powerful effect on this world."

If the messages given Little Mary seem simplistic, the message in each case is being missed. They are simply stated. What they call for and what they involve are profound. Hopefully, this is seen in the short commentary above—given relative to the message that stated the reason or purpose of Our Blessed Mother delivering these messages.

Little Mary does not share much of what she personally goes through, it seems, not even with her husband Terry. It is difficult for people to understand her temptations not to show up Monday nights but then others do not go through what she does, or even suspect the suffering connected with it. Often people can see the role of a messenger only as one standing on a white fluffy cloud receiving heavenly messages and how glorious it must be for them. They forget, or have never been formed sufficiently in spirituality to know, that anyone God uses in a special way to touch other souls for good, especially many souls, accompanying that mission is a life of suffering.

One day I shared with Mary about "Francis" who has wound marks on his hands and who has the support of his bishop, and about whom I wrote a book titled *Francis* to which his bishop responded favorably. The bishop of "Francis" even sent me a letter after reading the book on "Francis" which was used as a preface to the second edition. I told Little Mary that Francis had his first experience at the age of six when he was in an accident, falling from a horse onto railroad tracks, which endangered his life and he was not expected to live until morning. Surgery had to await the next day as they could not risk operating immediately. During the night the child, now known as "Francis," saw a man come to him dressed all in white and raise his hand in blessing. The child, who it was feared would die, was well the next morning without the need of surgery.

Upon my sharing Francis' account Little Mary told me that her first unusual experience as a child came at the age of six. Disturbing a beehive she had been bitten 36 times, according to her mother's count. She had great fear after that, would even dream that bees were after her. During the night, when the child was awake, Jesus would come to her to calm her and tell her not to be afraid. It was a youthful experience that thereafter made her feel very close to Jesus. While she felt close to Jesus, yet, advancing into young adulthood, not having a parish where strong spirituality was presented—until she discovered the parish of her present spiritual director—much was lacking in her spiritual development.

Little Mary and Terry, learning of a stronger spirituality presented in this parish, joined it and it was there in 1995 that she began to receive messages and greater spiritual growth.

I have studied the early messages and the more recent messages. For me, the messages seem to become stronger and with greater spiritual content and urgency as time progresses.

Already in late summer of 1994 Little Mary was given a spiritual experience as the beginning preparation for what laid ahead in the mission bestowed on her. It happened while she and her family had a statue of Mary from the church in

their home. When the statue was brought to their home the lady said that in order to have the statue you must: 1) Pray for the priests, 2) Say the Rosary. Little Mary did pray for the priests but she did not say the Rosary as she was yet lacking knowledge about the Rosary. She needed to learn how to pray the Rosary. She was then reminded of the honor she had in the first grade to carry the infant Jesus up the aisle at midnight Mass.

#### Then came the message of May 13th at 9 a.m.

My daughter,

Thank them for the statue as this will open many eyes as to "Yes" there is a Mother of Jesus. My presence will be felt at your church as doors and eyes are opening. I, Mary, the Mother of Jesus, am here right now to help each and every person to find Jesus in a deeper way.

When people laugh at you and make fun of this statue, just pray for them that their hearts and eyes will open to the love I have for them. God will be our strength and will guide us in the road ahead. Your church will become busier, busier in the Lord as many people want to be fed and will go to the Church which is feeding its people. Your priest is blessed and will guide you. . . .

Do not let people put fear into your lives. Just continue forward in the name of Jesus. I ask of both of you [the mission given would require sacrifices of her husband as well] that you give to Mary your strength so that her messenger-work can flourish. . . .

Mary will need your strength as her messenger-work is hard but my messages shall always continue to teach and guide you along the way for busier and harder times ahead. . . . Go in love and love to serve the Lord. My blessings upon you. . . . Many miracles shall happen so I ask that your eyes stay open and truly believe."

A very early message does not seem to be written as well as there was initial reluctance on the part of Little Mary to accept the call as a messenger for Jesus and Mary. The first messages she received and wrote down as directed, she tore up. She actually told the Blessed Mother "I quit." When I asked her, "Why did you do that?" Little Mary answered me, "Because I wanted our Blessed Mother to think I was a naughty girl so she'd get someone else." There is a real simplicity that comes out in Little Mary and yet some of the humor that one sees in the account of Jonah.

Then Our Blessed Mother said to her: "Read more from the Bible and until you write these personal messages down for all to see, I will keep repeating them

until you do and you will finally have to give in."

Little Mary worried what the bishop would say and think of the messages. She worried that people would think she was crazy. The Blessed Mother told her, "My daughter, this is all part of a learning process in becoming a good messenger. I am trying to make you stronger for times ahead and I need to be firm or you would become too physically tired. I am personal with all those who I am close to. The sooner you listen the less tired you will be. I know your heart and I will never let you go."

The Blessed Mother had much work to do to prepare Little Mary to be an effective messenger. She was told that the words of Jesus and Mary would flow from her heart and that she should not be afraid. "Believe that you will never have to walk alone in this mission for God and I are ever so near."

Little Mary was told: "God always prepares His children first, so be not doubtful. Just do what God has asked of you so more souls can be saved. God's work is never done. God knows how much you can do. Now go forward, my daughter, and I promise you new doors will open. For many are hungry and they will be fed."

Do the messages received by Little Mary direct themselves to priests? Yes. Often. The Blessed Mother speaks of them as her "beloved sons."

#### Here is the message of August 8, 2001.

My daughter,

Tell my children to return quickly to the sacrament of reconciliation. Tell them to repent of their sins so that I can lead them, closer, closer to Jesus. I am here today to wake those who are still sleeping.

Wake up, dear children, and begin today to live, live these messages. Begin today so that you can teach others how to pray and live a holy life. Wake up now and be true soldiers for Christ. My plea today is urgent so please be willing to do your part.

Please gather in those groups that I have formed and pray, pray from your heart. Many prayers are needed in this time of tribulation. Many prayers are needed for so many today are on the wrong path. Please be prayer-warriors and armor yourselves with God's love, joy and peace. . . .

I beg you to pray more. I ask that you stop offending God and turn away from sin. I ask that you repent of your sins and return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I ask that my sons make more time to be in the Confessional. I ask that my sons stress the importance of receiving the Sacraments in the proper way. I ask that my sons take these messages seriously so they awake their flock.

There is no time to be lazy for many souls are in danger. Many souls are in danger, so please do not take my messages lightly. Practice and live them and use your hands and voice for Christ. Be an example for those priests who are not living their vocation. Unite yourselves more in prayer and teach your flock how to truly pray the Rosary. Spend more time in front of the Blessed Sacrament and ask, ask for God's assistance.

Don't try to walk alone for satan wants to destroy you. Satan is strong and furious and he will do all that he can to pull my children away from God. More evil will enter if you allow fear and pride to rule your hearts. Please do not fear for I am truly here to assist you.

I will truly assist you if you live these messages.

I will touch the hearts of those who come and pray, pray the Rosary. I will shower each child with my grace and protect them with my mantle. Please dear chosen sons have faith and trust in my motherly assistance. Consecrate yourselves to my Immaculate Heart and I will protect you from the great difficulties which are coming.

Live your faith and teach your flock and I promise you more will awake from their slumber. Be prayerful and keep your doors open for those who come in need of your assistance. Live a saintly life and he willing now to work long hours. In time your service for Our Lord will not go unnoticed. Many will be saved from the fires of hell. Many will come to know Jesus if you truly, truly spread the truth.

Many more souls will be prepared if you truly use your hands and voice for Christ. So please, dear chosen sons, reach out now to your flock. Reach out in love and nurture those who are sleeping. Let the world know that I am truly here to assist those who turn away from sin. Let the world know that there will be consequences for sin. Let the world know that abortion is wrong and that each child must respect life.

Let the world know that through prayer and true devotion to Jesus all evil can be destroyed. Please do not be afraid for I, your Mother, will be at your side. I will encourage you on your difficult days so that you never lose hope. I will assist all my children for I am a Mother to each of you.

So, please pray now and ask God to guide you to those who are sleeping. This time is your time to truly respond and live, live these messages. So be more willing instead of fearful and truly make these messages known. Be merciful and love one another and go forth now and feed your flock, teach my children the right way and help my son now to carry the Cross.

Be faithful to my Son and to me. Be faithful and true servants for Jesus Christ. Amen.

Repeatedly priests will be admonished in the messages to teach their flock the fullness of true faith and morals. They will be admonished to live holy lives of prayer and example. They will be admonished not to be wed to the world but to the Church.

We shall see that finally a message will come for the bishops of the entire world to teach the fullness of true faith and morals for their flocks are hungry. They must teach as bishops who will have to give an accounting for the souls of their flocks. It will come as a very serious message from the Mother of the Church. Of course, each individual person has a soul with a free will and must answer for one's own soul. But the responsibility of priests and bishops is a grave one to teach the members of their flocks the full Gospel, the fullness of true faith and morals without compromise, without remaining silent in face of grave evils and great ignorance of true faith.

Family life is in crisis. It is in such crisis that only heroic Catholic families will survive as Catholic. The culture of death and sin has become so widespread that parents must have the character themselves to form their children to be willing to be martyrs for the true faith.

Again and again in the messages given Little Mary we see Our Mother calling parents, fathers and mothers to their respective roles regarding each other and the children God has given them. A sample family message is seen here as given on this day:

#### January 14, 2002.

My daughter,

Be at peace and know that I am with you. I am pleased with your sacrifice and suffering for our Lord. Continue to love, obey and serve our Lord. Through your willingness to do what God and I are asking of you, many more souls will be saved.

Today I ask that all my children be true soldiers for Christ. I ask that you spend more time with Jesus so that you can truly hear our Lord. I ask that you spend more time with

your family so that you grow together in Christ. Many families today are in turmoil due to lack of time together.

Dear parents, work on your relationship so that you can be an example for your children. Spend time together in prayer so that God can direct you on this earth. Be faithful to your responsibilities and live, live your vocation. Do not allow the world to raise your children. Join hands and work together so division does not enter your home. Concentrate on building family unity so you stay strong for each other. Support one another and rescue those who have fallen into darkness.

Be forgiving, loving children for then there will be peace in your hearts and in your home. Come together to church and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Come together and God will give you the grace needed to stay strong for our Lord and each other.

It is pertinent in this time, in which God has allowed, to grow together in holiness. It is pertinent because when change occurs you will need to be strong for each other. If you do not take hold of your family now you will see much more division in your home. Please take heed to what I am telling you for the enemy will do all that he can to destroy family unity.

Families must begin now to pray the Rosary together. Each member in the family must set time aside, to pray, pray the Rosary together. Each child must let go of their selfish desires in order to grow and blossom together.

I say to each of you, be wise and listen to my motherly advice. Do what I am asking of you so you stay strong through all trials and persecution. Don't give in to the world. Allow God to be in control of your life.

Fathers, you must do your part and ask St. Joseph to intercede for you. You must provide and protect your children from the evil that lingers in this world. You must be willing to set rules and discipline in love. You must shut the noise off in your home so you can truly be directed by God.

Dear Mothers, you must live more simply so you can be there for your children. You must let go of your desires, for your children need you more than you can imagine. Your children need love, not more wealth. Your children need love and support so they make the right choices.

On this earth, dear mothers, you must gather your children and bind your Rosaries around this world. You must pray more so your children do not fall further away from God. You must dress modestly and be an example for your children.

There is no longer time to do as you please. You must pray more and teach your children to do the same. There will be no excuses when you each see your soul. Each child will have to answer to God. Now please be more willing to love, obey and serve God. Be more willing to join hands and take part in building family unity.

Be willing to imitate the Holy Family so you can become true apostles of unity.

This message is for all my children for you each have a soul. In order for there to be unity you must live the Gospel and be an example for those who are choosing, choosing darkness. Go forth now and love, love one another, just as Jesus and I love each one of you. Amen.

#### Chapter 3

## Interior Locutions and Visions

In a book such as this it is important that readers have a good understanding of the nature of supernatural communications, whether in the form of locutions or of visions. It is not wise simply to rush through a book of this nature looking for the sensational without taking time to reflect upon our relationship with God and how He communicates with His children upon earth. Thus early in this book we present this chapter, always keeping in mind that it is through the Church Jesus Christ founded, the Sacred Scriptures and Tradition of the Church, that we primarily will know the Word of God and what are true faith and morals.

Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J., who, until his death in January 2000, was theological advisor to the Fatima Family Apostolate, explained locutions in the following manner: "A supernatural communication to the ear, imagination, or directly to the intellect. The locution is supernatural in the manner of communication, that is, beyond the ordinary laws of nature. Spurious locutions may come from the evil spirit and can be recognized by their lack of coherence or clarity, the disquiet they cause in the one who receives them, and the evil effects they produce in them who listen to them" (Modern Catholic Dictionary).

"Locution" is a word coming from the Latin *locutio*, "a speaking, an utterance." Locutions of different kinds are received in different manners as shall be explained later. We shall see that Fr. Hardon's concise definition covers much territory and will become more meaningful as we explore the various aspects of what he says.

St. John of the Cross's definition of locutions was simple: words produced in the recipient by divine actions.

Fr. Thomas Dubay, S.M., in his book *Fire Within*—concerning St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, and the Gospel—on prayer, in a chapter on Locutions and Visions, tells us:

"Perhaps the most opportune way to open our discussion on divine communications is to consider the question of whether or not it deserves space in this volume at all. Surely, some people would take the view that in the scientific milieu and widespread literacy of contemporary technological societies, the idea of special divine enlightenments and messages merits at best a patronizing smile, at worst outright ridicule. Even some religiously inclined persons, including a fair percentage of the clergy, give little credence to the proposition that God does communicate with certain common, ordinary individuals. Many people tend to take seriously only what they can see with their own eyes or touch with their own

hands. The world of the supernatural—angelic, demonic and divine—does not have much sway in their day-to-day world of business and pleasure and practicality. They feel that if there is something authentic in the alleged phenomena reported by men and women of advanced prayer, nonetheless they themselves cannot identify with it, for they hear none of these messages and see no visions. Some, of course, flatly deny the very existence of such communications and consequently have no interest in a discussion of what they regard as illusory imaginings of more or less unbalanced enthusiasts.

"But there is another group, by no means small in number, who gladly embrace the notion of direct divine communications. Equally citizens of our technological societies and sometimes well educated in their respective secular pursuits, these men and women not only hold to the theoretical possibility that God communicates with human beings but also are often enough convinced that He has spoken to them personally or at least that on occasion He sends them an inner light. They readily speak of 'listening to the Spirit.' Some in this group build their spiritual lives more on alleged apparitions and their own presumed inner illuminations than on the word of the Gospel and the proclamation of the teaching Church.

"Within both of these categories, the deniers and the affirmers, there is of course a spectrum of reaction patterns. Among the former we find the small number of atheists who profess no acceptance of anything intangible and also theists who do accept the supernatural but consider it antecedently unlikely (or at least rare) that God would communicate with ordinary men and women. Among the affirmers there are the absurdly credulous who are convinced that they are constantly privy to divine messages and visions. Others steer clear of these extremes but all the same are not as cautious as they must be in order to avoid different pit-falls. They are insufficiently sensitive to the dangers of illuminism, for instance.

"While pastoral experience shows that there are not a few men and women in these two categories, it also indicates that there is a third large group who are neither skeptical nor credulous. Study and spiritual direction experiences with people of advanced, authentic prayer make it clear that the subject of this chapter is much needed by all three classes of people. Skeptical and overly credulous individuals assume that they need no instruction. Each is convinced that its position is quite correct and the other is obviously deluded. They scarcely entertain the idea that there may be a middle position that is sound and real.

"While our purpose is not polemical, it may be worthwhile to call attention to the antecedent probability that a loving and provident God would communicate with the human race He bothered to create and redeem. Even aside from the data of revelation we would expect that a love relationship between the divine and the human would be characterized by a two-way communication. This is not to say that on the creature's part recognizing the divine is invariably obvious or easy or free from illusion. But it is possible.

"We have no more sound teaching on the question of divine enlightenments and visions than what we find in our two Carmelite saints [St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross]. Any unbiased, sober, informed study of their experiences and their remarkably humble yet brilliant explanations of them shows that God does indeed communicate with His chosen ones—but not always as we commonly suppose or expect. His ways are not our ways.

"We do not aim here either at arousing or at satisfying mere curiosity about extraordinary phenomena. We discuss them because, first of all, Scripture takes it

for granted that God intervenes in the affairs of men. The New Testament speaks of both inner enlightenment (locutions) and visions. Jesus promised the apostles that the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, would come and teach them everything that He Himself had taught. This Spirit of truth was to speak to them and lead them to 'the complete truth.' Jesus explicitly promised this would go on 'forever,' and therefore we rightly expect the faithful to be enlightened from within throughout all the ages. The faithful, of course, are those who obey the visible teachers in the Church, for they who listen to these teachers listen to Jesus Himself and to the Father. The Lord speaks both through a visible community and by His invisible Spirit working in our hearts, and His communications are heard by the humble and the obedient.

"Visions, seen or heard, were likewise taken for granted in the infant, first-century Church. These are so well attested. . . . Though we are wise not to accept every alleged happening either in the past or in the present, it is close-minded and foolish to turn away from sound evidence. No reasonable person can read with an unbiased mind St. Teresa's descriptions of her visions and conclude that they have any explanation except that of divine intervention. This highly intelligent, completely honest, entirely unassuming and down-to-earth woman could not simply be manufacturing what she reports. Her further accounts will cause the reader to agree that her descriptions are far removed from pseudomystical narrations issuing from unbalanced people. Teresa's experiences have nothing in them of fabrication and illusion.

"The sanjuanist view that what God did in biblical days He does in our times, too, is borne out in the contemporary Church. Extensive pastoral experience makes it plainly evident that in our day there are cases of divine communications of solid authenticity—and in saying this I am not referring, at least principally, to well-publicized apparition accounts. If a priest does considerable spiritual direction, and if his directees have confidence in his understanding of divine-human intimacy, he will surely hear accounts of experiences that no unbiased individual would discount. . . . I am not speaking of gullibility. Rather, I am referring to humble, saintly, psychologically sound people who would not dream of sharing their intimacies with the Lord with any but a competent spiritual director" (pp. 243-245).

We can see from this when an ordinary soul is receiving messages, a priest who has been occupied largely with administration and simply administering the sacraments without giving spiritual direction, is not going to be in a position to take seriously one in his area who is having locutions. He might even become a source of persecution to the recipient.

Divine interventions are normal gifts in the spiritual lives of chosen persons whenever God sees fit to give such gifts. Fr. Dubay says, "They are not rare."

Of course, illusion and deception are not rare as well. St. Teresa of Avila was aware of this and cautioned her nuns not to think that "every little imagination" was a vision or supernatural locution.

St. Teresa and St. John of the Cross both held that a simple act of pure love was of more value than authentic visions, which they themselves experienced. St. John said spiritual directors "should explain how one act done in charity is more precious in God's sight than all the visions and communications possible—since they imply neither merit nor demerit—and how many who have not received these experiences are incomparably more advanced than others who have had many."

Still, St. Teresa looked at visions to be greatly prized although not essential to the spiritual life of grace. When they are authentic, God does nothing for nothing. St. Teresa did not think visions to be all that dangerous when they happen to humble, obedient people. The saint spoke of those in her day already who "seem to be frightened at the very mention of visions or revelations [locutions]. I do not know why they think a soul being led in this way by God is on such a dangerous path, nor what is the source of this alarm."

St. Teresa said that few are the confessors who will not disturb a person who speaks of a vision. "Confessors are really less alarmed when they hear that the devil is harassing a soul with all kinds of temptations, with a spirit of blasphemy or with foolish and unseemly ideas, than they are scandalized at being told that a person has seen or heard some angel, or has had a vision of Jesus Christ crucified, Our Lord."

St. Teresa required assurance that her visions were authentic and visions she treasured. She wrote: "Nonetheless, I was never able to regret having seen these heavenly visions, and I would not exchange even one for all the goods and delights of the world. I have always considered a vision a great favor from the Lord. It seems to me to be a most rich treasure, and the Lord Himself assured me of this many times."

St. John of the Cross took locutions in stride. St. Teresa looked upon them as nothing to be surprised at. "There are many people given to prayer who experience them and I would not have you think you are doing wrong, sisters, whether or not you give credence, when they are only for your own benefit, to comfort you or to warn you of your faults."

St. Teresa spoke of seven mansions. I would see this imaged at the Carmel Monastery of St. Teresa of Avila in Coimbra, Portugal, where I offered Mass frequently over a period of about 30 years. It is the Carmel where Sr. Lucia of Fatima resided as a Carmelite nun for decades. Over the altar and the tabernacle, up high, were seven steps going to the high ceiling. There were provisions for the monstrance with the Most Blessed Sacrament to be placed atop the seven-step stairway if desired.

St. Teresa considered that the seven mansions are for everyone and thus she looked at them as "ordinary." Still, when she discussed this highest development of contemplation, she said that it begins with an intellectual vision of the Blessed Trinity, which is really "extraordinary."

St. Teresa spoke of three types of locutions: external, imaginary, and intellectual.

#### **External Locution**

The external locution comes to a person from outside. The message is heard with one's physical ears. The person perceives that a human voice is speaking to him/her.

Imaginary Locution

An imaginary locution comes from within a person, within his/her inward sense faculties. The word *imaginary* does not mean one is imagining, as we speak of it in modern language. It is not fabricated, illusory, or lacking a basis in reality. *Imaginary* is rather referring to one's inner sense capacity which enables one to recapture various sights, sounds, fragrances, etc., through inner awareness. God can work directly within the faculties of human nature.

#### **Intellectual Locution**

The intellectual locution occurs in the deepest center of the person. There is no sound and no voice. Yet, intellectual locutions have remarkable traits. The intellectual enlightenment surpasses by far anything of ordinary human experience.

St. Teresa of Avila wrote:

"Once while with this presence of the three Persons that I carry about in my soul, I experienced so much light you couldn't doubt the living and true God was there. In this state He gave me understanding of things I didn't know how to speak of afterward. Among them was how the Person of the Son, and not the others, took flesh.

"While in prayer one day, I felt my soul to be so deep in God that it didn't seem there was a world; but while immersed in Him, understanding of that Magnificat verse, *et exultavit spiritus*, was given to me in such a way I cannot forget it."

Words received in the intellectual locution are explicit and much more clear than those heard with one's physical ears. While one can turn off human speech, one cannot resist listening to and understanding words of the intellectual locution. When the Lord communicates with a soul in this way, the person receiving the message listens whether he wishes to or not. Understanding the words is independent of one's will. In such locutions one is a receiver; he/she does not originate the message in him/herself. It is not like one going through a process of formulating ideas or reasoning things out.

St. Teresa explained it this way:

"If they are something the intellect fabricates, no matter how subtly it works, a person will know that it is the intellect that is composing something and speaking. The difference is that in the one case the words are composed and in the other they are listened to. The intellect will see that it is not then listening because it is working. And the words it fabricates are as though muffled, fancied, and without the clarity of those that come from God. It is in our power to divert our attention from these words of the intellect, as we do when we are speaking and decide to keep quiet; in the case of those words that are from God there is no way of diverting one's attention. . . . It seems to me the difference between the two kinds of locution is the same as that between speaking and listening, no more, not less."

The origin of what St. Teresa is describing is of divine origin. An exaggerated personal imagination of one's own is not involved in any way. St. Teresa says that the words God speaks "are both words and works. And even though the words may not be devotional ones but words of reproof, they dispose the soul and prepare it from the very beginning, and they touch it, give it light, favor it and bring it quiet. And if the soul suffers dryness, agitation and worry, these are taken away as though by a stroke of the hand since it seems the Lord wants it to understand that He is powerful and that His words are works. . . . In the words coming from God the experience is as though we were listening to a very holy person or to one who is most learned with great authority, who we know will not lie to us. And even this comparison is a poor one. For these words at times bear with them such majesty that even though one does not call to mind who it is that speaks them, they make one tremble—if they are words of reproof, and if they are words of love, they make one dissolve in love."

The divine locution has power in that an indelible effect is produced in the

mind. The words, at least the substance of the message, often cannot be forgotten after the passage of years. Sr. Lucia of Fatima, even in her old age, now into her late nineties, while forgetful of many other things, still had the message from heaven embedded in her heart, ingrained in her mind.

When God wants to teach by giving a divine enlightenment, what is learned is very rapid. St. Teresa said that she learned in an instant what would have taken

her a month to compose if left to her own thought processes.

Locutions can originate from angels, holy angels or fallen angels, the demons. How will the recipient know which, a holy source or the devil? It is good to entertain some doubt, at least at the beginning, before one is experienced with the workings or ways of God. Teresa was neither naive nor gullible but she did have doubts about what she was hearing at the beginning.

There were times when her confessor would say things were from the devil, yet, she could not bring her mind to agree. Obedience cannot require one to deny the truth. St. Teresa learned that once a person is experienced in such matters, it is easy to determine the origin of a locution. Being attentive—and with experi-

ence—one is able to see the difference very clearly.

"They concern matters, as I said, which are very far from one's mind. Such long sentences are said so quickly that much time would have been necessary to compose them, and in no way does it seem to me that we can then fail to know that they are something we do not fabricate ourselves. Thus, there's no reason for me to delay on this matter; rarely it seems can an experienced person be deceived if the person himself does not knowingly want to be deceived" (*Interior Castle*).

#### **SUMMARY**

In summary form, on here are the points St. Teresa gave in her *Interior Castle* on how we can know whether an enlightenment comes from God.

- 1. The locution bears a "sense of power and authority" both in itself and in its effects. God's words are works; His speaking is a doing.
- 2. The message is in accord with Catholic Faith and Morals and therefore with Sacred Scripture. God does not contradict Himself. His private enlightenments can never contradict or negate His public revelation.
- 3. Word from God brings calm and peace.
- 4. The recipient is prompted to break forth in praise of the Lord for having communicated with one so lowly.
- 5. The message remains long in the memory, at least in substance they remain indelibly there after long years.
- 6. When the message of the locution concerns a coming event, the words bring an unshakable certainty that things will turn out as indicated. This is so even when external evidence seems otherwise. In the case of St. Teresa, she would experience this certitude even though the bishop adamantly refused to give permission, or her confessor was opposed, or she had no money to carry out a project. She would remain secure in her conviction that events would eventually prove her right.
- 7. Genuine words which are from a divine source are clear, not confused as our own ideas often are.

8. The word often comes unexpectedly, and frequently is contrary to what one knew, desired or wished. This experience has nothing in common with auto-

suggestion or wishful thinking.

9. St. Teresa said that one single word can "contain a world of meaning," such as if left to ourselves we could never rapidly put into human language. Often much more is understood by the recipient than the words themselves convey, a sensus plenior, as Scripture scholars say of the revealed message.

10. Authentic locutions bring humility to the recipient. There is little or no inclination to self-exaltation, even when one is aware of the greatness of the divine

gift.

11. The word spoken by the indwelling Spirit inhibits all other thought and commands attention to it. The only choice is to listen. To be excluded here are supposed voices or visions which mentally unbalanced persons claim to hear or see.

Fr. Dubay says: "When the enlightenment has the signs we have discussed, one can be confident that it comes from God. This does not mean, however, that if the locution concerns something of importance, one may act upon it without consulting someone both competent and holy. Further, all of us should be aware (and especially the recipient) that locutions do not render a person any the better for having received them. Profit depends, notes Teresa, on whether or not we use them well. She laconically remarks that Jesus spoke at length with the Pharisees, who were all the worse for the favor.

"It is always wise, at least at first, to set locutions aside. Inexperienced people tend to be surprised at this advice, for it appears to them that one should pay attention, perhaps exclusive attention, to something of divine origin. Not so, says Teresa. Even if a message is actually from God, three benefits derive from setting it aside. First, this reaction helps one advance [the saint offers no clear reason why, but John of the Cross does]. Second, it puts the locution to the test—Teresa rightly supposes that they need verification. Third, God favors this reaction, for He increases His communications when people follow this advice.

"The recipient ought not to act on what was heard without first consulting a confessor or a learned man." This is "His Majesty's will," insists Teresa, for He has established the Church to take His place on earth and to speak in His name. So confident is the saint in her Lord that, even if the confessor is obtuse and resistant, the Master will speak to him, "and if such is His pleasure will make him recognize the work of His spirit; if He does not, we have no further obligations." St. Teresa has no time for people who think they have a better plan for the Church than the Lord Himself.

"Finally, if there is a clash between the person's experience and the confessor's judgment, it is the latter that is to prevail. . . . "

An authentic locution must be accompanied by the signs which discern the Holy Spirit, namely, love, humility, obedience, and the pursuit of real good. Illuminations of persons that are not according to the mind of the universal Church come not from a divine source; peoples' own wills and personal imaginations give birth to such thoughts that are contrary to God's thought and true revelations and teachings of the Church.

St. John of the Cross cautions about the harm that can come upon people and spiritual directors who pay undue attention to visions and locutions. The recipients can lose humility so that they believe themselves prominent in God's eyes. The overly credulous are endangered to become attached more to their communications than to public revelation as received and guided by the Church. Rather than deepening their life of faith and love by self-emptying, they cling to their visions and enlightenments, and they fail "to soar to the heights of dark faith."

Divine light is certain and solid in itself, yet God has given no infallible assurance that ordinary people will understand, interpret and apply correctly what they have received. St. John of the Cross gives examples from the Bible to show how even Abraham, the disciples on the road to Emmaus, as well as others in Israel, misunderstood divine revelations and promises.

What are some dangers for people who think they are receiving divine revelations and are not humble in following the guidance of the Church? There are now tens of thousands of religious sects as witnesses to the oddities, pride, lack of humility and obedience—all in the name of private enlightenments.

Of those who appear to be favored with locutions or visions, they must be tested so that we may know who is of God and who is not. Those who are authentic will present the sound doctrine of the Church. Those led by the Spirit will be unpopular in many ways and even persecuted, often by the Church itself. St. John of the Cross says that if one thinks he has an enlightenment, let him submit it to the judgment of one of the Church's approved priests and then abide by his decision. "We must be guided humanly and visibly in all, by the law of Christ the man and that of His Church of His ministers. . . . Any departure from that road is not only curiosity, but extraordinary boldness." St. John of the Cross teaches that when the Lord in reality does send His inner light to a person, the Lord also gives an accompanying inclination to manifest that light to an officer in the Church:

"God is so content that the rule and direction of many be through other men, and that a person be governed by natural reason, that He definitely does not want us to bestow entire credence upon His supernatural communications, nor be confirmed in their strength and security until they pass through this human channel of the mouth of man. As often as He reveals something to a person, He confers upon his soul a kind of inclination to manifest this to the appropriate person."

Having recourse to the visible Church has been the practice of the saints through the centuries. St. John of the Cross, notes that St. Paul, who was given a direct mission from the risen Lord, still "could not resist going and conferring about it with St. Peter and the Apostles."

St. John of the Cross adds: "Whatever is received through supernatural means [in whatever manner] should immediately be told clearly, integrally, and simply to one's spiritual director."

St. John of the Cross offers three reasons why such communications must be submitted to the spiritual director:

- 1. That the light, strength and security of many divine enlightenments are not entirely confirmed in the recipient until he has shared them with one whom God Himself has destined to be a spiritual judge in the Church with the "power to bind, loose, approve and reprove." By submission to do the visible element in the Church and thus through obedience to Christ Himself, "the communications are then seemingly imparted anew."
- 2. The soul ordinarily needs instruction as to how to continue along the dark path of faith and complete denudation from everything that is not from God.

3. "Humility, submission, and mortification." The communication may seem trivial and the recipient may fear the director's reaction, and thus there may be reluctance to share them, but in doing so the person grows in humility and simplicity.

St. John of the Cross offered guidance also for the role of the spiritual director or confessor who should not "show severity, displeasure, or scorn in dealing with these souls. . . . Since God is leading them by this means, there is no reason for opposing it, nor for becoming frightened or scandalized over it; the director should instead be kind and peaceful. He should give these souls encouragement and the opportunity of speaking about their experience, and, if necessary, oblige them to do so."

St. Teresa classified visions as three types: corporeal, imaginative, and intellectual. The first is seen with one's physical eyes and is the least perfect. St. Teresa never received corporeal visions.

#### **Imaginative Visions**

When she writes of "imaginative" as the second type of vision, she is not referring to autosuggestion, or those fabricated by a person. They are rather perceived by one's inner senses. Communications in this manner have sense traits and are much superior to visions seen with one's physical eyes. St. Teresa says such visions are rapid, like a flash of lightning, and the brilliance of the vision is such that one cannot keep on gazing. No one can produce interiorly a light by his own suggestion that is so like the sun's brilliance that it cannot be looked upon. Such a quick bright vision of Jesus Christ she once had. St. Teresa adds that the image is *alive*. One does not see it as a painting or portrait.

"The sight is the loveliest and most delightful imaginable," St. Teresa writes, and even if one "strove to imagine it for a thousand years" he could not do so, "because it so far exceeds all that our imaginative and understanding can compass, its presence is of such exceeding majesty that it fills the soul with a great terror. It is unnecessary to ask here how, without being told, the soul knows Who it is, for He reveals Himself quite clearly as the Lord of Heaven and earth. This the kings of the earth never do. . . . If I should have spent many years trying to imagine how to depict something so beautiful, I couldn't have, nor would I have known how to; it surpasses everything imaginable here on earth, even in just its whiteness and splendor."

St. Teresa speaks of the awesomeness of the Lord when He appears and especially of the eyes of Jesus. "I can tell you truly that, wicked as I am, I have never feared the torments of hell, for they seem nothing by comparison with the thought of the wrath which the damned will see in the Lord's eyes—those eyes so lovely and tender and benign. I do not think my heart could bear to see that; and I have felt like this all my life. How much more will anyone fear this to whom He has thus revealed Himself, and given such a consciousness of His presence as will produce unconsciousness."

Autosuggestion is likewise ruled out, in that the vision is unexpected. It appears suddenly and is complete. It could not be imagined piece by piece as would be needed with autosuggestion or self-imagination. Not only is it rapid, the

message or bright image has never before passed through the recipient's mind in any fashion whatsoever. When there is a genuine vision with divine origin it is accompanied by complete certitude as authentic. There is no doubt in the mind or heart.

Experiencing an authentic, imaginary vision contains everything that is beyond human control. It is the Lord who designs and it is not possible for a mere human power to induce or stop it. There is no effect from one's own desire to see or not to see. God is in entire control, not the recipient.

Intellectual visions are more perfect than the imaginary ones, yet St. Teresa does not write as much about them, probably because they cannot be explained but only experienced by those whom God chooses.

Once, on the feast of St. Peter, St. Teresa had an intellectual vision of Christ. She saw nothing with her physical eyes. Still she was certain Jesus was at her side. When her confessor asked her in what form she saw our Lord she replied, "I didn't see Him." The confessor asked how she knew then that it was Christ. She answered that she didn't know how, but that "I couldn't help knowing that He was beside me, that I saw and felt Him clearly, that my recollection of soul was greater, and that I was very continuously in the prayer of quiet, that the effects were much different from those I usually experienced, and that it was very clear."

There was no way St. Teresa could explain such experiences to others. There is nothing of sense, and at the same time there is no darkness as well. "The vision is represented through knowledge given to the soul that is clearer than sunlight . . . a light, without your seeing light, illumines the intellect." Unlike the imaginary vision, which is short in duration, the intellectual one can last for many days.

St. Teresa explained that intellectual and imaginary visions almost always occur at the same time together. This is the human experience, insight together with image. She wrote: "With the eyes of the soul we see the excellence, beauty, and glory of the most holy humanity; and through the intellectual vision, which was mentioned, we are given an understanding of how God is powerful, that He can do all things, that He commands all and governs all, and that His love permeates all things."

For most people visions are not necessary. St. Teresa would admit that of themselves visions bring no merit to the recipients, but they who do receive these favors lie under a heavier obligation to serve. St. Teresa added that there are many saintly people who never experience a single vision, while others receive these gifts and are not saintly. The divine visions can be of great help in growing to a lofty perfection, yet one who has attained advanced virtue through hard work has gained more merit.

What does this mean? Visions are not a certain or secure basis for judging one's advancement in holiness or the spiritual life. St. Teresa wrote: "Let none of you imagine that because a sister has had such experiences, she is any better than the rest; the Lord leads each of us as He sees we have need. . . . Sometimes it is the weakest whom God leads by this road."

The Church in her canonical processes does not consider that a person was holy because he or she had visions. This was seen in the years of study for the process leading to the beatification of Blessed Jacinta and Blessed Francisco. The Church had long approved of the apparitions of Fatima as worthy of belief. That was not sufficient for the causes of the Little Shepherds to be judged holy. Their heroic sanctity had to be studied and proved over decades of study and investigation.

Advancement in spirituality then is to be judged not by visions or extraordinary phenomena but by the perfection with which one lives the Gospel. This requires the virtues of humility, obedience, love, patience, chastity, honesty, kindliness and all the virtues.

Both St. Teresa and St. John of the Cross were strong in holding that a recipient of any unusual communications must share the experiences with one's confessor or spiritual director. One should not act upon a communication before get-

ting permission from the confessor and/or spiritual advisor.

St. Teresa felt strongly that we should not desire visions. "I will only warn you that, when you learn or hear that God is granting souls these graces, you must never beseech or desire Him to lead you along this road." Desiring extraordinary gifts indicates lack of humility. Those desirous of being involved in the unusual spiritual experiences can easily be deceived and misled. This is dangerous for their souls and others "because the devil has only to see a door left slightly ajar to enter and play a thousand tricks on us."

The above principles should be kept in mind in studying and meditating upon

the contents of this entire book.

#### Chapter 4

# For Priests, Religious and Laity

Like most priests, the position of the Fatima Family Apostolate and of the author-compiler personally, has been one of caution at reports of private heavenly messages. We hear from and about many supposed mystics receiving heavenly messages. Most reported messages are put aside after some study of them. Sometimes they are in contradiction to Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Church, even though they are worded very piously.

Even when seemingly good messages are presented, but there has been a lack of obedience—a following of the guidance of a good spiritual director—in no way can we consider any of the material seriously.

The third chapter of this book on "Locutions" and spiritual communications was judged by the author-compiler to be essential. Much of what St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross describe about locutions and visions I have noted in the life of Little Mary over intensive and frequent communications, occupying hundreds of hours in a several year period. None of what is seen in the third chapter on divine communications was shared with Little Mary until I was near the end of composing and assembling the pages of this book. By nature she reads little. She had not read the lives of the saints. In fact, when the locutions began she did not know how to pray the Rosary and had no idea of meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary. Her knowledge of the Catholic faith left much to be desired, although she went to Masses of obligation, having the example of her parents on this as she grew up.

I asked Little Mary, "What inspired you to get a spiritual director so soon after you began to receive messages?" I then learned that Our Blessed Mother herself had explained some of these things to Little Mary, such as seeing with the Intellect and "eyes of the soul." Early on after the messages began, the Blessed Mother told Little Mary she should get a spiritual director and that it should be her pastor.

Our Blessed Mother also had to teach Little Mary how to pray the Rosary properly. Meditation on the Mysteries is essential. The prayers were not to be rushed.

On February 11, 1995, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, exactly one month after the messages began, Little Mary with her husband Terry went to see the pastor. She informed him of what had come into her life and asked him to direct her.

Without knowing it, over several years, Little Mary shared with me her experiences that coincided with what is written in chapter three of this book. Often she explained to me that the supernatural experiences at times involved

seeing with the "eyes of the soul" and seeing with the intellect. She spoke of rapid, quick, beautiful and bright images of Jesus, Mary, angels and saints. She spoke of her inability to resist such visions. She would tell me that she would see with her mind (intellect).

These things were shared with me privately, and always with her spiritual director, at least eventually. She would write such things in a journal the Blessed Mother asked her to keep. The journal was not shared with others, only select people like her spiritual director and myself. I looked upon myself as a facilitator. I had always agreed with her spiritual director. I could see why he was taking the positions that he did. I would explain why he made the requirements of Little Mary that she had to obey. Her personal dispositions needed to know and understand. That was usually where I came into the picture as I could see why her spiritual director made certain requirements. She would always obey although often it was very difficult for her to do so.

Little Mary spoke of her desire not to be cast in the role of a messenger again and again. Often she wanted to run away from it all. Yet the communications would come whether she wanted them or not. After the communications would be received from our Blessed Mother there would be a time of happiness, an uplifting of the soul, her spirit, even though she had been in darkness for some time previously.

The messages were shared weekly for at least eight years with her parish church, with the local archbishop's permission. The messages, as time allowed, were read and then explained by a priest at the church in the area where the messages were received. Many came to these prayer meetings from across the country as awareness spread. Each Monday night hundreds of people were present—on occasion, over a thousand. A lady called "Little Mary" who received the messages would often then pray over the hundreds who desired healing.

A parishoner, Dr. Paul J. Spencer, wrote his bishop on November 6, 1997, because of his favorable impressions and received the following answer from the bishop:

November 11, 1997

Dear Dr. Spencer,

Thank you for writing to me on November 6th, and expressing so beautiful-

ly your support for Mary.

I was happy to learn that you have experienced special graces as a result of your attendance at the prayer meetings, during which Mary has shared "messages" received from the Blessed Virgin and her Son, Jesus. The emphasis on love and evangelization, the need for repentance, God's unconditional love for each of us sinners . . . what wonderful truths these are, and how true to the Gospel!

Because they have meant so much to you, I can certainly understand your desire to see Mary's messages more widely distributed. In my judgment, however, that result probably needs to be deferred for the time being. For now, I believe it is more prudent to allow the matter to develop very simply and naturally, knowing that God's will always manifests itself in His own good time.

May God's special blessings continue to be with you.

Sincerely yours in Christ, (Personal Signature of the Bishop)

#### Healings and Conversions

Many healings have been reported and documented and sent to the bishop relative to Little Mary's mission. Hundreds have written the bishop of their favorable experiences. There have been many who, after hearing the messages, came back to the faith. A person close to Little Mary related the following to me: "When Little Mary reads the messages her voice changes. She'd tell me at times she didn't even know where she was. She was hearing the Blessed Mother's voice all over again. Many people regained their faith.

"A woman after 17 years of not being pregnant, got pregnant, after prayer with Little Mary. Many people with cancer were healed. Some were lost, but we always said, 'If God wills it, healings will occur.' The heavenly Mother would always remind us that crosses are gifts from God. We needed to hear that, then live it.

Many, many blessings have come due to the messages.

"I see my friend suffer much. People who criticize her and who don't accept the messages, no matter what, because they are not approved [like Lourdes, Fatima. . .] can be hurtful in their comments."

The compiler of this book has heard from a medical doctor whose son was suddenly healed of serious affliction. When he was taken to Rochester Mayo Clinic all the symptoms were gone and they were puzzled. He became a believer.

In a later chapter we shall share more extended testimonials from people who

were helped spiritually and sometimes physically as well.

Little Mary does not share much of what she personally goes through. It is difficult for people to understand her temptations not to show up Monday nights [during the years they were held at the Church], but then others do not go through what she does or even suspect the suffering connected with it. Often people can see the role of a messenger only as one standing on a white fluffy cloud, receiving heavenly messages and how glorious it must be. They forget, or have never been formed sufficiently in spirituality to know, that anyone God uses to touch many souls for good, is accompanied by a life of suffering.

On September 27, 1999, the bishop of her diocese wrote to Little Mary in response to her letter to him of September 18, 1999, when she was sorrowful

because her mother had a terminal illness. A copy follows:

September 27, 1999

Dear Mary,

Thank you so much for your kindness in writing to me on September 18, 1999. I am always happy to hear from you.

The journey that you have been traveling, which you describe in your letter, does not surprise me. It is so easy at times for anyone of us to minister to others, and at the same time refrain from ministering to those closest to us, and to those whom we love. If I had any advice to give you it would be this: "Whatever you do make sure you spend as much time with your mother in these very beautiful and precious days. I know that there is a distance [involved] but I would say that whenever you have an opportunity to go and be with her and your family, use it as a precious time and look at that opportunity as the Will of God for you in reaching out to your good mother.

For my part, I will continue to remember her in prayer and remember you, Mary, and your entire family.

Thank you so very much for writing to me.

With every good wish, I remain Sincerely yours in Christ, [Personal Signature]

I have studied the many early messages and the more recent messages. For me, the messages seem to become stronger and with greater spiritual content and urgency as time progresses. The content of the messages are the same as that of the Scriptures and the teachings of the Church. There is nothing new in the spirituality presented but a call to live in Christ through prayer and the Sacraments.

The messages over the years since they started could fill a large volume. There is much directed to parents to sanctify their homes, one another, and to teach and form their children in the fullness of true faith. A home without family prayer, and without parents taking an active interest in the instruction and formation of their children in the true faith—is a sad and fearful situation. Our Blessed Mother states these truths but always in a kind and loving but still, very real way.

#### November 15, 1999.

My daughter,

I am here for those who will give me their heart. I am here because many have taken shelter in my heart. Continue now to take refuge in our Heart and live your consecration.

Today, I ask that you teach others how to pray the Rosary, for this is your weapon to keep evil away. When you pray the Rosary, teach others how to meditate on the Mysteries of the Rosary. Teach others to pray, pray from their heart. All will truly come to know Jesus if they reflect on each Mystery of the Rosary. Those who pray will surely come to know our dear Lord, Jesus.

This is the time to go forth and to teach others, so please don't hold back. Let all our children know how much you love Jesus. Let all our children know how important it is to fast and pray. Let not your lips be silent, for all must come to know the truth. This world needs to wake up now, so please call upon the Holy Spirit. Please allow the Holy Spirit to work through you. Please do all that you can, for this is the time of God's mercy and grace. This is the time to lead others back to Christ. This is the preparation time, so be not afraid to light and prepare the way.

I am here now to help you, so please, please don't hold back. Please don't be afraid to be persecuted for living the truth. All that you say and do now will help, help save souls. All that you do for God will not go unnoticed. God will bless you abundantly for each soul that you save. This should give each of you hope, for in time you will be truly blessed. In time, all will know the truth and they will respond if you go forth in love and truth. Their heart will be touched if you are willing to suffer for our Lord.

But, if you hold back, many will sink deeper, deeper into the pit. The longer you wait to share your faith it will be much more difficult for them, for change takes time and many need to do penance now for their sins. Many need to be rescued now, for many are falling further away from God. Many need your prayers and support, so please do not wait. Be compassionate and help those who are living in darkness.

Jesus carried His cross for you, so now I am asking you to help Him by carrying your cross for Jesus. Help Jesus every day so you never turn your back on our Lord. Be servants and truly serve our Lord. Be humble children so that God can dwell in you. Be kind and considerate to others, for each child is at a different level. Each child needs to be loved, so do not be unkind or forceful. Be loving children and keep your hearts open to all your brothers and sisters.

If you do this, dear children, this world will change, for more will come to know Jesus. More will accept the whole truth if you allow God's love to pour through you. This is my message to you, so please be willing to do your part. Please be willing to carry Jesus with you wherever you go. I am your Mother of Grace, so please be not afraid, for I will protect you.

Go now and let others know how much you love our dear Lord, Jesus. Amen.

Our Blessed Mother desires not only that each of her spiritual children lives the faith but that each one has a spirit of evangelism to reach out to others. "This is the time to lead others back to Christ. This is the preparation time, so be not afraid to light and prepare the way."

Our Blessed Mother also teaches the manner we are to lead others to her Son, Jesus Christ. Whatever we say with words to teach should not be so forceful that it turns people off, but should be said with kindness, humility, love, and good example. "Be humble children so that God can dwell in you. Be kind and considerate to others, for each child is at a different level. Each child needs to be loved, so do not be unkind or forceful."

"A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still." As the Blessed Mother is preparing us for what is ahead in reaching out to others, we must try to understand where they are at and what approach will be best for their understanding Jesus and His true Church. But the living of the faith in our own hearts, our good example, genuine love for others who have immortal souls made in the image and likeness of God, remembering that and thus treating all with respect, will be of tremendous help to open hearts to Jesus. "More will accept the whole truth if you allow God's love to pour through you."

Over and over in the messages of this book we will hear our Blessed Mother tell of the importance that her children turn to prayer. Do we really understand what it means to pray? Since the request for prayer will be frequent, we offer a short explanation here of prayer.

#### What is Prayer?

We have heard often the definition of prayer: the raising of the mind and heart to God. There are certain kinds of prayer where no words are needed. There is mental prayer, meditation, contemplation; there is prayer of quiet (a peaceful internal repose by which the soul is captivated by the divine presence). There is the prayer of recollection, also called prayer of simplicity, where the soul gathers its various faculties to concentrate the mind and will on God; meditation is replaced by a purer, more intimate prayer consisting in a simple regard or loving thought on God, or on one of His attributes, or some Christian mystery. Reasoning is put aside and the soul peacefully attends to the operations of the Spirit with sentiments of love.

According to Sacred Scripture it is in the heart that one prays. Now what is meant by the *heart*?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us this: The heart is the dwelling-place where I am, where I live. The heart is the place to which I withdraw. The heart is our hidden center, beyond the grasp of reason and of others; only the Spirit of God can fathom the human heart and know it fully (CCC 2562-2563).

The heart is our hidden center; that is where we pray. Have you ever seen Pope John Paul II at prayer? I stood near him in the Cova da Iria at Fatima when he fell to his knees at the *capelinha* where our Lady of Fatima appeared. He knelt directly in front of the spot at which our Blessed Mother stood with a message for the world. One could see that the Pope had entered deep within himself, his hidden center, and there he communicated with God and His Mother. It seemed hardly a muscle on his face stirred. There were one million people in the Cova that evening. As the Pope knelt in silent prayer—with that vast crowd—one could have almost heard a pin drop.

In real prayer, when we come aside with Jesus, He then reveals His Heart to us. May I suggest that while you are at Mass to concentrate on all the words of the Mass. Notice that the words of the priest at the altar are not directed to Jesus Christ. They are directed to God the Father. We are praying in, with, through Jesus Christ to God the Father. In Him we are offering the Father what Jesus offered on the Cross, His own Sacrifice of Himself for our redemption. It is perpetuated.

At Mass we are offering Christ Crucified to God the Father. And the Father is offering us Christ glorified in Holy Communion. We must pray at Mass. Each one must consciously offer the Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross to God the Father at each and every Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Within the center of our hearts, we must realize in faith what is happening; what we are doing; what Jesus Christ is doing here and now at this altar. Each of us must enter into Jesus to offer Himself in Sacrifice to the Father and offer ourselves in union with him.

I've heard confessions throughout the United States and beyond and preached in these areas. Occasionally I would hear of someone admitting they were bored at Mass. "I don't get anything out of it. I wish we didn't have a liturgy, a ritual to follow. It's the same thing over and over," etc. I've known some who got so bored with Catholicism they joined the fundamentalists, etc. . . . Then what happened? After hearing over and over, week after week, "Are you saved? Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior?" But then not much more depth, and they are often reported finally to have become agnostics. It all began by failing to pray daily. So, please understand our Blessed Mother knows the need when over and over in the messages of this book from the Heart of our Mother she reminds us to pray, pray, pray,

What is the problem? What is their real problem when some get little or nothing out of Mass—discontinue? They are not praying at Mass. They are simply present to fulfill an obligation but that obligation should involve their praying at Mass, not simply a physical presence. They have not been praying daily during the week; they are not in tune with Jesus, His Mother, or heavenly persons. They put in time, wondering when will this be over, and they do not enter into their hearts to pray. That is what happens when people lose the faith. We either grow in the faith or we lose it. There is no standing still.

Notice the words, "I don't get anything out of the Mass." Do we come to Mass

to be entertained? To get something out of it? We should come to pay God our due, to worship Him, to adore Him, to offer God the Father the Victim of His Son on the Cross, Christ Crucified. We should come to Mass to give, not simply to get. And what we give is infinite, in, with and through Jesus Christ as we offer God the Father the Sacrifice of His incarnate Son perpetuated at the altar. If our faith is kept alive and we appreciate what the Mass is, how could anyone say, "I don't get anything out of it? . . . It is boring," etc.

Our Blessed Mother in her messages will encourage us to do spiritual reading, especially of the Sacred Scripture, the Gospel. We must pray while we read. We should read in a spirit of prayer. If a sentence grabs us, inspires us, then hold onto that thought and nourish it for as long as needed to fully relish a deeper insight into our appreciation and union with God in Jesus Christ.

#### Messages for Priests, "My Beloved Sons"

Do the messages received by Little Mary direct themselves to priests? Yes. Often. The Blessed Mother speaks of them as her "beloved sons."

#### Message of August 8, 2001

My daughter,

Tell my children to return quickly to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Tell them to repent of their sins so that I can lead them, closer, closer to Jesus. I am here today to wake those who are still sleeping.

Wake up dear children and begin today to live, live these messages. Begin today so that you can teach others how to pray and live a holy life. Wake up now and be true soldiers for Christ. My plea today is urgent so please be willing to do your part.

Please gather in those groups that I have formed and pray, pray from your heart. Many prayers are needed in this time of tribulation. Many prayers are needed for so many today are on the wrong path. Please be prayer-warriors and armor yourselves with God's love, joy and peace. . . .

I beg you to pray more. I ask that you stop offending God and turn away from sin. I ask that you repent of your sins and return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I ask that my sons make more time to be in the confessional. I ask that my sons stress the importance of receiving the Sacraments in the proper way. I ask that my sons take these messages seriously so they awake their flock.

There is no time to be lazy for many souls are in danger. Many souls are in danger, so please do not take my messages lightly. Practice and live them and use your hands and voice for Christ. Be an example for those priests who are not living their vocation. Unite yourselves more in prayer and teach your flock how to truly pray the Rosary. Spend more time in front of the Blessed Sacrament and ask, ask for God's assistance.

Don't try to walk alone for Satan wants to destroy you. Satan is strong and furious and he will do all that he can to pull my children away from God. More evil will enter if you allow fear and pride to rule your hearts. Please do not fear for I am truly here to assist you.

I will truly assist you if you live these messages.

I will touch the hearts of those who come and pray, pray the Rosary. I will shower each

child with my grace and protect them with my mantle. Please, dear chosen sons, have faith and trust in my motherly assistance. Consecrate yourselves to my Immaculate Heart and I will protect you from the great difficulties which are coming.

Live your faith and teach your flock and I promise you more will awake from their slumber. Be prayerful and keep your doors open for those who come in need of your assistance. Live a saintly life and be willing now to work long hours. In time your service for Our Lord will not go unnoticed. Many will be saved from the fires of hell. Many will come to know Jesus if you truly, truly spread the truth.

Many more souls will be prepared if you truly use your hands and voice for Christ. So please, dear chosen sons, reach out now to your flock. Reach out in love and nurture those who are sleeping. Let the world know that I am truly here to assist those who turn away from sin. Let the world know that there will be consequences for sin. Let the world know that abortion is wrong and that each child must respect life.

Let the world know that through prayer and true devotion to Jesus all evil can be destroyed. Please do not be afraid for I, your Mother, will be at your side. I will encourage you on your difficult days so that you never lose hope. I will assist all my children for I am a Mother to each of you.

So, please pray now and ask God to guide you to those who are sleeping. This time is your time to truly respond and live, live these messages. So be more willing instead of fearful and truly make these messages known. Be merciful and love one another and go forth now and feed your flock, teach my children the right way and help my Son now to carry the Cross.

Be faithful to my Son and to me. Be faithful and true servants for Jesus Christ. Amen.

On the evening of December 29, 2002, Little Mary called me to share about the diabolical attacks she was receiving. She thus knew it was going to be a long, hard night of suffering. "I just know from this experience the message tomorrow will be a hard message."

#### December 30, 2002

My daughter,

Please continue to write and relay my words so more hearts open to the truth. Please do all that you can to save souls so more turn to God before it's too late. I am asking today that all my children do their part so more come to know my Son Jesus.

Dear children, conversion cannot happen unless you do your part. So please tell the world to begin now to pray the Rosary. Great destruction will happen to this world if man does not repent of their sins and turn to God. Without prayer and true devotion to our Lord many lives will be destroyed. Difficult times await those who refuse to repent and obey God.

Dear Parents, gather your children and kneel before a crucifix. Pray together each new day and ask, ask for God's guidance. Ask God to help you become a more prayerful family. Ask God to help you rescue those children who are walking alone. Ask and then pray, pray for one another.

Prayer will truly strengthen you for times ahead. Prayer and true devotion to Christ is what will build family unity. Lack of prayer will only cause much more turmoil in your home.

The earth will tremble more if parents don't begin now to live these messages.

Dear chosen priests, wake up your flock for all is not peaceful. Many homes are in turmoil because of lack of faith and family prayer. Many today are at war with each other because hearts, many hearts have become so cold. Please do your part or you will see much more destruction and bloodshed.

Suicide is on the rise because of lack of family prayer. Satan is strong and without prayer he will continue to attack. Please stress the importance of prayer and quality time before the Bless Sacrament. Stress the importance of daily Mass, Confession and Penance.

Use your hands and voice and wake, wake your flock now. I am warning all my children today because you each have a part to play. How can unity be restored if there is not peace in your homes? How can unity be restored if there is division in the Church? How can there be true love in your hearts if you do not take time to be with Jesus?

Today I weep, weep for my children. I weep because so many are being fooled by the world. Many today have turned to their wealth for happiness. Please join hands and work together and pray, pray, pray more. These times are urgent and you must be willing to do your part. My time to be with you will not last so please be more grateful for our Church and your priests. Be grateful each time you can receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

Now please believe in Almighty God. Believe, believe, dear children, in the power of prayer. In time there will be a great day of light, but for now you must be willing to help those in darkness. Pray, hope and be strong now so you continue to climb and move forward for Jesus. Amen.

[After the above message Little Mary said to Our Blessed Mother, "Blessed Mother, Fr. Fox will be leaving (his parish). What should he tell his people? The reply she heard is as follows]:

Live the Gospel.

Then there was a pause in which Blessed Mother said nothing. After a while the Blessed Mother added:

He has taught them well. Now they must live it.

Not knowing the future ahead for me, and who might be my successor after more than 18 years in the parish, I interpreted this to mean that I was to tell my people the following:

You know the true faith. We know not what lies ahead. If ever anyone would attempt to speak in the name of the Church, in the name of Jesus, and misrepresent the true Church, the true Catholic teachings, and Jesus the Head, you will have no excuse to accept falsehoods. You will still have the serious duty to teach the fullness of true faith and its practice to your children for future generations. You will still have the duty to live the true faith yourselves even if not presented rightly.

I want to give you an example. I just heard from my niece who lives with her husband in a major American city in the Midwest. In the major city the Church has had many problems which the media has not ignored. She tells how her teenage children return from CCD classes reporting things that are taught which are contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church. She said, "I do not know whether to continue to send them to CCD classes or not. I cannot even find a priest in this area who will hear individual confessions."

I answered my niece as follows: "If such is truly being taught in CCD classes in your parish, you would do serious wrong by sending your children there. You must teach them at home yourself. I suggest you get the book *Jesus—Light* 

of the World, and use that to teach your children. There are surely some good priests around who hear individual confessions, as all parish priests are required to do. Search for those priests, even if you have to drive a distance to take your family to confession.

The message presented below pertains to family life. It was received on

#### January 14, 2002

My daughter,

Be at peace and know that I am with you. I am pleased with your sacrifice and suffering for our Lord. Continue to love, obey and serve our Lord. Through your willingness to do what God and I are asking of you, many more souls will be saved.

Today I ask that all my children be true soldiers for Christ. I ask that you spend more time with Jesus so that you can truly hear our Lord. I ask that you spend more time with your family so that you grow together in Christ. Many families today are in turmoil due to lack of time together.

Dear parents, work on your relationship so that you can be an example for your children. Spend time together in prayer so that God can direct you on this earth. Be faithful to your responsibilities and live, live your vocation. Do not allow the world to raise your children. Join hands and work together so division does not enter your home. Concentrate on building family unity so you stay strong for each other. Support one another and rescue those who have fallen into darkness.

Be forgiving, loving children for then there will be peace in your hearts and in your home. Come together to church and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Come together and God will give you the grace needed to stay strong for our Lord and each other.

It is pertinent in this time, in which God has allowed, to grow together in holiness. It is pertinent because when change occurs you will need to be strong for each other. If you do not take hold of your family now you will see much more division in your home. Please take heed to what I am telling you for the enemy will do all that he can to destroy family unity.

Families must begin now to pray the Rosary together. Each member in the family must set time aside to pray, pray the Rosary together. Each child must let go of their selfish desires in order to grow and blossom together.

I say to each of you, be wise and listen to my motherly advice. Do what I am asking of you so you stay strong through all trials and persecution. Don't give in to the world. Allow God to be in control of your life.

Fathers, you must do your part and ask St. Joseph to intercede for you. You must provide and protect your children from the evil that lingers in this world. You must be willing to set rules and discipline in love. You must shut the noise off in your home so you can truly be directed by God.

Dear Mothers, you must live more simply so you can be there for your children. You must let go of your desires, for your children need you more than you can imagine. Your children need love, not more wealth. Your children need love and support so they make the right choices.

On this earth, dear Mothers, you must gather your children and bind your Rosaries around this world. You must pray more so your children do not fall further away from God. You must dress modestly and be an example for your children.

There is no longer time to do as you please. You must pray more and teach your children to do the same. There will be no excuses when you each see your soul. Each child will have to answer to God. Now please be more willing to love, obey and serve God. Be more willing to join hands and take part in building family unity.

Be willing to imitate the Holy Family so you can become true apostles of unity.

This message is for all my children, for you each have a soul. In order for there to be unity you must live the Gospel and be an example for those who are choosing, choosing darkness. Go forth now and love, love one another, just as Jesus and I love each one of you. Amen.

Often, when I have been talking to Little Mary, she has said something which was profound in its simplicity. Then she would softly say, that I would hardly catch it, "Mary just told me that."

I would have to ask her, "Just now?" Answer: "Yes."

"You heard Mary's voice as well as you are hearing mine now?" "Yes."

Here are some examples. A priest came to speak in the parish who was known to be liberal and somewhat flippant. He would tell jokes, as if he were there to entertain. At Sunday Mass, even during the time of Consecration, he would interrupt the Mass to tell something about the days he would be in the parish preaching. Jesus said to her during the Mass, "Where is the reverence?"

After the Monday evening session Little Mary was helping serve cookies, etc.; for those who came. The priest walked up to her and said, "Are you Little Mary? If the Blessed Mother gives any message concerning me will you share it with me?" Little Mary agreed.

The message for the priest was not long in coming. At 11:00 that evening she received this message for the priest:

"My daughter, tell my son that everything he needs to know is in today's mes-

sage. [The message given that morning.]

"The Blessed Mother then said, I am here to assist my priests, if they would only take my hand. What offends God most is when people receive Jesus with mortal sin on their souls. Many must relearn their ways and they must come to know the true teachings of the Church. Reverence is needed in church because my Son Jesus is truly present and alive in the Eucharist."

The following is the message of that morning, February 25, given at 8:20,

to which the Blessed Mother referred:

My daughter,

One will not truly understand the importance of receiving the Sacraments until they take time to pray and be with God. Through prayer one will be led closer to Jesus. Through prayer and a hunger to be fed the truth, one will be guided by God. Without hunger in one's heart and true devotion to our Lord one will not be fed in the proper way.

Many souls, especially the youth, are starving to be fed but they are not being taught in the proper way. So today, I ask that you reach out and share the importance of prayer and true devotion to our Lord. Through prayer and quiet time with our Lord one will hunger to receive the Sacraments.

Dear children, my mission on this earth is to lead my children closer to God. I am here to teach those who will listen to my motherly requests. I am here to light the way so more hunger for the truth. I am not here to entertain you. I am here to make the Gospel

known. I am here to wake those who are refusing to open their hearts to the truth. I am here because so many families are in turmoil. So many are giving in to the world instead

of truly turning to God.

Pride and selfishness have truly darkened this world. There would be no need for these messages if all were doing their part. Laziness has caused so much evil to enter this world. If my children would respond to these messages family unity would be restored. A response is needed in order to go forth as soldiers for Christ. Each must do their part in this time of God's mercy. Each person must let go of self-will, laziness and pride. Each must do their part and be humble and loving. Each child must surrender to God's love and mercy. This will be your shield against evil and hatred. Today I am pleading with my children to allow God's love to enter your hearts. I am asking for a response today because Satan wants to destroy this world. You must establish a time of family prayer in your homes. You must respond and use this time of mercy more wisely. You must join hands and support each other.

You must be faithful children and come to Mass as often as you can. You must cleanse your souls and be truly sorry for your sins. You must pray and fast and hunger daily to be fed the truth. You must be loving towards all members of your families.

You must live the whole truth and obey what God is asking of each of you. You must take hold of your family now for this time will not last forever. You must not delay for a

response is needed now.

Will you please begin today? Will you please teach others how to pray the Rosary? Will you please let go of your desires now and trust, trust in Almighty God? Please surrender yourself to Jesus and me and entrust your entire family to us.

We are truly here and we love you, so please accept our love that we have for each of you. My time is growing shorter, so please respond and make, make these messages known. Amen.

The above personal message, plus the message of the day to which the priest was directed, had a profound effect on him. The very next morning at Mass he spoke of messages Mary is giving certain souls in the world today and gave evidence of the beginning of a conversion. Later that very day he phoned Little Mary and asked her to come to the evening service and tell him if there was any further message for him from the Mother of God.

One day when I was reading to Little Mary the message for Unity of the Church given Myrna Nazzour in Damascus, Syria, as I was in the process of writing the book, *Our Lady of Soufanieh [Light from the East—Miracles in Damascus]*, Mary received a message from our heavenly Mother. "There cannot be Unity until people pray."

The messages of Our Lady of Soufanieh—which I was reading Little Mary—concerned UNITY for the Church and home, for individual families as well as

Christians of the world, as follows:

My children, let it be said between us, I have come back here. Do not insult the haughty who are devoid of humility. The humble person craves other people's remarks to correct his shortcomings, while the corrupt and haughty neglects, rebels, becomes hostile. Forgiveness is the best thing. He who pretends to be pure and loving before people, is impure before God.

I would like to request something from you, a word that you will engrave in your memory, that you shall always repeat: God save me, Jesus enlightens me, the Holy Spirit

is my life, thus I fear nothing. . . . Forbear and forgive. Forbear much less than the Father has forborne.

I myself do not deserve to tell you: "Your sins are forgiven." But my God has said it. Establish a church. I did not say: "Build a church." The Church that Jesus adopted is One Church, because Jesus is One. The Church is the kingdom of heaven on earth. He who has divided it has sinned. And he who has rejoiced from its division has also sinned. Jesus built it. It was small. And when it grew, it became divided. He who divided it has no love in him. Gather!

I tell you: "Pray, pray, and pray again!" How beautiful are my children when they kneel down, imploring. Do not fear, I am with you. Do not be divided as the great ones are. You, yourselves, will teach the generations the word of unity, love and faith. Pray for the inhabitants of earth and heaven."

The mission of Soufanieh is known widely by the Orthodox and has high favor by the Orthodox Patriarch in Damascus, Syria, with whom I met in writing the book, *Light from the East.* Soufanieh has great interest and support from Catholics as well. Knowing it was an important book for unity and would be closely scrutinized, I asked Little Mary if she felt it was proper to ask our Blessed Mother how I was doing on the Soufanieh book as I was nearing its conclusion, with still much work to do on it in revisions, etc. Was I writing it as Jesus and Mary would like?

On March 1, 2002, First Friday, Little Mary phoned me to say she had received this message from the Blessed Mother for me: "Tell my son that God is with him, he should not fear. The Gospel is truly embedded in his heart. Tell him to continue to write and listen, listen to his heart.

"What needs to be addressed is that more prayer is needed in order for there to be unity in the one true Church <u>and in the home</u>. Without prayer one will not understand the importance of receiving the Sacraments. Without prayer unity cannot be restored.

"Tell my children to turn to prayer for without prayer love cannot escalate in their hearts. Without love there cannot be harmony in a world so divided."

Notice that Little Mary reports of our heavenly Mother speaking of unity "in the home" as well as in the universal Church. She had not known I was writing on Our Lady of Soufanieh's message, for which I had gone to Damascus, Syria, to research and which contains the same message.

One Monday evening in the summer of 2002, I was present at her parish and asked to be the main celebrant of the Mass and to give the homily as well as the talk after the Mass. These Monday evening gatherings often last at least three hours for Mass, Rosary time, prayer, messages, and commentaries. The evenings last far later for those who stay to be prayed over individually in a special way.

The next day after I participated in the Monday evening spiritual events Little Mary wrote to me the following:

Thank you for last night. Your talk was right on! Giovanna, who sits up front with me during the time the messages are read, counted over 1,200 people present. What a blessing.

I received a beautiful message yesterday and it was like your talk. During Mass—I have never seen this before—but the Eucharist was pure gold. It was just the color of the

chalice. In heaven everything is gold and I believe we had a taste of heaven last night. I escaped into another room after Mass and prayed that Jesus and Blessed Mother would help me read those messages as I really didn't have time to go through them all. Blessed Mother was right there with me, thank heavens. People came up to me and said they heard about the group and didn't really know how beautiful it was and they really felt blessed to be there.

When I prayed over people last night Jesus' warmth really came through my hands. Jesus wanted everyone to know how much he loves them. He told me to tell the people that he has opened his heart for them and they were to open their hearts wider for him.

Also, I saw a black cross on your hand, on the inside part. It was your left hand. I don't know what that was. I smelled roses as did others.

I met with a priest, Fr. Jerry, before Mass as my pastor set it up. He told me that he wanted to help me in any way that he could. He told me he is a convert as he was formerly Baptist. He's been a priest for one year and he said through the messages that he's coming to know the Blessed Mother. He said that he never knew her and is feeling more drawn to her. He asked me to pray with him and wants one day to witness to the group about his conversion.

God is sure wonderful and is opening the hearts of those who said things were evil. Terry and I would love to go to Fatima. I'll have to tell you something Blessed Mother told me as I asked her if I should go.

I want you to see my rabbits and the deer [that comes up from the river] to be fed behind my house. Hope you can talk to my dad who is so wonderful and he prayed over me yesterday morning because I was having a hard time. I feel as though I never do a good enough job on Monday nights but I felt calmer than I thought I would. I told everyone to be on their best behavior because you were coming. (Ha! Ha!).

Thank you for your kindness as you helped open a new door so more would come and hear the beautiful messages. Blessed Mother said she showered everyone who was in that Church last night whether they wanted it or not. What a good Mother.—Little Mary.

One day when I was talking to Little Mary she casually mentioned to me that one time our Blessed Mother took her through purgatory. She said that previously, before these mystical experiences, she used to say: "I'll be happy if I can just get to purgatory. I was thinking then I know I will eventually get to heaven. But I did not realize how much souls can suffer in purgatory until our Blessed Mother took my hand and led me through purgatory."

This is how Little Mary described purgatory as it was shown to her by our Blessed Mother. "Our Lady took me by the hand and led me. There was fire. It was so terrible I thought it was hell. I said to Mary, 'That is the fire of hell.' 'No,' she said, 'it is the lowest region of purgatory.' Mary said, 'There are different levels to purgatory as there are different levels [degrees of happiness] in heaven.' The people at the lowest levels of purgatory were dirty; they didn't have much clothing on, they were in pain, suffering terribly, had terrible looks on their faces. When our Blessed Mother led me to the higher levels of purgatory the people were happy, smiling, and there was the beginning of a glow around them."

I have learned of many accounts of people reportedly miraculously healed when they came to the Monday night prayer sessions and/or had Little Mary pray over them. Of course it is always God who does the healing.

One account struck me, for I knew the woman in advance. Her name was

Stephanie Gazick and her husband is Steve Gazick. She had come to the Fatima Family Congress at Mid-America's Fatima Family Shrine in my parish of St. Mary of Mercy in Alexandria, South Dakota, in June of 2001, 2002, and 2003. Stephanie was also at a retreat I gave in November, 2001 in Birmingham, Alabama. At that time she was newly pregnant with the sixth child she and her husband were expecting. Each of the five children already born involved deliveries which had been most difficult. Thus as the months progressed she worried that as the time came there would be grave and painful difficulties at delivery which could develop for both her and her sixth child.

The week of July 7-13 Stephanie asked Little Mary to pray that her child would be born on July 16, the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Little Mary did this but then received the answer from the Blessed Mother, "No. That will be too late. The child is in danger now. Stephanie must get to her doctor now." She did. The doctor's investigation showed that the child was being strangled by its umbilical cord and in grave danger of being choked to death. Many complications were developing by the moment. Babies in the womb do not have bowel movements unless under grave stress. This had happened. The baby would soon be poisoned as well as choked.

Discovering this, the doctor gave Stephanie some shots and the baby which was finally delivered under great difficulties was a healthy baby boy, giving Stephanie and her husband three girls and three boys.

The doctor said, "I believe in you now, Little Mary. You can join my medical team."

On August 8, 2002, Stephanie phoned me for a long conversation describing how the message from our Blessed Mother had saved her baby Jonathan, whose second name would be Luke because of the intercession of the Blessed Mother and St. Luke whom she had invoked. She wanted three Masses offered in thanksgiving for the safety of the baby and for her pastor; one was to be on October 18, the feast of St. Luke. I promised to offer two more Masses for the same intention at the Fatima Shrine in Portugal. In early July, 2003, when I saw the baby Jonathan, then just under one year of age, he looked like an angel to me.

Monday nights remained a challenge for Little Mary each week. Repeatedly she would ask me if I'd come and read the messages on that night. After all, I then lived only about 200 miles away. Or, "Would you ask the pastor if he will read them so that I don't have to go?" Many have found it most difficult to understand why this should seem burdensome when it appears so supernatural and the messages are so beautiful and bringing many to Jesus and His Church.

On July 7, 2002, at 6:25 p.m., Little Mary called me, holding back the tears. She did not see how she could go up to church. I tried, as I had for the months before, to be patient, compassionate, and understanding of what she was going through. After all, this was not just stubbornness; she was under diabolical attacks. But I could tell that this particular evening was the worst yet to date in my experience of dealing with her in not wanting to go on a Monday night. I assured her that all would go well and after it was over, in a day or two, she would be happy she went and the problems she now beheld would not seem so grave. She went. At first she sat so unnoticeably in the back of the church that others in charge did not think she had come. The evening went well.

A couple days later I talked to Little Mary by phone and told her that I

understood there were some big conversions on the Monday night of July 7, 2002. "How did you know?" she asked in surprise. "Oh! that was easy," I answered. "It is obvious when you are under extra strong attacks by the devil not to go, the reason is that the devil does not want some conversions, healings, to take place."

It seems that Little Mary reads very little; she seldom listens to a radio or watches television, even the news. Yet she has shared with me information that later I'd hear on the news, for instance, the terrorists in the United States.

Little Mary's difficulties in dealing with guidance comes, as I could see it, not simply from stubbornness or lack of obedience, but difficulties in calming herself and relaxing. When she talks to me on the phone she is usually working at the same time: dusting, doing dishes, cutting up chicken for the evening meal, etc. She finds it very, very difficult just to settle down and relax. There is a combination of things, I believe, physical and spiritual. The messages, of which I've read hundreds, are pure and simple Catholicism. True, most today don't know the basics. I don't think Little Mary knew many basics in any depth when she was chosen for this mission. She learned them in greater depth and grew through the years.

Her spiritual director has seemed to Little Mary to be handling her too strictly and in an authoritative, non-bending way. That doubtlessly had been necessary. When Little Mary has not understood her spiritual director's demands, from my heart I always agreed with him and backed him up. Little Mary would want to know "Why? Why?" he would make such demands. I would explain how I could see "Why" he was insisting as he did. Then she would ask, "Why doesn't my spiritual director explain it like that to me? I would answer that "He is a different personality. It is not his nature. He seems to be a man of few words." Little Mary, on the other hand, has need of reassurance, compassion, explanations, and the like. As time went on, just before the end of the year 2003, Our Blessed Mother told Little Mary that I too had been chosen as part of this mission, which I interpreted to be the role of facilitator.

Reading—perhaps for the third time, having been introduced to it many years before—the book, *Way of Divine Love*, about a Spanish nun in the early 1900s, I noticed so many similarities. So many of the same modes of operation, temptations and difficulties Little Mary experiences, such as note taking, temptations not to cooperate, to tear up the messages, devil attacks—all are very much the same that Josepfa Menendez experienced. That nun was receiving spiritual formation which Little Mary did not have. Little Mary is very child-like, something praised by Jesus Christ, and I think that may be the reason she was chosen.

I wrote to one who inquired and was getting involved but seemed to lack understanding of any mystical theology:

"The things you mention and wonder about are a mystery. What may be simple for us is not for her. We have not seen, heard, experienced what she has—being lifted mystically into heavenly experiences; heaven, hell, and purgatory. All this is not a first in salvation history. It is in the lives of mystics, even saints through the centuries. What may be different is that in our times of serious family crisis God and His Mother are using married people—family people—for mysticism.

In the case of Little Mary it started when her children were very young. There is a reason and message in all this: that God is now using married people, family

people. I am in contact with three such married people, mystics, in the United States and even in Damascus, Syria. My book, *Light from the East—Miracles in Damascus*, illustrates that.

"It seems like some would want to manage things regarding Monday nights and those surrounding Little Mary in the way one might manage on the job things of a professional sort. But we are dealing here with the supernatural. Little Mary still needs these human relationships. Even Jesus did as we see with Lazarus and Martha and Mary; also with his favorite Apostle John, Jesus required warm, human relationships.

"I don't think we can imagine what sufferings Little Mary goes through. When she clams up and refuses to talk, it is not necessarily a mark against her advisor or friend, or a rejection, but her inability at the time to cope with the stress and pressures. It is the only way she knows to live with the moment of stress.

"Little Mary has been told from above that the messages are for the world. She feels under compulsion to get them out. And yet there are restrictions placed on her in doing so. With her childlike dispositions she finds it all overwhelming. I could see why her bishop would speak or write to another bishop interested in having Little Mary in his diocese that what it is about are Little Mary's reflections. He could hardly recommend at this time to an interested bishop that she be sent or allowed to go with the local bishop's recommendation into another diocese or even country. It is difficult for Little Mary to understand that when he spoke of her "reflections," he was acting in his capacity of prudence as a bishop and not necessarily from a position of personal belief or non-belief. He had, after all, allowed the Monday nights for years." [This was to change after a new pastor was assigned.]

It is remarkable who her husband Terry is. God knew who her husband was when God and His heavenly Mother Mary chose Little Mary for this mission. I told one of her [temporary advisors, not her spiritual director], "I am confident you pray for divine guidance in helping Little Mary. Don't take it personally if she reacts toward you with seeming defiance. There can be much more behind it, unsaid and unseen." There is danger in anyone, priest, deacon or lay-person relishing a position as an advisor, not aware of the diabolical attacks that can come.

I've heard often from Little Mary. The sample letter below, written July 15, 2002, reveals some of her heart.

#### Dear Fr. Fox:

Tomorrow if I'm still on this earth, I will be on the 146th notebook. I started thinking our dear Blessed Mother never gives up on us. Even a [professional] author would go dry. Who could write that many messages in so many different loving ways?

I keep looking at that card you sent to me with the Mother Swan on the lake and her babies riding on her back. It would be easier if I would trust more in our Blessed Mother [like the baby swans trust their mother]. Maybe if I start to trust I could have a ride on a swan's back (Ha!).

I wish I could come to visit South Dakota and spend time in your church. It's so holy and beautiful. The people in your parish are very, very lucky, so don't forget that. Blessed Mother sure loves you and some day you'll have a high place in heaven alongside your mother. This came from the Blessed Mother.

Don't ever give up! Keep spreading the truth, especially to those who don't want to hear it.

I feel more peace inside ever since Deacon has been lightening my load. I didn't realize how much I was trying to do. Blessed Mother told me Saturday I would have to give up the metals and allow some one else to do that distribution as she wants to direct and teach me more. I had to tell Deacon this and I know eventually I'll have to turn them over to some one else.

It will not be long until we [our FFA group] go to Fatima.

Do you ever stop to think how blessed you are to have consecrated hands. I find myself looking at priests' hands for how they are so blessed to hold Jesus. Something to think about. Your angel put an empty candy bar wrapper in the mail. I'm afraid if my angel sends you one with candy it will melt in this heat. I'll wait for a cool day and then have Jonah deliver you some!

God bless you. May Jesus and Mary rest in your heart.—Little Mary Jonah.

The signature with the addition of "Jonah" is because I added that name on to "Little Mary" when I would speak to her because I told her she reminded me of Jonah in Sacred Scripture, who was finally swallowed by the whale. He didn't want to be God's messenger either.

I've often found that having a conversation with Little Mary is like a conversation with three persons, one of those persons being our Blessed Mother. Frequently during our conversations Little Mary has shared with me what "Big Mary" has just said to her. Often the messages concerned spiritual matters which we had been discussing. Once I expressed the desire that the Church would define a fifth Marian Dogma of faith, namely, Mary as Co-redemptrix, Mediatrix, and Advocate. The Blessed Mother, according to Little Mary, joined in saying, "First more must come to me for assistance." This meant more people must trust in the prayerful intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and request her help in prayer.

In August 2002, Little Mary shared with me that Our Lord Jesus Christ had appeared to her showing His Sacred Heart. The Heart was pulsating and radiating light. He showed her the wounds on His hands and asked her to touch His wounds with her hands. She did. I asked if it were like touching someone's hands in a physical way. "Did you feel a physical body?" Little Mary answered, "There was warmth."

Jesus said to her: "You can heal these wounds."

Healing Jesus' wounds could be done by Little Mary's own sufferings, penances, prayers, and sacrifices. I explained to Little Mary that healing Jesus' wounds did not mean that the wounds in Jesus' physical glorified body in heaven would be healed in a physical way. This surprised her, so I explained it was meant in a mystical way they would be healed.

"Mystical,' what does that mean?" she asked.

"Well! 'Mystical' has to do with people who have mystical experiences like you do," I said. I explained that, in mystical theology, explanations would say that you are not to interpret that the wounds in Jesus are being physically healed as one's wounds on earth would be. Jesus kept the wound-marks in His hands, feet and side after His resurrection and these are now glorified in heaven. They don't need physical healing.

I told Little Mary that Jesus is not asking for the healing of His physical wounds, not those of His physical resurrected Body now in heaven, but the wounds of His Mystical Body, the Church. Jesus suffers in His Mystical Body because of the sins of mankind and those who reject Him. He is asking for con-

version of sinners, that they come back to God and to divine grace. They hurt the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ.

"But God has so tempered the body together in due portion as to give more abundant honor where it was lacking; that there may be no disunion in the body, but that the members may have care for one another. And if one member suffers anything, all the members suffer with it, or if one member glories, all the members rejoice with it.

"Now you are the body of Christ, member for member. And God indeed has placed some in the Church, first apostles, secondly prophets, thirdly teachers; after that miracles, then gifts of healing, services of help, power of administration, and the speaking of various tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have the gift of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? Yet all strive after the greater gifts" (1 Cor. 12: 24-31).

What has helped make Little Mary credible to me is her profound simplicity and explaining some of these things to her which she has experienced, the explanation is like news to her. When giving the explanation as noted here she replied, "Oh! I thought I was to heal His physical wounds." That reminds one of how St. Francis of Assisi first thought the request of Jesus to build up His Church meant to repair the chapels deteriorating in the woods and the ceiling falling down.

Mystical theology is defined as the science of the spiritual life, with emphasis on the operation of divine grace. It deals with the higher forms of mental prayer and with such extraordinary phenomena as are recorded in the lives of the saints. It is the science of the study of mystic states. It is commonly distinguished from ascetical theology, which emphasizes free cooperation with and predisposition for divine grace.

On August 22, 2002, the Feast of the Queenship of Mary, Little Mary shared the information below with me. It concerned something which happened earlier in the month and was more complete than when she had first related the same to me a week or so earlier. She was now more willing to describe in detail this experience.

"One night two weeks ago Jesus came to me. His Heart was exposed and it was extremely red with rays of light coming out of it. He told me: I love you just the way you are. Touch my wounds.' Jesus' wounds in His hands were visible to me. I was afraid to but I did. Jesus said, 'By doing what I and my Mother are asking of you, you can help heal my wounds.' It was such a mystical experience and I did not want to share this in my journal. [Little Mary keeps a journal of special experiences which were not read publicly on Monday nights when for some years it was permitted by the diocese.]

"I then asked Our Lord to help me to surrender as I am fighting this messenger job (I could see Jesus when I asked him this). Ever since I asked for Jesus' help something broke in me. I feel this peace I cannot explain. I feel giggly inside. I feel this love for Jesus I never had. I feel like I will do this messenger job for Jesus so that I can help heal His wounds which I have caused. Jesus' rays which were coming from His Heart were at that very moment pouring down on me like rain going through my body.

"Jesus said that all I have to do is ask for His assistance [I had not really asked before. I was always just asking for other people, not for myself]. And then Jesus told me: 'Your cross will get heavier,' but that I would have peace no matter what I must endure

"I was told the pain in my hands will become more excruciating but through this suffering more souls will be touched. "Since that day I have had peace. I've had more sufferings since that day. "I feel so weak some days, yet I know I will never endure what Jesus had to go through. When I feel like giving up I will remember seeing Jesus' love poured forth from His Heart. I remember touching His wounds and the sorrow I felt for not being cooperative and more thankful for being chosen in these times."

#### Chapter 5

### Messages from the Blessed Mother

#### September 5, 2001, Wednesday

My daughter,

Prayers are needed, so continue to pray and offer your suffering to Our Lord. Continue to fast and give thanks to God for then the enemy will flee. Prayer and fasting are necessary for so much evil lingers, lingers in this world.

So many children have allowed their hearts to become cold. So many today do not pray or turn to God for assistance. How I weep for those children who do not begin their

day with prayer. I weep because prayer is their protection.

Dear children, do you want to see much more violence and bloodshed? Do you want more evil to enter, enter this world? You will see much more if you do not increase your prayers. If parents don't take hold of their children the enemy will grasp them. Please listen to my motherly advice and teach your children right from wrong. Pray with them and teach them how to truly live the Gospel.

Be responsible parents and make time to pray with your children. Be responsible, instead of allowing the world to raise your children. Be loving parents and be more grateful for this time in which God has allowed to nurture and teach your children. Do not abuse this time, for your children truly need to be prepared for times to come. They too will need to have a strong faith so they do not give in to the one who will claim he is Christ.

Yes, Satan has many plans and those who are weak in their faith will be fooled. Get strong now, dear children, and truly, truly come to know God. Come to Mass together as a family so you grow together. Cleanse your soul after truly examining your conscience so you do not hide your sins from God.

Teach your children the importance of doing penance for their sins. Please, dear parents, live these messages and guide your children. Assist those children who are furthest away from God. Assist them by our example so they come to know God's love and mercy.

Don't ignore your children for each child is special and they need to feel loved. Get down on your knees and pray and ask God to guide you each new day.

I am here today to remind you to pray and gather, gather your children. I am here to remind you to truly live these messages. Make time for God so you can truly live your vocation. Make time for God so you have the strength needed to live a holy life.

Prayer, true prayer from your hearts, is what will help you persevere. Prayer and a personal relationship with Jesus is how you will stay strong for your children. Through prayer and true devotion to Jesus you will be protected from the evil one. So please be wise and converse with God. Spend time throughout the day to be with Almighty God. Trust in God's love so you go to him with all your needs. Trust and believe that God listens as you pray and speak to Him.

Take up your cross and believe that you will never have to carry it alone. Believe that God will assist those who come to him with an open heart. Believe this so that fear does not enter your hearts. Now I ask that you draw closer, closer to Jesus so you are truly guided on this earth. Through prayer and a true relationship with Jesus you will come to know the divine truth.

So please respond now so you become the parents God intended you to be. Each time you pray, I will join you, so please gather your children and pray for family unity. Gather your children and accept my son's peace by accepting His will for you. Amen.

The world is well aware of the terrible acts of terrorism in the United States, which happened on September 11, 2001. I was on the way from Australia to Damascus, Syria, when the acts occurred. I had been speaking at various places in Australia for the Fatima Family Apostolate and did not discover the destruction of the World Trade Center towers, etc., until I arrived in Damascus. The month before, August 2001, Little Mary had told me that Our Lady had said that the ground would shake and life in the United States would change.

When I heard the sad news, upon arrival in Damascus, I immediately remembered what Little Mary had said about "the ground will shake" and "life in the United States will change." In the following year, countless times commentators of the news would mention that "life in the United States had changed. . . ." It was reported in New York that the ground shook as the planes hit and the twin Trade Centers came down.

The Blessed Mother said to Little Mary that some who died in the September 11, 2001, terrorists' attacks were not prepared.

#### September 13, 2001, Thursday Pray for the Souls in Purgatory. Keep yourself prepared for eternity.

My daughter,

Let the world know that there is a heaven and a hell but also a purgatory. Those who are in purgatory must be purified before they can see heaven. My daughter, many prayers are needed for those in purgatory. Many suffer, especially those who have no one to pray for them.

The lower end of purgatory is far worse than a burning building, for how they long to meet Almighty God. Today, I ask that all my children pray for those souls that are suffering in purgatory. I ask that you pray throughout the day, for many souls are not prepared when it is their time to leave this earth. Prayers are needed, my daughter, so that is why I have shown you the lower ends of purgatory.

All must come to know the truth so they do not waste their time on this earth. All must believe in God and do penance for their sins. All must strive hard to live a pure and holy, holy life. I am here today to wake my children for yet so many are sleeping on this earth. Many souls are not prepared, so today I must wake my children. I must remind all my children that you must obey all of God's commandments, and live, live the beatitudes.

[Each] one must do penance for their sins every day and be truly, truly sorry for them. One must repent and then believe that God is merciful. [Each] one must truly examine their conscience and not try to hide their sins from God.

America must awake soon for so many have fallen away from the Sacraments. Many have allowed their lives to become so busy they have no time for God. Yes, many do not pray or fast because of their excuses. So many today have no relationship with God. I say to those who are sleeping, wake up, wake up, now. Turn your life around so you are prepared to meet Almighty God. Come to Mass more often and receive the Sacraments in the proper way. Relearn your faith and ask, ask for God's guidance. Don't wait for tragedy to strike, prepare your soul now. Give up your selfish desires so you have more time to pray and converse with God. God will show you the way if you truly seek Him. God will guide you on this earth if you come to Him with an open heart. Yes, God will truly be there for those who believe and trust, trust in Him.

Please prepare now for I am warning you, much evil exists all around this world. All must be ready to meet God. All must be willing to give up their earthly possessions. All must be willing to be purified on this earth and that will not happen if you are unwilling to pick up your cross. Your prayers and penance offered is soothing to God. Every act of kindness that you do will truly lead you closer to God. By receiving the Sacraments you will be healed in those areas where you are weak.

Each time you spend time with our Lord in adoration you are showered with His love and grace. Please take heed to this message and reform your ways now. Be good and loving children and do not carry hate in your hearts. Forgive those who do not know Jesus and pray, pray for their souls. Forgive and love all your brothers and sisters.

There will be another war without your response. Without love and peace in your hearts many more lives will be destroyed. There is no time to have hate in your hearts, only time to pray and love, love one another.

So please join hands and pray for peace. Please join hands and pray, pray from your hearts. Each prayer will save souls and will lead you and those in purgatory closer, closer to Almighty God. Amen.

Little Mary was shown the lower regions of purgatory and at first she thought she was seeing hell. She was told "no" it was not hell but purgatory, as the poor souls could not have been crying out to God for mercy if they were in hell.

Little Mary explained to the author how terrible the lower regions were—dark— "the souls, you could hardly see them." They were like in dense dark clouds in rags, very sad. The Blessed Mother had hold of Mary's hand and as they progressed to higher regions it became brighter. The souls seemed happier. The higher one went the happier they were and more light surrounded these souls.

Little Mary stressed how important it is to pray for the suffering souls in pur-

gatory. Many people forget the obligation to pray for the poor souls.

"Wars are caused by sin." Our Lady of Fatima said that. It was also said by early Church Fathers. Many people are living sinful lives today—the couples living together without benefit of marriage, married people disregarding the laws of God and His Church with respect to human sexuality, and then, many of them going to Holy Communion in mortal sin. Repeatedly we are told that ours is a time of mercy. A time of justice is fast approaching.

While the souls in purgatory suffer greatly, especially those at the lower regions, yet, they know one day they will enter heaven and partake of the beatific

vision of God for all eternity.

# September 17, 2001, Monday His children are refusing his love, grace and mercy.... "Take refuge in my Heart every day so that I can protect you."

My daughter,

Today I want all my children to know that God is merciful and he truly loves all his children. God is pouring many graces down upon his children but it is his children who are refusing his love, grace and mercy.

Please, dear children, turn to God and allow him to fill your hearts with love, peace and joy. Please allow God to be in control and joyfully surrender to him. Please pray and

believe in God so that you truly open your hearts to him.

I am here now to assist you and lead you closer, closer to my Son Jesus. Please accept my motherly love and allow me to climb with you. Now take my hand and never let go. In this way you will come to know me in a personal way. Many today only come to me when they want answers. I say to each of you: take refuge in my Heart every day so that I can protect you. Take refuge in my Heart so that you live each new message that is given to you.

Be thankful for this time that I can be with you. This time will not last so please be a more thankful people, so you do not abuse this time. Have hope and faith in my Son so that you live these messages each new day. Be thankful and loving children and give all honor and glory to Almighty God. Be strong during each new trial for then this peace of knowing Jesus will not leave you. Never lose trust or hope in him for he is truly here amongst you.

Pray more and then listen as my Son speaks to you. Pray more and allow the Holy Spirit to enter your hearts. Pray so you remain calm through all trials, tribulations and storms. Pray for peace so you never lose hope or confidence in God. Believe that prayer is your protection and that God will not abandon you.

It is time now to truly believe in God. It is time to accept our heavenly assistance. It is time now to truly grow in your faith. The time is now, so please turn to God so you

are given the guidance needed to live a pure and holy life.

Accept God's love and mercy. Accept and adhere to his truth. This is the way, go forward now and live a life that is truly pleasing to Almighty God. My prayers are truly with you. Be at peace and know that you are not alone. Amen.

Our Blessed Mother told the three little shepherds of Fatima the following when Lucia said, "I want you to take us to heaven." "Yes, I will take Jacinta and Francisco soon, but you must remain here some time longer. Jesus wishes to make use of you to make me known and loved. He wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart."

"Must I stay here alone?" Lucia asked.

"No, my child. And would that make you suffer? Do not be disheartened. I will never leave you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God."

In the message above to Little Mary we are asked to seek refuge in the Immaculate Heart of our heavenly Mother. "I say to each of you, 'take refuge in my Heart every day so that I can protect you. Take refuge in my Heart so that you live each new message that is given to you."

Prayer is our protection. In our life of prayer we should develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and also with Mary. "Take my hand and never let go. In this way you will come to know me in a personal way." If we develop

a personal relationship with Mary, our Mother, we will have at the same time a personal relationship with Jesus who takes us to the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

#### September 21, 2001, Friday Please, dear parents, do not lose hope or confidence. Do not give up on your children.

My daughter,

I am with you. Allow me to teach you so that my words flow, flow through you. Allow me to assist you on those days when you feel as though you are walking alone. I am truly here for all my children but they too must listen and respond to what God and I are asking of them. They must pray even on those days when they do not feel like it.

Prayer must become part of their life in order to stay strong, strong for Jesus. Prayer is so important if our children truly want to come to know Jesus more intimately.

Please, dear parents, do not lose hope or confidence in our Lord. Do not give up on your children; pray more, more for them Be loving and kind to them if you truly want to soften their hearts. There is no time to push your children away, so please be patient and compassionate. In time all will wake up, in God's most perfect time. I say to each of you, do your part so more see God's love shining, shining through you. A response is needed so please pray more and be an example for your children. Pray more to my Son for strength, strength to do his will.

Commit your lives to Jesus and trust, trust in him. Walk in his light and be humble,

loving parents. Unite and join hands and support one another.

Now I ask that you be glad for this time of preparation. I ask that you joyfully pick up your cross and live, live the beatitudes. I ask that you be joyful so you persevere through all trials and tribulations. A joy-filled heart is how others will see Christ in you. So let us keep climbing now so more will follow. Let us go forth as true servants and be truly grateful for this time to live your faith.

I am walking beside you, so please do not be afraid. Just ask for my intercession and I will truly, truly help you. Now please pray, pray with your hearts so I can continue to lead you closer, closer to my Son Jesus. Your prayers are needed but remember so too is your

love and true devotion to Jesus.

This message is to encourage all my children, so please respond to my love that I have for each of you. Amen.

We live in such secular, sinful, and confusing times that it seems to be a rare parent of grown children who does not have one or more who have fallen away from the practice of true faith and who are living in sin. I live near the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Mother Angelica's Lady of the Angels Monastery of the Poor Clare Nuns of Perpetual Adoration. People come to this shrine from all over the United States and other countries. I meet them often as I say Mass daily in the lower church of the shrine. Many parents are brokenhearted over their children—at least some of them—and beg for prayers.

Our Lord and our Blessed Mother are concerned too for those living in sin. In the message above God's Mother is giving parents hope. "Please, dear parents, do not lose hope or confidence in our Lord. Do not give up on your children; pray more, more for them. Be loving and kind to them if you truly want to soften their

hearts. There is no time to push your children away, so please be patient and com-

passionate. In time all will wake up, in God's most perfect time. . . ."

Because the fruit of prayer is often not realized immediately many can forget or not appreciate the power of prayer. Many parents have not realized that they can no longer bring up children as was done many years ago. Even sending children to a Catholic school is no guarantee the children will be taught the fullness of true faith or that the children will identify with Jesus and His true Church. The Second Vatican Council reminded us, not only that parents are the first educators and formers of children in the knowledge and practice of true faith, but that there is scarcely any substitute for the parents' teaching and offering formation.

"A response is needed, so please pray more and be an example for your children. Pray more to my Son for strength, strength to do his will." The example is most important, together with prayer. Perhaps readers of this book will also want to read my book, *Reclaiming Your Children for the Faith*. The book is based on a

series I gave by that title on the Eternal Word Television Network.

#### October 1, 2001, Monday Jesus is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

My daughter,

I want to thank those who have come to pray and worship God. I want to thank my beloved sons for saying "yes" to my call. Each time you gather and pray souls are being saved. So please continue to come with an open heart and give all praise and glory to Almighty God.

Dear children, trials and persecution will come your way, but it will truly help you come closer to my Son, Jesus. Each time you turn to God you will be strengthened and fortified. Each time you say "yes" to God you will be used in a powerful way. So today I must remind you to keep your hearts open. Stay prayerful and remain obedient so that you stay close, close to Jesus.

On those days when you are not able to hear these messages, pray more and live them. This, dear children, is how others will know that I am truly here, here for all my children. Through your example hearts will one day open to the truth. Through your exam-

ple many more will gather in those groups that I have formed.

Jesus is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, so always be thankful that you can come and adore our Lord. Be thankful each time you come to Mass so that you continue forward with love and joy in your hearts. A heart full of joy is how others will see Christ in you. A heart full of joy is what is needed, for many are in need of your love, compassion, and prayers.

So many are still sleeping, so that is why it is so important to truly live, live these messages. Continue now to love and serve God for then this peace of knowing Jesus will

be spread all around this world.

Trust, trust more and be thankful now that Jesus and I are truly here to teach and guide you. Rejoice now and be glad for this time, this time to go forth and save souls.

Persevere now and know how much I love you. Amen.

It is doubtful how reliable surveys are on what percentage of people who call themselves "Catholic" truly believe that Jesus Christ is present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar.

Regardless of what people may believe, the truth is, Jesus is there in His REAL PRESENCE. Not to believe that Jesus Christ is present in the Most Blessed Sacrament and that we receive Him in Holy Communion and that He perpetuates His Sacrifice of the Cross each time the Holy Mass is offered is to cease to be Catholic.

Being a Catholic is not a matter of pick and choose. The Catholic religion is universal. We are required to believe "all" that Jesus has revealed. To deliberately reject a doctrine of faith or morals is to cease to be Catholic.

"Dear children, trials and persecution will come your way," said Our Blessed Mother in the message above, "but it will truly help you come closer to my Son, Jesus. Each time you turn to God you will be strengthened and fortified." A persecution of the Church began in the United States some years ago and has been growing more intense. Bashing the Catholic Church is "fair game" today by the secular media on every level.

Under these conditions of our secular anti-Catholic society parents must work overtime in protecting, teaching, and forming their children. Only heroic Catholic parents will survive. Only those willing to suffer martyrdom will survive. We must believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

We must show our faith by our reverence, by our example.

The lack of reverence of some in church before the Most Blessed Sacrament does not give evidence of deep faith. Our good example in church can teach much to many others.

October 3, 2001, Wednesday Take hold of the truth. . . . Walk with God for your time on this earth will not last forever. . . . Take refuge in my Immaculate Heart.

My daughter,

Time moves quickly and all must be prepared and in a state of grace. All must repent and truly come to know my Son Jesus. I am truly here to light and prepare the way, yet many are choosing to live in sin. Many are choosing darkness because of their refusal to surrender to God.

What will it take to wake those who are sleeping? Please, dear children, open, open your hearts now. Open your ears now. Open your eyes and see how much evil lingers in this world.

Don't ignore God's warnings. Repent and turn to God today. Remove any barrier that is preventing you from living a life that is truly pleasing to God. Let go of your worldly ways and live, live more simply. Become dependent on God and realize the seriousness of my visits all around this world. Let go of your fear and accept my motherly assistance. Let go of any pride for you have each been chosen to do great work for our Lord.

Choose now, dear children, to walk with God for your time on this earth will not last forever. Pray and fast so you are prepared for the days to come. Live your Consecration so that I can truly protect you with my mantle. Cleanse your souls and forgive those who have hurt you. Without love and peace in your hearts you will see much more destruction. Use this time more wisely and come to Mass as often as you can. These are truly special times and you must not abuse this time to nurture your soul.

You must take hold of the truth and live it. You must defend your faith and be more willing to be persecuted for living the Gospel. You must walk with Jesus and love him more than your desires.

Oh! please, dear children, listen to my heavenly pleas. Listen more attentively and respond wholeheartedly. Listen with your heart and pray more for the sins of this world. Be on guard each new day and put your armor on for Christ. Wear blessed medals and do not hide your crucifix. Let the world know that you are truly God's chosen children. Let the world know how much you truly love Jesus. Let the world know that I am truly here to assist those who take refuge in my Immaculate Heart.

Let the world know there is no longer time to be living in sin. All must repent and give their life totally to God. Together we must work to lead those souls who have strayed

away back to God. Together we must climb God's holy mountain.

Are you willing, dear children, to take part in saving souls? I plead with each of you for so much evil lingers in this world. I plead with you to show love, not hatred. I ask that you do not harbor resentment against one another. I ask that you be on guard for Satan is truly trying to grasp as many souls as he can during this time. I ask that you have your home blessed if you have not done so. I ask that you use the protection God has provided for you. This protection will truly help keep evil away. This protection is necessary, for Satan is truly prowling this earth.

Please pray together as a family, for prayer and the Rosary are your protection. This world is no longer safe and many powerful weapons have gotten into the wrong hands. Satan loves bloodshed. Satan loves destruction and many today are following his advice.

I am warning my children today, so please do not be fooled that this world is peaceful. Satan has many plans and many terrorists roam this earth. Many today are on the wrong path, so please pray, pray from your hearts. Pray every day and do all that you can to spread the Gospel.

Now go forth with love in your hearts and reach out to all your brothers and sisters. Go forth as true apostles and let the world know how much God loves, loves his children. This is a time of mercy, so please use this time in which God has allowed more visits.

I am truly here for all my children. So please join hands and assist me so more can come to know our dear Lord Jesus. Amen.

The purpose of the messages is to lead us to truth. Jesus Christ is the Truth. He is "the Way, the Truth and the Life." Many are not living in the state of sanctifying grace. They are spiritually dead and their souls are darkened to the light and truth of God.

Many of the truths of the Catholic faith are not known by people who call themselves "Catholic." Many adults today have not been taught the full Gospel. When they were children growing up catechetics was often so poorly taught that they were not taught the fullness of truth and often many were falsehoods in the name of the Church.

At the November, 2003 meeting of the American bishops they heard the report from their own committee that 80 percent of the religion textbooks used by Catholic high school students were failing to communicate the faith. The archbishop in charge even said that the concept was given that one church or faith is as good as another. This has gone on for decades. No wonder we have many fallen-away Catholics today. No wonder Our Blessed Mother is telling parents over and over again to teach and form their children.

We are asked to consecrate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We

are asked to receive the Sacraments often, go to confession frequently, and participate in the Sacrifice of the Mass daily whenever possible.

"Live your Consecration so that I can truly protect you with my mantle. Cleanse your souls and forgive those who have hurt you. Without love and peace in your hearts you will see much more destruction. Use this time more wisely and come to Mass as often as you can."

#### March 19, 2002, Tuesday Feast of St. Joseph for Families

My daughter,

Pray for families today. Pray that families will love and respect each other. Pray that more parents will turn to God so they are guided on this earth. In order to become a holy family parents must be an example for their children. Parents must pray more and gather their children for family prayer. Parents must live the Gospel and obey God's commandments.

All family members must unite in faith, prayer and love; love one another. Families must not seek money or material things. They must trust and believe in Almighty God. All must imitate the life of the Holy Family in order to be an example for this world. All must love and serve our Lord together as a family.

Please, dear parents, do not become distant from your children. Work together to restore family unity. Spend more time together and enjoy family life. Turn to God for all your needs and do not seek answers from the world. Be responsible parents and take hold of your family. Protect your children for there is so much evil in this world. Support one another spiritually and allow God to be in control of your hearts.

Consecrate your lives and your home and take refuge daily in our hearts. Consecrate your heart to Jesus, St. Joseph and me. Our hearts are united and we will guide and protect each one of you. We will truly intercede for you if you live your consecration.

Surrender completely to the Holy Spirit so you go forth and bear much fruit. Make sacrifices for the salvation of souls. Fast and pray and take time to kneel and adore our Lord. Don't be lazy children; begin your day with prayer. Believe that God truly listens and cares for each of you. Be true children of God and live a holy life.

Make reparation for sin and allow my Son to transform your heart. Repent of your sins and believe in God's love and mercy for you. Believe that heaven is your true home so you strive hard to live a saintly life.

Now please listen and respond to what I am telling you. Listen and respond and take hold of your family. Look to the Holy Family as your example and allow us to love, guide, and protect you. Pray, pray together now and live in peace and unity. Amen.

The feast of St. Joseph, head of the Holy Family, is a beautiful day to be reminded to take the Holy Family as the example of living family life in unity, love, and work.

With good reason does the basic handbook, the *Marian Manual* of the Fatima Family Apostolate International, carry as its first entry "Prayer for the Consecration of the Family." The *Charter of the Fatima Family Apostolate*, Part II, is dedicated to "The Family Commitment."

I was working with the Fatima Family Apostolate on an international level and with encouragement from the Vatican, long before I was aware of Little Mary

and her messages. The messages have much to do with family life and the very things the Apostolate has fostered years before I knew about Little Mary.

It is good to read in these messages:

"All must imitate the life of the Holy Family in order to be an example for this world. All must love and serve our Lord together as a family.

"Consecrate your lives and your home and take refuge daily in our hearts. Consecrate your heart to Jesus, St. Joseph and me. Our hearts are united and we will guide and protect each one of you. We will truly intercede for you if you live your consecration."

Authentic consecration to the Holy Family is much more than reciting a prayer of consecration. We must live it.

#### June 11, 2002, Tuesday Learn to listen to others to help them carry their burdens.

My daughter,

You must be at peace whatever comes your way and trust, trust in God's mercy. Without joy in your heart this love of knowing Jesus will not flow through you. Your love and actions will help those who are struggling on this earth. By being compassionate and kind to those who are ill is how conversion will take place.

Today I ask that all my children be more loving to those around them. I ask that you take time to listen to those who feel alone on this earth. I ask that you be good listeners and then pray with those whom God sends to you. A listening heart is truly needed, for so many are carrying their burdens alone. So many today have heavy hearts and they need to feel loved and cared for in the proper way.

Please, dear children, love, love one another. Love, respect all faiths and never, never deny anyone your love of knowing Jesus. Never judge or condemn each other for you are all God's children. Be patient, peaceful children and follow the ways of my Son Jesus.

Be open-hearted children so you never turn anyone away. My messages will be spread if you do what I say. My messages will be spread if you allow them to flow from your hearts.

Now please be true followers of Jesus and spread love and peace wherever you go. Always be loving and prayerful and be thankful for the many blessings God has bestowed on each of you. Amen.

When I read the above message I thought of Pope John Paul II and how he listens and reaches out to all those within and outside the Church. I thought of his work for unity among all. On January 18, 2004, the first day of the Week for Prayer for Christian Unity, Pope John Paul II attended a "Concert of Reconciliation," at the Vatican. The concert was made up of Jews, Christians and Muslims. On the occasion the Pope said: "The history of relations among Jews, Christians, and Muslims is characterized by lights and shadows and, unfortunately, has known painful moments. Today the pressing need is felt for a sincere reconciliation among believers in the one God.... Together, we express the hope that people will be purified of the hatred and evil that constantly threaten peace, and that they will be able to extend to one another reciprocally hands free of violence but ready to offer help and comfort to those in need.... The Jew honors the Almighty as 'protector of the human person,' and God 'of the promises of life,' he continued. "The Christian knows that love is the reason

why God enters into a relationship with man and that love is the response awaited from man. For the Muslim, God is good and is able to fill the believer with his mercies. Nourished by these convictions, Jews, Christians, and Muslims cannot accept that the earth be afflicted by hatred, that humanity be troubled by endless wars. Yes! We must find in ourselves the courage of peace. We must implore from on high the gift of peace. . . . "

#### Message from Jesus June 12, 2002, Wednesday Jesus tells how to experience His presence.

My child,

Come to me when you feel alone. Do not reject my love, my mercy and my forgiveness. Take my hand and trust more that I am with you. Believe and have courage so that doubt does not consume your thoughts. You are never alone. My Mother is also here for all her children. She loves you just as I, so believe and persevere.

Believe and persevere and I shall be your strength. When you believe and trust, fear cannot enter or paralyze you. My child, because of your acceptance you are able to hear me when I speak. Continue to listen as I speak to you and pray for those who are refusing to listen.

Tell the world not to look for me with their eyes but to listen to me with their hearts. It is in this way they will feel my presence and they will come to know the truth. The truth will be made known but each person must listen with their heart.

Today I am asking each of you to live simply, take quiet time and speak less. I am here for you just as a mother, so listen and then do what we are asking of you. My presence will become more and more real to you if you listen and act on these messages.

Through prayer and through listening you will know that I am with you. I am with you now and will always be with you. Do not fear, open your hearts and believe in my love that I have for each of you. Put me first in your life so that I may lead you to my Father, who is also your heavenly Father. Be at peace and believe that I will not reject you. Be at peace for I your Lord love you. Amen.

There is always the problem when one is given a charism that some people will try to use them, invade their privacy, telephone them, attempt to come to their home. When I wrote the book "Francis," a book that later received the recognition of his bishop, it had a great leveling effect on people who had not realized what they were doing. The children of Francis came to think they should not come home to visit their parents. There would always be people in the house. People would ignore his wife, children too, and go for Francis. At first their home was treated as if it were a public church building. The book, revealing the trials, thus had a great leveling effect to wake people up to what they were doing to the family and life of Francis. The abuses stopped for the most part.

Others do not "own" a person who has been given a certain charism, even though the charism is for the good of others' spirituality as well. Little Mary has had people wanting her to tell them whether they should move, about this job or the other, and questions about the future, etc. It seems the Blessed Mother had this in mind in her message of June 5, 2002.

#### June 5, 2002, Wednesday Spend more time reading and studying Scripture.

*My daughter,* 

Many will come to this group that I have formed and in order for there to be unity my children must respond. They must not come to you for answers. They must turn to God. Your role as messenger is to write and relay these messages. All that my children need to know will come through listening, listening to these messages. Each child must do one's part if there is to be unity.

I have asked my children many times to listen closely to the Gospel. I have asked my children to take time to study and read Scripture. Are my children listening when they come to you for answers? Are my children listening when they spend such little time adoring God? Today I ask that my children listen and reflect on this message. In order for there to be peace you must each do your part. Please obey and respond with love, love in your hearts.

Please turn to God instead of relying on others for answers. Please take quiet time throughout the day so you can truly hear God. Please take time before Mass to pray and give thanks to Almighty God. Take time to truly come to know Jesus. It is so important to take quiet time before Mass so you have peace in your hearts. Ask God to help you be more focused on him instead of the world.

Your relationship with God will deepen if you do what I am asking of you. You will have peace in your hearts and you will be more attentive to the Gospel through your response.

This message, dear children, cannot be ignored. I will continue to gather my children but it will be impossible to move on without obedience. Now I ask that you be more prayerful, not curious. I ask that you come to this group with a desire in your hearts to truly come to know Jesus. I ask that you be an example for each other so more turn to God. In order for this group to bear fruit you must have love, joy and peace in your hearts. You must be willing to give up social time and become more prayerful.

This time, dear children, is so precious, so please do not abuse this time. I am truly here to lead you closer to Jesus so please, please be willing to do your part. Now please, please respond so you can light the way for others. Now please do not seek consolation and strength from people; instead turn to God and seek his grace, love and counsel.

Go now with peace in your hearts and love and obey, obey our Lord. Amen.

Whenever a person has a special charism, such as receiving messages, the temptation of many is to think that that person has a direct pipeline to God on every issue, on every question. Instead of praying to God and listen to grow in wisdom they wear down the person who is the instrument of God in conveying messages. They are to go to Jesus themselves, especially in the Most Blessed Sacrament. They are to spend time in adoration and listening to God. The messages, which reaffirm the Gospel, say what the messenger is able to say and what he/she knows. Individual counseling should come from a spiritual director and/or in time listening to God through prayer.

An indication of people not listening to God, not putting their heart into adoration and deeper prayer, is when so many arrive the last minute before Mass begins, or even come late, Then they are in a hurry to rush out of church at the end. Our Blessed Mother says to these: "Please take time before Mass to pray and give thanks to Almighty God. Take time to truly come to know Jesus. It is so important to take quiet time before Mass so you have peace in your hearts. Ask

God to help you be more focused on him instead of the world. Now I ask that you be more prayerful, not curious.

#### July 22, 2002, Monday Division in families will cause division in the Church.

My daughter,

Those who listen, listen to these messages, must take heed and become light to this darkened world. They must shine their love of knowing Jesus and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Each family must renew prayer in their home and spend more time with Jesus. This is urgent if there is to be family unity. Division in families will cause division in the Church. So it is pertinent that you pray and love one another.

The need for prayer, reconciliation and harmony is what will help keep evil away. Please, dear children, take time to read the Bible and then listen, listen to the Holy Spirit. Listen to the Holy Spirit and then respond and light the way for others.

Allow Jesus to soften your hearts so that you persevere in faith and fortitude. Please begin today to practice and live my words to you in your own life. Respond and truly live them so God can use you in a powerful way. Let go of your fear and worry and trust, trust in my Son, Jesus.

Submit to God's will for then you will surely have peace. Give yourselves entirely to God and you will then see clearly the action of his grace. God will strengthen and guide you if you let go of your desires and truly see him.

Please trust in God's will for you, just as I, your Mother, trust. Through trust, com-

plete trust, you will begin to live a life that is truly pleasing to God.

Now please have a change of heart so that unity and harmony can be restored. Take heed to change your hearts and give your life totally to God. Peace and joy will then enter and you will be able to live the Gospel.

Now please live my Son's words and believe and have confidence in Almighty God. Amen.

The Church is wounded today and having many problems because of the crisis in family life. Many families are divided, unhappy, straining to keep together or have separated. The family is the basic unit of society. Good families who live in love, prayer, and unity make up good parishes. "Division in families will cause division in the Church."

Knowledge of the true faith is not enough. Within our families, all must live the faith. The Word of God must be embedded in the heart of each one.

### July 25, 2002, Thursday All will see their souls.

My daughter,

Continue to write my words for in time many will hunger to hear the truth. In time all will see their soul and they will know just how many wounds they have added to Jesus' most precious body. The time will come and my children will not be able to hide their sins.

Do not be foolish children, for I say to you, the time will come. I am here to prepare the way, so please listen and respond. Turn away from sin and come back, back to the sacraments if you have fallen away.

Relearn your ways and seek guidance from my chosen sons so you can receive Jesus in the proper way. Put your trust in God and allow him to care for you. Do not try to carry

your cross alone; allow God to assist you. Do not try to run from God.

Be truthful and admit to God those areas where you are weak. Ask God daily to help you overcome them so you can mature and grow in holiness. All my children must put aside their personal desires and seek to please God. Desire self-denial and seek to do God's will. Peace and joy will come through total acceptance of God's will. Peace and joy will come by allowing God to be in control of your lives.

Please accept God's ways and surrender to his goodness. Be merciful, loving and forgiving of one another. Be disciplined, faithful, humble children and allow God to be in

charge of your life.

There is only one path to heaven, so begin today and reform your lives. Begin today by truly obeying God. Take the necessary steps to prepare yourself so you are ready when it is time to see your soul. To be a faithful servant of God you must deny your very self and allow God to be in control of your life. You must bear your cross with joy and allow God to assist and strengthen you.

A response is needed, so please take heed to my motherly requests. Accept all that I am

teaching you so that you begin today to make some changes in your life.

I am here for all my children for again I say to you, you each have a soul. Accept and respond now without delay. Accept my Son's peace by accepting his will for you. Amen.

Again and again Our Blessed Mother gives a wake up call for prayer. It seems that even some who come to Mass do not open their hearts in sincere prayer. They arrive at the last minute, or later, and during the Mass they do not turn off the motors from the world. Some are physically present, but not spiritually present. Jesus and Our Blessed Mother obviously would like people to arrive some minutes before Mass so that they could spend the time in quiet prayer. People need to recollect themselves before the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament. They need to recollect themselves by concentrating on what is about to happen at the altar during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Jesus is about to perpetuate the self-same sacrifice once offered on the Cross of Calvary.

What is to take place at the altar will be infinite worship of infinite value. No need to be curious about which priest might offer the Sacrifice of the Mass. Every validly ordained priest acts in persona Christi in administering the Sacraments. The very person of Jesus Christ acts in the priest in consecrating the bread and wine into the Lord's Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. The very person of Jesus Christ acts in the priest in perpetuating the Sacrifice He once offered on Calvary. This takes place at the altar.

After the completion of the Sacrifice of the Mass our divine Lord and His Mother are most pleased if we spend some minutes in thanksgiving. Pope Pius XII once wrote that after the Mass is completed "we ought not to interrupt the hymn of divine praise within our own souls." The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist remains in us a minimum of 15 minutes, for some, a half hour. It depends upon metabolism, which varies. So long as any of the species of bread or wine, which have been consecrated into the Lord Jesus' Body and Blood, remains in us, the entire Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ is sub-

stantially present within us. So long as Jesus is really present within us after Holy Communion He is pouring divine grace into our souls according to our faith, our love, the dispositions of our heart. Therefore prolonged thanksgiving after Holy Communion is important.

There unfortunately are many Catholics today for whom the following advice is necessary: "Relearn your ways and seek guidance from my chosen sons so you can receive Jesus in the proper way." We must always be in the state of sanctifying grace when we receive Jesus in Holy Communion. One must go to confession with a repentant heart before receiving Holy Communion if one is in mortal sin.

#### June 10, 2002, Monday Wake-up call. Devote more time to prayer.

*My daughter*,

I am here today for all my children. I am here to wake those who are still sleeping. I say to all my children, wake up, wake up now. Wake up now and turn to God before it's too late. Wake up and turn to Jesus so you are nurtured in the proper way.

God will be your strength but you in turn must do your part. Honest, honest effort is needed in order for God to mold you. Without discipline and daily commitment to prayer, change cannot occur, occur in your lives. Please, dear children, devote your lives to my Son Jesus. Do penance for your sins and live a pure and holy life.

Devote more time for prayer so you can truly hear God. This will help you wake up from your slumber. This is how you will come to know God's love and mercy for you.

This, dear children, is how change will begin in your lives.

If you don't actively do your part then you will not receive the grace needed to turn your lives around. God will purify you if you allow him to. God will strengthen you if you do your part and turn away from sin. God will protect you if you truly open your hearts and allow him to guide you.

God is love, so please do not keep your distance from him. Turn to him with all your needs and ask, ask for his assistance. Be open to what God is telling you, and then, please, please respond.

Now please respond to my motherly advice and make more time for prayer. Respond and faithfully love, obey and honor God. Listen, listen more attentively now and be willing to do your part.

This message will help you grow, so please, please respond and allow it to be nour-

ishment for your lives and for your soul. Amen.

#### June 14, 2002, Friday These messages are for the whole world.

*My daughter,* 

Tell my children to be strong and faithful soldiers each new day. Tell them to fight temptation and armor, armor themselves with God's mighty words. Tell them not to give in to the evil one for he is truly after souls. Satan will be victorious if you give in to lust, pride and greed. Satan will tempt you more if you give in, into the world.

Yes, Satan is trying his hardest to pull my children away from God. Please recognize your weaknesses and work, work on those areas which cause you to fall. If it is your eyes,

then ask God to make them pure so you only see the goodness of our dear Lord Jesus. If it is your tongue, then ask God to help you proclaim the truth. If you are not using your hands in the proper way, then ask God to help you be more giving, giving of yourselves.

All you need to do is ask God to dwell in you each new day. Please turn to the Blessed

Trinity and then invite them to become part of your lives.

Dear children, much guidance is needed in order to live a pure and holy life. Prayer is your protection and it will truly lead you closer, closer to Jesus. Prayer is your protection from all evil. Please trust in God for you are each beautiful in His eyes. You are each so dearly loved, so please, please be wise and accept God's loving assistance.

Continue to walk with us and be more open to our love for you. Listen, listen to my words of encouragement so that doubt and mistrust do not enter. Be confident and obedient children. Take refuge in Jesus' Most Sacred and tender Heart. Now please turn to God and use your gifts that have been so graciously given you. Use your gifts of faith, hope and trust. Walk, walk with Jesus and trust in His divine care.

These messages are for the whole world, so please live them and be soldiers, true soldiers for Almighty God. Go forth now in love and say "yes" to Jesus each new day. Say "yes" to eternal life and live each day for Jesus Christ. Amen.

As we analyze the messages, directed to the whole world, it is not difficult for one who has a basic knowledge of Christian faith and morals to see that the simplicity with which Christian principles are enunciated in the messages are for everyone, wherever they may live. They are indeed common sense principles to be lived by those who believe in God, who believe in the Three Persons in the One Divine Nature of God, and the Incarnation of the Son of God. Nation or culture will not matter in accepting the messages as they are suitable and applicable to all.

The messages are a reminder of the existence of the devil who tempts us through pride, the flesh, the eyes, the world. There is greed, the spirit of consumerism which endangers souls today. Pope John Paul II has spoken of it so often, as a warning for those who want more and more worldly goods. There are many who build up treasures for this life, this world, without regard to eternal life.

God has given each one of us many gifts. We should use those gifts while living the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity. True love of God will lead to daily and frequent prayer which will protect us from the wiles of the world, the flesh and the devil.

Repeatedly, with an urgency, Our Blessed Mother tells us: "I am here today for all my children. I am here to wake those who are still sleeping. I say to all my children, wake up, wake up now. Wake up now and turn to God before it's too late."

#### June 17, 2002, Monday I am here for all of you.

My daughter,

I am here. I am here. I am truly here for all my children. By God's authority I am here to wake my children before it's too late. The time will come for each of you and you will need to be in a state of grace.

Please understand that you must each do your part and be responsible, responsible for your actions. Please, dear children, implore God's mercy. Be loving, merciful and allow God to humble you so that pride is removed from your lives. Jesus is your merciful Savior,

so please, please open your hearts and come to know His love. Come to know His divine truth and take heed of the Gospel.

Lack of prayer is why so many do not know Jesus' love for them. Lack of love and true devotion to our Lord is why so many are on the wrong path. Lack of trust and faith is why so much evil has crept into this world. Much more evil will enter this world if man continues to turn his back on God.

Please listen to what I am telling you and amend your ways. Get down on your knees and begin your day with prayer. Bow your heads in reverence and give all honor and glory to Almighty God. Strive to be loving and humble and obey all God's laws. Obey each commandment and teach others to do the same.

Be more grateful for these messages and begin today to act on them. Be more grateful for you have been blessed by God to receive words from heaven. Be grateful children for this is a time of purification. Be grateful and use this time wisely and reform your lives. Be true apostles and show the world through your actions that you truly love Jesus.

Imitate Christ and conform now to His way of truth. Pray more, especially for priests, for their consecrated hands are truly needed. Pray for all religious, for their hands and voices are truly needed in this world. Pray and do not lose hope for in the end there will be victory. In the end all pain and suffering will cease and you will all rejoice.

In time this world will be renewed but for now you must be willing to suffer for Jesus. You must live a saintly life for you have all been called to be saints. You must follow the path of God's truth and live a pure and holy life.

Dear children, I am here to direct you to Jesus. I am here to direct you to His truth so that you in turn would go forth and live the Gospel. I am here, so please remove your fear for I am your heavenly Mother. I am here not just for my messengers, but I am here for all of you.

Each person has a soul and it must be purified and sanctified. Please understand that you must, must do your part.

You must do penance for your sins and take the road, which will lead you to heaven. You must be strong in your faith and rebuke all evil. You must obey God and your superiors. You must embrace God's love and give up your selfish desires. You must let go and allow God to be in charge of your life. You are powerless without God's grace and direction.

Now please reflect on this message and live your lives entirely for God. Cooperate with His grace and embrace His love for each of you. Amen.

We see in the above message the Mother of the Church, the Mother of us all, repeating again and again, as she does in other messages, that she is present among us. "I am here. I am here. I am truly here for all my children. . . . I am here so please remove your fear for I am your heavenly Mother. I am here not just for my messengers, but I am here for all of you."

Mary is the Mother of the Church, we are baptized members of the Church, Christ's Mystical Body, hopefully living constantly in the life of Jesus Christ. That means living in the state of sanctifying grace. Since we are at home in the Church, surely we can expect our spiritual Mother to be with us, near us in some way although we cannot fully understand it.

Having spent hundreds of hours talking to Little Mary, and not infrequently having had her surprise me by saying something she just heard the Blessed Mother say, something that was not according to Little Mary's style or manner of speaking, assisted me greatly in appreciating the spiritual presence of Mary among us. It assisted me in appreciating that the Mother of God and the Church has a

deep interest in even the small affairs of the hearts of each one of her children. She loves each one of us.

When I was first getting acquainted with Little Mary she would ask if I did not hear the voice of Mary. She had become accustomed to it and it was necessary to convince her that not everyone heard as she does and as explained in an earlier chapter on locutions [see page 54].

Again and again in the messages we hear that each one of us must do our part. "Do our part"—what does it mean? We each have a free will. Heaven asks for a response in using that free will that will keep us united to God, living in Jesus Christ. With that free will we can choose God, His Church, obey the Ten Commandments and the precepts of the Church, or, we can reject God, His Church by disobeying the Commandments and the Church's precepts.

We can reject the truths of Catholicism. We can use our free wills to love or to hate. The Mother of the Church, the heavenly Mother who loves each one of us individually, and is aware and present in some manner to each one of us, knowing our thoughts, words and deeds says: "You must embrace God's love and give up your selfish desires. You must let go and allow God to be in charge of your life.

You are powerless without God's grace and direction."

Actual graces are given to us many times each day. These are helps from God which uplift and enlighten our minds and strengthen our wills to avoid evil and do good. If we respond to actual graces given so frequently to each one of us, the result will be living a life of sanctifying grace, keeping our souls pleasing in God's sight and open to eternal life in heaven. We will then be living in Jesus Christ who dwells in us by grace. Our Blessed Mother wants each one of her children to live in the grace of her Divine Son, Jesus Christ, so that we will die in sanctifying grace and then live eternally in heaven.

#### June 25, 2002, Tuesday Take the role as parents seriously.

My daughter,

Parents must take hold of their children now. Many children are on the wrong path because they are not being guided. Lack of supervision is why so many children are giving in, into the evil one.

Please, dear parents, take your role seriously. Make time for your children. Make time for family prayer. Be an example for your children by truly living these messages. Be loving, loving parents and care for your children. Shut off the noise in your homes and spend time, quality time, with your children. Respect and love one another and I promise you peace and happiness will dwell in your homes.

Now please amend your ways and convert your lives. Turn to God and seek His loving guidance. Nurture your faith with prayers and good deeds and please, please take

your role as parents more seriously. Amen.

The family is in crisis. No one knows that better than Jesus and Mary. Why is the family in crisis? Because Jesus is not the King of the home. This is because prayer is lacking in many homes. A majority of parents are not being the primary educators of their children in the teaching and forming them in true faith and its practice.

We can see then why Our Blessed Mother says to parents: "Please, dear parents, take your role seriously. Make time for your children. Make time for family prayer."

What is meant by the Mother's words, "Shut off the noise in your homes and spend time, quality time, with your children"? Are not many homes full of noise from television with little family time for loving and pleasing conversation between family members? A house of noise is not a home of prayer. The home is in God's plan to be a domestic church. The family is to be a miniature Mystical Body. In too many homes the parents hardly know their own children because there is not prayer together, there is not mutual discussion of faith doctrines and morals. Christ is not the center of the home-life and Mary is not the Mother of such homes.

"Be loving, loving parents and care for your children," Our Blessed Mother says. Don't let the world raise your children.

#### June 20, 2002, Thursday Refuge of Protection in the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

My daughter,

Keep doing as I ask so that more hearts open to the truth. This is a time of mercy and all must come to know our dear Lord Jesus. It is so important to write what I am telling you for so many are ignoring my Son.

Many are not prepared for times to come. My Immaculate Heart is open for all my children but it is up to each person to take refuge in my Heart. If my children truly want to be protected by my mantle then they must pray, fast and make reparation for sin. They must pray the Rosary and meditate on each mystery. They must love Jesus more, love Jesus more than their desires and be more truthful.

Each child must lead a holy life and love, love unconditionally. I will truly, truly be with you if you keep your hearts open like little children. I will be with you if you accept and respond to the messages given here.

I will lead each of you closer to Christ if you take my hand and accept my motherly assistance. I will protect this group that I have formed but you in turn must do your part. You must obey God and give all honor and glory to Him. You must reform your lives and allow the Holy Spirit to be a flame in you.

You must love and respect each other and welcome those who come, come to this group. You must keep your hearts open to the graces that pour forth from my Heart. You must not look for signs for these messages are a gift from God. These messages are that of love and God's great mercy. These messages are tools to help you move closer to Jesus.

Be grateful for I am truly with you each time you gather and pray. Be grateful and do not abuse this time to grow, grow in holiness. Many souls will be saved if you continue to pray, fast and be obedient children.

Now please trust and believe that God will provide the necessary help to keep this group strong. Trust and believe and do not lose courage or hope. Many new doors will be opened. So please trust, persevere and be humble, loving, obedient children. Amen.

In these times of crisis, it seems at every level of society, because so many millions of families are in crisis—the family being the basic cell of society—parents are called to seek refuge in the Immaculate Heart of their heavenly Mother Mary.

A love for Jesus and Mary must exist in the hearts of parents. Parents must by example, especially through family meditated Rosaries, place their entire family within the Heart of their Mother.

Good Catholics speak of living under the mantle of Mary. What does that mean? Mary tells us. "If my children truly want to be protected by my mantle then they must pray, fast and make reparation for sin. They must pray the Rosary and meditate on each mystery. They must love Jesus more, love Jesus more than their desires and be more truthful."

What does it mean, "Be more truthful"? They must be open and truthful with one another in the family. They must be open and honest at every level. They must accept Jesus into their hearts, Jesus who is TRUTH, "the Way, the Truth and the Life." They must live the true values of Catholic family Christianity. Double standards on the part of parents will never form children in the TRUTH, in Jesus Christ, in true faith.

Where there is love in the family, openness, and complete honesty with the true faith lived in the home, then children will be identified with Jesus Christ and His true Church because the parents live and teach by example.

#### June 26, 2002, Wednesday Be soldiers focused on Jesus.

You must listen to those who have been chosen to help you on this earth. You must listen and obey so you stay strong, strong for Jesus. You know in your heart who has been called to help you so please, please accept their help.

This time is so important so please continue to write and relay my words. Continue to gather weekly and pray from your hearts. Many prayers are needed so more turn to God before it's too late. Souls cannot be saved if you refuse to do what I am asking of you. Obedience is needed and you must each surrender to what God is asking of you. I am here in love and obedience to God to teach my children. So please respond and accept each message that is given to you. Respond by truly accepting those crosses that are hard to bear. Respond and surrender by truly giving your hearts to God.

When you feel weak or tempted by the evil one then turn to God and ask for strength. Turn to God with a repentant heart and be truly sorry for not trusting more. Then respond more faithfully and trust, trust in His divine providence.

I am asking each of you to pray more so you remain focused upon my Son Jesus. I ask that you turn to Him in your thoughts and in your hearts and in your prayers. I ask that you surrender to the Will of my Son. I ask that you allow my Son to work through you so you stay strong and persevere. The way to do this is to be more committed to prayer. Through prayer and total surrender to God you will blossom. You will have peace and joy in your hearts and you will truly be strengthened. You will receive the grace necessary to continue on. You will be truly blessed if you remain humble, obedient and prayerful.

Now please be true soldiers of Christ and let go of your desires. Keep your focus on my Son Jesus. This message, my daughter, must be made known so more turn to my Son instead of giving up. The suffering of my Son continues to grow because of lack of prayer all around this world. Lack of faith and fidelity to God is why so much evil lingers in this world. There is no time to be lazy. Only time to love, obey and serve our Lord.

When this time comes to an end each person will see their soul. Each person will one day have to answer to God. Each person must begin now to do their part, so please, please

continue to help me. Continue to use your hands and voice for Christ. In time you will understand, but for now you must be faithful to Almighty God. It is time now to give yourself to my Son in trust. It is time for you to walk ahead. Alone you can do nothing, so please, take my hand and allow me to assist you. Allow me to teach you and unite with me in prayer. Amen.

So often in the messages we hear that each one must do their part. Jesus and Mary are pleading with each and every one of us to live the faith, the teachings of true faith and morals. The world, especially through the secular media, has brainwashed millions so that sin is not recognized. Each one has a serious obligation to study and know the true faith and morals of the Church.

It can be so easy to be lazy and see that so many are not living good lives as Jesus and His Church require and thus justify oneself for laxity. But, says our Blessed Mother, "Each person must begin now to do their part, so please, please continue to help me. Continue to use your hands and voice for Christ."

Each person striving to live in Jesus Christ, after the example of Mary, the model Christian, will be an example that will touch others. Thus we will help Jesus and Mary. Thus we will bring others to Christ.

#### July 1, 2002, Monday Without more prayerful response more destruction will happen....

My daughter,

Many terrorists continue to roam this earth so today I must warn my children. Prayer, many prayers are needed to stop their evil attacks. Prayers from your heart is what will lessen what has come your way.

The Rosary is your weapon to defeat Satan. A greater response to these messages is truly, truly needed. So please pray more and invite others to this group that I have formed. Invite those who have forgotten that God truly exists. Invite those who are sleeping so that I can touch their hearts.

Please share your love of knowing Jesus through our actions. So many today are choosing darkness and without my children's help more destruction will happen in the United States. Many more lives will be destroyed if you don't each do your part.

Today I weep for all my lost children. I weep for those priests who are refusing to speak the truth. I weep for those who are not taking care of their flock. Satan is strong and he will do all that he can to destroy the Church. Satan is strong, dear chosen sons, so please let the world know that evil exists. Spread the truth wherever you go and let your flock know how important it is to receive the Sacraments in the proper way. Make more time to be in the confessional so more repent and amend their ways.

Many today are living in mortal sin, yet they still are receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. Many today do not realize the importance of cleansing their soul. Many today are making up their own rules so please, please, dear chosen sons, make the truth known. Teach your flock the importance of cleansing their souls if they are living in mortal sin.

Be brave warriors for Christ and attend, attend to your flock. It is time now to rescue those in darkness. It is time to wake those who are living morally wrong. It is time now, so please, assist me in those groups that I have formed.

Many will want to repent after hearing these messages. Please, dear sons, make

sacrifices for the salvation of souls. Give up your leisure time so more receive Jesus in the proper way. Use your hands and voice for Christ and be willing to help those who need guidance. I will shower you with my grace and I will truly, truly be with you. Now please assist me and together we will help those who are walking alone.

I am truly with you, so be at peace. Be at peace and know how much I love you.

Amen.

Having worked with the Catholic media for some decades, having preached throughout the country, I can say without hesitation that there is much ignorance of the very basics of Catholic faith and morals among many. Many have almost no sense of sin whatsoever. They commit what is clearly mortal sin and if and when they go to Holy Communion they see no need first to repent, make a good confession and receive absolution. The ignorance and indifference is appalling.

Priests need to teach the full truth. They need to teach the Ten Commandments. They need to teach clearly what mortal sin is. They need to teach again and again about the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament. They need to teach the basic requirements for receiving Jesus worthily in Holy Communion. They need to teach why we go to Mass, what the Mass is—the Sacrifice of the Cross perpetuated. They need to teach the fruits of a good Holy Communion. They need to teach that a sacrilegious Communion is one of the gravest sins, an offense against God which would lead to a low place in hell. If bishops and priests do not teach the full Gospel, the fullness of Catholicism, they will have to answer for souls.

Laypeople have a responsibility too. First, they must teach, by their good example and by their word, their own families. When they see that priests are teaching from the pulpit in generalities and not the basics that are needed in their parish family, then with charity, kindness, and clarity they should ask the priest to so teach.

#### July 3, 2002, Wednesday Let God's love and mercy dwell in you.

My daughter,

True freedom cannot exist until my children turn away from sin. Please, dear children, turn to God and He shall give you strength. Look to Him for joy, peace and humility. Look to Him and trust in His love and mercy for each of you. Without love and trust in your hearts it is impossible to move forward.

Today I ask that you allow God's love and mercy to dwell in you. I ask that you turn to Him each new day so that God can guide and teach you. I ask that you let go of your ways and do not become distracted by the noise of this world. Let go of your ways and surrender and trust, trust in God. Trust and then surrender all that is difficult for you. Give to God all your worries, concerns and fears. By truly trusting, this fear that you hold in your hearts will disappear. By truly trusting in God's love for you, peace and joy will reign in your hearts.

Now please open your hearts and trust more so that God's love and peace can flow through you. Open your hearts and accept God's love and mercy. Trust now and turn to God and you shall be given the grace and strength needed to turn away from sin. Amen.

In dealing with souls, in having given many retreats to people from throughout the United States, I can verify how very important and needed is the message above. People need to know and be reminded of God's love and mercy and that they must trust in His mercy.

Our Blessed Mother says: "Let go of your ways and surrender and trust, trust in God. Trust and then surrender all that is difficult for you. Give to God all your worries, concerns and fear. By truly trusting, this fear that you hold in your hearts will disappear. By truly trusting in God's love for you, peace and joy will reign in your hearts." How important it is for so many millions of souls to know that, to believe that, to live by that.

"Jesus, I trust in you." It is a prayer all should know as they honor and adore the blood and water which flowed from the Heart of Jesus.

#### July 8, 2002, Monday Laziness will keep one from duties.

My daughter,

Pray that God's love will be spread all around this world. Pray that more will pick up their cross and be true servants for our Lord. Pray, my daughter, for so many are unwilling to do their part due to laziness.

How can the Gospel be spread if my children don't love, love one another. Without love in one's heart the enemy will become more vicious. It is time now to make use of your hands and voice. Be charitable and help those who are suffering in any way. Allow your words to come from your heart so they are loving towards those around you.

Be patient and kind so that this love of knowing Jesus pours forth from your heart. Be loving, forgiving and compassionate. Please, please dear children, pass on your love and reach out to one another. Share my words which are truly embedded in your hearts. Share my words by truly living all that I have taught you.

Laziness is a sin and you must each do your part. You must pray, do penance and make sacrifices for the salvation of souls. Without sacrifice there is no love, so please use your time more wisely. Spend time in adoration and pray for those who are struggling. Spend time with God so he can direct you to those in darkness. Spend time adoring Our Lord so you can receive the courage needed to make the Gospel known. Spend time, quiet time, with our Lord so you stay strong and close, close to Jesus.

Now please pray and then work together so more come to know our dear Lord Jesus. Listen when my messages are being read and please, please take them to heart. Do all that you can to live them so more repent and turn to God in this time which is being allowed.

If you truly love God you must love, love one another. You must love one another, even your enemies, and allow God to be first in your lives. Now please do not be lazy. Amend your ways and convert your lives. Amen.

#### July 10, 2002, Wednesday Be not afraid or alone.

My daughter,

Be strong and faithful to God. Do not try to walk alone. Accept the help God has given you. The serpent is strong and he will do all that he can to discourage you. Be on

guard, dear children, and do the opposite of what Satan is telling you. Be on guard and

pray more so you are not tempted to take the easier road.

Please trust me and trust in my Son. Do not doubt in our presence for we are truly, truly with you. I will lead you through each new battle for I am truly here to guide those who accept my motherly assistance. Please do not give up when you feel afraid, or alone. Turn to God and He shall be your strength. You are my children and together we can save many souls that are in danger.

Now please armor yourselves and join your prayers with mine. Armor yourselves and trust in God for then you will not have to battle the serpent alone. Believe and trust

that many new doors will open through prayer and faith in Almighty God.

There is no longer time to lose hope, for many need your prayers in this time of God's great mercy. The door of God's grace is open now, so please, please keep moving forward. Keep doing what God and I are asking of you so more come to know our dear Lord Jesus.

I will not give up on you for you are my children. Know how much I love you and how I long to be with you one day in heaven. The time is soon at hand, so please, please

keep moving forward. Amen.

It has been my privilege to have known, even guided in some ways, several mystics here and abroad. In their purification, God permits even special souls to feel so "alone" at times. Others may flock to them in great numbers; still, they feel alone. They are not infrequently subject to certain persecutions, even from some of the Church representatives at times. It makes the sufferings intense. Still, it is good for purification.

The devil knows our weakest points. It is there he often attacks us, initiating thoughts that will lead us away from God, rather than toward God. "The serpent is strong and he will do all that he can to discourage you. Be on guard, dear children, and do the opposite of what Satan is telling you. Be on guard and pray more

so you are not tempted to take the easier road."

While researching for the book, *Light from the East*, I wrote, I've seen Myrna in Damascus, Syria (whom God is using for the message of love and unity in the family—love and unity to bring Christian unity) sit as if alone and suffering, when many people were gathering about. I've heard Francis, subject of the book "Francis," who bears wound marks and suffers the passion of Jesus Christ each night, mention to me about feeling "so alone." Francis bears the support of his bishop who wrote the preface letter for the second edition of the book which I wrote. Yet, he suffers "aloneness."

If these people need to be reassured and hear the following words concerning the Persons and Hearts of Jesus and Mary, surely we all need to remember them: "Please trust me and trust in my Son. Do not doubt in our presence for we are truly, truly with you. I will lead you through each new battle for I am truly here to guide those who accept my motherly assistance. Please do not give up when you feel afraid, or alone. Turn to God and He shall be your strength."

Having known such souls on a personal and direct basis, I am convinced more and more, as a reaffirmation of the teachings of Sacred Scripture and the Magisterium of the Church, that God, that Jesus and His Mother, are with us, in a real and effective way especially when we call upon them. Then there is the Guardian Angel, ever at our side to lead us to God, to Jesus, the Church, and Our Blessed Mother.

# July 11, 2002, Thursday Form prayer groups all around the world.

My daughter,

I am truly here for all my children, that is why I ask that you write and relay my words. I am here to prepare the way for the trials that lie ahead. I am here in love to wake those who are living in sin. I am here because so many are living a lukewarm faith.

Today, I ask that my children take refuge in my Immaculate Heart. I ask that you take refuge so that I can assist you on this earth. I ask that you form prayer groups all around this world so that I can teach you how to live a holy life. Each time you gather and pray the Rosary you will feel my presence. Through prayer your hearts will open to all that I am trying to teach you. Through prayer and meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary you will come to know Jesus in a deeper way. Through prayer and a desire to change you will let go of your worldly ways.

Prayer is so important in order for your hearts to open. Prayer and a true devotion to Jesus is what I am asking of each of you. In order to bear fruit in those groups that I have found, you must join hands and pray, pray more. You must come to Mass first and truly listen to the Gospel. You must hunger to hear the truth and receive Jesus in the proper way. You must turn to God and be truly sorry for your sins. You must repent and spend quiet time with our Lord.

Yes, each of you must do your part if you truly want my assistance. Today you must decide, so please do not wait until tomorrow. Tomorrow may be too late, so please respond today. Let go of whatever it is that is holding you back. Let go of your earthly ways and allow God to be in control of your lives.

It is God whom you must adore, so please, listen and respond to what I am telling you. Listen to my heavenly pleas and make more time for God. Listen and obey so that I can truly assist you on this earth. This time is so precious, so please open your hearts, turn to God and pray, pray, pray more. Amen.

The Fatima Family Apostolate International has all the tools and information for forming the prayer groups such as Our Blessed Mother calls for. Pope John Paul II in *Familiaris Consortio*—the Family in the Modern World—calls for "Families to Families Associations"—or groups such as the Fatima Family Apostolate.

To form such groups the beginning steps are simple: obtain the *Marian Manual*, the *Charter of the Fatima Family Apostolate*, order the quarterly magazine, the *Immaculate Heart Messenger*. Read the charter to understand the simple procedures. It has a preface of the Prefect of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for the Family. The *Marian Manual* is even a further simplification. The Blessed Mother over and over calls us to pray the meditated Rosary and we will experience her presence. The *Marian Manual* has over 100 meditations on the Mysteries of the Rosary, including the Mysteries of Light, or Luminous Mysteries.

Our Blessed Mother tells us not to be lazy. Many would like to initiate such groups but. . . .

#### July 12, 2002, Friday America must change or there will be violence and bloodshed.

My daughter,

God is asking that all his children love, love one another. So please love each other by helping one another. Be a witness to those who are on the wrong path. Be a witness to those who do not know Jesus in a personal way. Be a witness and do not hide your love of knowing Jesus. Be loving children and do not turn your back on those in need.

Satan does not want you to love one another. Satan loves division, not unity. Satan wants you to take the easier road. Dear children, are you giving in to Satan or are you doing what God is commanding of you? Are you truly helping your brothers and sisters or are you ignoring them? Are you giving in to the world or are you truly living your faith?

Each new day you must give thanks to God for the many blessings he has bestowed on you. You must be grateful and then share all that God has given you. You must use

your hands and voice and be more grateful for this time to save souls.

Each morning when you awake ask God to use you in a powerful way. Ask God to purify you so that pride and resentment is removed from your life. Ask God to help you be a more humble, loving person so you can be an example towards those around you. Each new morning is your opportunity to convert your lives and to live each day for Jesus.

Make your day a prayer so your thoughts and actions are more pleasing to God. In this way, dear children, you will be truly living my messages that have been given you.

America must change or there will be serious consequences. All must do their part or man will see much more violence and bloodshed. All must pray and fast and be consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Each child must pray, love and be more forgiving. Each child must do their part in order for unity to be restored. Change must occur and it must first begin with you. You must each actively do your part by truly living these messages. These messages cannot be made known if there is not love in your hearts.

My daughter, you hear my voice, so please relay this message. Please tell my children they must love, serve and obey Almighty God. Time is short and again I say to you God's justice will prevail. You must each develop a strong faith in God, so your lives shine in this darkened world. You must trust in God and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you. Through trusting in God the Holy Spirit will be your strength. Are you willing, dear children, to do your part? Are you willing to assist me on this earth? There is so much work that needs to be done, so please, please move forward and make sacrifices for the salvation of souls. Amen.

One cannot read the above without being reminded of September 11, 2001, with the Trade Center being destroyed in New York City, the Pentagon attack, etc. I was in flight to Damascus, Syria, when that happened. One month before Little Mary told me about something to come which "would change the way Americans lived." After returning to the United States it seems I heard newsmen repeat up to 50 times that the way Americans live has changed. One could not help noticing that when taking air-flights thereafter.

The Blessed Mother seems to warn since that terrorists still are present in the United States and roam the earth. It is not imaginary. But there is something

deeper to all this and how to conquer this spirit. It must begin within ourselves, within our families.

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Laziness is not the answer. Each of us must come closer to God. We must spend time, more time in prayer, in adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Our families must be restored to prayer. We must give good example to all by our reverence and spirit of prayer. We must pray for priests to live and teach as men of God. We must pray for courage for our bishops to act as apostles.

Each of us must work at living more intense spiritual lives of love and prayer.

#### July 19, 2002, Friday Change, inner conversions, needed in our hearts.

My daughter,

In order to remain humble and on the right path you must turn to Jesus and carry my Son with you wherever you go. You must cooperate and obey God and those who have been chosen to assist you on this earth. All my children must be open to change, change within themselves. God knows your weak areas and you must listen to Him with your hearts. You must listen by truly examining your conscience and then be willing to change in those areas that are most difficult for you.

Change is not always easy but when you turn to God he will be your strength. In order to live a saintly life you must allow God to humble you. You must let go of pride and laziness and be eager to work on those areas that are pulling you away from God. You must avoid all pleasures of self which do not give all honor and glory to God. Selfdenial is what must happen to truly embrace Jesus' Cross.

Today I ask that you each examine your conscience so you come to know those areas which you must work on. I ask that you turn to God and ask for strength so you can overcome those weaknesses that are preventing you from growing. I ask that you be more grateful for this time of purification so you are ready to meet Almighty God. Please, please be more grateful for the help God has sent you so you truly begin now to live these messages.

Without change and obedience you cannot grow or blossom for our Lord. Please remember that God does not bestow His grace on the proud, only those who are humble. It is time now to examine your conscience so that we can truly, truly move forward. It is time to do what I am asking of you, so peace and joy reign, reign in your hearts. This time is your time to change so you can grow in holiness.

Now please turn to God so you can be strengthened. Turn to God and then surrender so you can be molded and then purified. Through your willingness and a desire to change, goodness will happen.

With discipline and true love in your hearts peace and joy will be present in our lives. Discipline and obedience is what I am asking of my children today. Now, please, reflect on this message. Reflect and be true to God and accept change so that you can live a pure and holy life. Amen.

It appears the average Catholic, even the practicing Catholic, must be purified more and more. We must change within our hearts. This requires humility, giving up attachments, carelessness. We must become more devout in our faith. The daily meditated Rosary must never be omitted. We must participate in the Sacrifice of the Mass each and every day if at all possible. We must come to Mass with deep faith, love and reverence and actively participate within our hearts, realizing that the Sacrifice of the Cross, infinite worship, is perpetuated.

"Without change and obedience you cannot grow or blossom for our Lord. Please remember that God does not bestow His grace on the proud, only those

who are humble. It is time now to examine your conscience."

Each one has weaknesses of some kind. Each one must change and be purified and thank God for His mercy which is still applicable to us before the time of justice.

"I ask that you turn to God and ask for strength so you can overcome those weaknesses that are preventing you from growing. I ask that you be more grateful for this time of purification so you are ready to meet Almighty God."

# July 26, 2002, Friday Special message for priests.

My daughter,

Pray for those who do not believe in God. Pray, for God cannot help those who refuse to repent and obey his laws. Pray with me today for so many, many children are living a dangerous life. Many today struggle because they have no time for God. They have allowed their lives to become so busy, so therefore they have but little time to pray.

I am here today to remind my children that hell does exist. I am here now to wake my children so more turn to God in this time of preparation. I am here today to plead with all my priests to make the Gospel known. There is no longer time to hide the truth. All must repent and obey all of God's commandments. All must pray and devote their lives to Jesus if they truly want to come to know him. All must be aware of how much evil truly lingers in this world. All must use the protection God has provided for them in order to keep evil away.

How many of my priests stress the importance of receiving the Sacraments? How many are teaching their flock how to receive the sacraments in the proper way? How many are using their hands and voice for Christ? How many are truly giving up their leisure time to make more time to be in the confessional?

How I weep when I see my children running from church to church to be fed the whole truth. I weep for those priests who are refusing to live their vocation. How can a mother not weep when she sees her children being turned away from the sacrament of reconciliation. I plead with my priests today to make more time to be in the confessional.

Please, dear priests, teach your flock for many children today are receiving Holy Communion with mortal sin on their souls. Many are being fooled because the world is teaching them differently. Do not remain silent, let the world know the importance of receiving the sacraments in the proper way. Let the world know how it truly offends my Son Jesus when so many are making up their own rules.

God expects this of you and you must be willing to be persecuted for making the truth known. You must speak in love and feed your flock and use your hands and voice for Christ. You must call upon the Holy Spirit for then your words will not be your own. God's love will flow from your hearts if you turn to him for guidance.

It is time now to wake your flock and I am asking for your assistance. I am asking

for your assistance so more turn to God before it's too late. I will assist you, dear priests, but you too must do your part. You must let go of fear and make the Gospel known. You must be willing to spread the truth wherever you go. You must be willing to devote more time to truly teach your flock the importance of receiving the Sacraments. You must let go of your desires and do what God is asking of you.

Through your loyalty I promise you more souls will be saved. More will wake from their slumber and they will truly, truly come to know Jesus in a deeper way. Now please have courage and live in the faith of my Son Jesus. Have courage and hope in your hearts so the Gospel will be spread. Unite and join hands and do what Jesus is asking of you.

Honor my Son and use your hands and voice for Christ. This is what I am asking of you. This, dear priests, is what will truly make a difference in this world. I am truly by your side and I hold each of you close to my Immaculate Heart. Please do what I am asking of you so that I can remain here with you. Amen.

What Our Blessed Mother says above to priests is so very clear. Being in the national Catholic media for so many years I've heard from many quarters and can appreciate why Our Mother, the Mother of the Church, is telling priests to teach the basics about the Sacraments.

Priests must go back and teach the Ten Commandments, teach what is meant by mortal sin, how it deprives the soul of Sanctifying Grace, which is a sharing in the life of God. Priests must clearly teach that no one may receive the Holy Eucharist while in the state of mortal sin. People must be told clearly that they first must repent, be sorry, make a good confession if they have committed mortal sin since their last good confession. People need to hear what is meant by sacrilegious reception of the sacraments. They must be told that every mortal sin one is conscious of must be confessed with sorrow before receiving our Lord in Holy Communion.

Priests should give sermons several times a year at least, just on the Holy Eucharist. This means explaining how the Mass perpetuates the Sacrifice of the Cross. People need to hear again and again what happens to the soul which receives Holy Communion worthily in the state of grace. They need to hear how each worthy reception of Jesus in this Sacrament brings one closer to God, fills the soul more with sanctifying grace and thus one will live a more intense life in heaven beholding the Beatific Vision of the Blessed Trinity. Not all will be rewarded equally in heaven. Not all will suffer to the same depths in hell. It depends on the state of our life on earth at the moment of our death.

Our Blessed Mother is asking her beloved sons, the priests, to teach the full Gospel, the basics of the faith. For far too many years people have heard vague sermons of love which hardly distinguishes between supernatural divine love and earthly love. Is it any wonder that not a few young people define love much differently than it is spoken of in the Bible and intended by the Church? Young people have told me that after going through Catholic schools, and even by those who go to Mass every Sunday, they had never heard that fornication was a mortal sin; they had never heard that personal impure actions were sinful as well, or even that missing Mass on Sundays and Holy Days through one's own fault was seriously sinful. Many, in different parts of the country, have told me they just have not been "fed."

Can we not understand why Our Blessed Mother says:

"I will assist you, dear priests, but you too must do your part. You must let go of fear and make the Gospel known. You must be willing to spread the truth wherever you go. You must be willing to devote more time to truly teach your flock the importance of receiving the Sacraments. You must let go of your desires and do what God is asking of you."

# July 29, 2002, Monday Parents, do not let the world raise your children.

My daughter,

You are a mother like I am, so today enjoy your children. Love them and pray with them and teach them all that I am teaching you. Children today need parents, parents who will guide them each new day. Parents need to take their role seriously so their children come to know God.

If parents allow the world to raise their children then their children will become worldly. They will not be fed and nurtured in the proper way. They will turn to their friends instead of relying on God's wisdom and strength.

How I weep when I see many children falling into Satan's traps. I weep because so many children are on the wrong path due to lack of love and supervision. I weep for those parents who are not taking their role seriously. Parenting is a full-time job and parents must tend to their children. Parents must not allow the world to raise their children. I am here today to assist you, so please, please respond by truly living this message. Be more grateful and take your role seriously, for each child is a blessing from God. Each child has a soul and each [set of] parents must be more responsible in caring for their children.

Division in the Church and in the home is happening because so many are not listening to God. Many are relying on their own knowledge instead of turning to God. Many today are not living each day for Jesus Christ. Many do not want to work full-time for God. Many have so many excuses for not truly living their vocation. Your excuses, dear children, will not help you when it is your time to stand before God. God will ask you some questions and you will have to be truthful and honest. God will not have mercy on those who did not live their vocation to their fullest. God will not have mercy on those who did not take part in carrying their cross.

It is time now, dear children, to respond and be obedient to God. It is time now to take hold of your family and rely on God to be your strength. It is time, time to surrender your lives to God. This time period is so important, so do not delay. Live your vocation and do all that you can to save souls.

Begin today by truly living more simply, for then you will have time to be directed by God. You will have more time for your family and for those who have turned their back on God. Now please join hands and pray. Pray for peace and unity around this world. Pray that more will respond and take hold of their family. Pray, pray from your hearts for I, your mother, will intercede for you. As your heavenly Mother I ask you now to pray and be obedient to Almighty God. I ask you to love, love Jesus and follow His ways. Amen.

Unfortunately many parents are doing just what the Mother of God asks them not to do. They are letting the world raise their children. Many parents are not protecting their children from the ways of the world, from the media [movies, television, magazines, the internet where pornography is found]. Many seem unaware of the secular influence that pervades our schools with permissiveness. They seem unaware that even many religious educational programs lack substance and do not understand why the children are turned off to religion.

Unfortunately many parents today were brought up in the same way with faulty and funny catechisms and do not know the faith themselves. How then can they communicate true faith to their children. Many parents live in mortal sin. How can they live a holy matrimonial state that forms their children in holiness?

Parents who lack knowledge have the obligation to get hold of good catechisms based on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and thus inform themselves; then teach their children in the home.

As founder-director of the Fatima Family Apostolate International, which was founded for the holiness of the family and individuals, realizing that there were few if any trustworthy catechisms available, especially for teenagers, I wrote: Jesus—Light of the World; Covenant with Jesus; A Young Catholic's Apology for the Faith; A Catechism of Church History; Protestant Fundamentalism and the Born—Again Catholic, etc. I also assembled a digest of the Catechism of the Catholic Church known as Fundamentals of the Faith. In early 2004 the head of the Bishops' Commission reported the reasons why his committee found that 80 percent of catechisms used for teenagers were not communicating the true faith. The list of reasons were many, including the falsehood that "one religion is as good as another."

Our parents must study the faith themselves. They must communicate it to their children. The universal catechism of the Church teaches that families must become oases of faith, like the early Christians, then teach and form in their homes.

### November 6, 2002, Wednesday A great darkness will cover the world. Many will suffer . . .

My daughter,

God truly loves, loves all his children for each child is precious in his eyes. Today I ask my children, do you truly appreciate God's love for you? If so, then you must be a more thankful people and be more grateful for the many blessings God has given each of you. You must cherish life and do all that you can to save souls. You must work together and pray, pray more.

You must pray and love one another and take hold of your family. You must rescue those who have turned away from God and live, live in harmony. You must allow God

to be first in your lives so that you do not give it to the world.

Each of you must do your part in spreading these messages of love to the entire world. This can be accomplished by your example. If you truly live these messages more will come to know the truth. If you reach out in love more will see Christ in you. If you take a stand for life with love in your hearts more will come to know the truth.

Abortion will end if people truly come to know God's love for them. You must begin now to put your words into action. You must be true servants and be loving, humble children. You must obey all of God's commandments if you truly want to be an example to all your brothers and sisters.

Yes, prayers, many prayers are needed but so too are your hands and your actions. You must imitate Christ and truly live the Gospel. You must be open to whomever God sends to you for there are so many who are suffering in so many ways. There are so many homeless children who need to be cared for in the proper way. You must allow God's holy words

in Scripture to be a part of your life. You must receive the Sacraments often so you have

the grace needed to live a holy life.

You must truly live the Gospel or I am warning you, a great darkness will cover the world. Many will suffer if you don't go forth and use your hands and voice for Christ. Many more lives will be destroyed if you do not take a stand for life. The day is near so I plead with you today to pray more. I plead with you to do your part so more souls are saved.

Live these messages and truly love, love one another by your actions. I will truly be there for those who listened to me and who put into practice my messages. Now please, obey God and turn to Him each new day. Obey God and listen, listen as He speaks to you. Do what God is asking of you and live, live your faith.

Abortion is the greatest sin in this world, so please join hands and do your part so more come to know God's love, mercy and peace. Pray and do your part so lives are not destroyed. Each soul is precious in God's eyes, so please be thankful now and cherish this time to go forth and save souls. Amen.

### November 18, 2002, Monday All will see their soul.... Many priests will be needed.

My daughter,

Jesus will not abandon you. Call on Him and trust Him so you continue to write and relay these heavenly messages. I am truly here to teach and guide my children. So please continue to gather and be prayerful, hopeful children.

These messages are important and they will touch the hearts of those who come and who accept my motherly assistance. Now please, do not take these messages lightly. Respond now for they have been approved by Almighty God. Live them each new day and do all that you can to let the world know that I am truly here for all my children.

Do not lose hope, instead be grateful for each message that is given to you. Be grateful for this time to gather and to pray with one another. This time is being allowed so that you become strong warriors for Jesus. In time you will have to live these messages for many, many will come running back to the Church. Many will need your assistance for all will see their souls. At this time, many will realize just how many wounds they have added to Jesus' most precious body. Many will have great sorrow and they will need to be taught the importance of receiving the Sacraments. Many priests will be needed, for many, after they see their souls, will repent.

Now please, dear children, join hands and work together. Come to Mass and gather weekly so you remain strong and loyal for our Lord. Come and pray the Rosary for this is your weapon to keep evil away. Prayers from your heart will convert many and it will truly help those who are choosing darkness.

The time is soon at hand so please, please be grateful and do all that you can for the salvation of souls. Do all that you can and assist me so more awaken before it's too late.

Please realize the seriousness of my visits here for time is short and all will need to be in a state of grace. God's justice will prevail, so please, prepare your soul and be ready, ready at all times. Be ever watchful and respond and live these messages now. Please, accept my motherly advice and give all honor and glory to Almighty God. Amen.

Amidst all the warnings and calls for repentance, Our Blessed Mother sounds

an optimistic note in this message:

"Many will come running back to Church. Many will need your assistance for all will see their souls. At this time, many will realize just how many wounds they have added to Jesus' most precious body. Many will have great sorrow and they will need to be taught the importance of receiving the Sacraments. Many priests will be needed, for many, after they see their souls, will repent."

Many devout and loyal Catholics seem to sense that the world condition and the difficulties the Church has been experiencing is all leading up to, perhaps, even a dramatic conversion. We don't know how this may happen. Then souls will come running back to the Church and many priests will be needed. Good Catholics will need to instruct their fellow Catholics who have been only nominal Catholics without the realization of the reality of what the Holy Eucharist is, what the Sacraments are or mean. Praise God. But what lies before us before that hour comes? How many are being lost and will be lost?

### November 20, 2002, 7:30 A.M., Wednesday Those who teach the Truth must imitate Christ.

My daughter,

Do not be fooled by those who speak the truth but refuse to live it. Their words have no meaning without action and true love in their hearts. Those who speak the truth are also responsible to go forth and imitate Christ. They must shine and be an example for all their brothers and sisters. They must live the Gospel and serve Christ through their actions.

Woe to those who are leading others astray for how they will suffer when they stand before God. Woe to those who speak of love but refuse to be loving towards those around them.

I say to all my children, "Go forth and live, live the Gospel." Be humble and compassionate towards those around you. Do not judge or be envious towards your neighbor. Be loving and light the way through your actions. Your hearts, dear children, should be filled with love and joy. Your hearts should be on fire, burning with love from knowing Jesus and serving our Lord. Your arms should be loving arms, open and waiting to embrace those who are walking alone.

As you mature, your desire will be to truly, truly live the Gospel. Your desires will change and you will grow in virtue. Your love of knowing Jesus will truly shine through you. This is what I want of each of you. This can truly happen if you each embrace your cross and turn to Jesus.

By denying your very self you will become true followers of Jesus Christ. You will be strengthened and purified and led, led in the right direction. Now please understand that peace and joy will occur in your lives if you truly, truly desire it. Peace and joy will be present if you pray and give your entire life to Almighty God. You will be able to go out and bear good fruit if you allow God to dwell in you.

So please, allow God to mold you so you can help those in need. Allow God to be present in your lives so you can truly be an example for those who are lost. Through prayer and action all is possible with God. So begin today and trust in God's mighty plans. Begin today and accept all that God wants to do in your life. Seek to do the will of God and you will mature and grow, grow in holiness. Amen.

We must not be satisfied with living mediocre Catholic Christian lives. We must grow in virtue. We must grow in holiness. We must mature in our faith, ever

probing deeper and deeper into the life of Jesus Christ.

We cannot love what we do not know. We must grow in the knowledge of the true faith and we must respond with ever greater love. All the Christian virtues must be lived and practiced if our spirituality is to be a mature spirituality. Mediocre lives will not do. Jesus said we should be hot or cold. Lukewarm souls, he says, he will vomit out of his mouth.

### November 26, 2002, 7:30 A.M., Tuesday Doubts, fears, confusion are not from Jesus. Rather, trust in Him.

My daughter,

Please tell my children that any doubts, any fears or confusion are not from my Son, Jesus. Only love, truth, joy and peace. So please turn to Jesus and allow Him to comfort you today. Take refuge in His most Sacred Heart for then you will not become discouraged or feel alone. Please, please, stay close to my Son who loves each of you so very much. Trust in His love and His mercy so you are not tempted to take the easier road.

Be brave soldiers for Christ and put your armor on daily. Keep your eyes focused on Jesus and spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Spend time listening to Jesus for he has words of love for each of you. Pray to my Son for courage, strength and perseverance. Pray each new day and ask for our help.

Now please put aside your worries so that you can be guided on this earth. Put aside your fears so you can be true soldiers for Jesus Christ. There is no longer time for doubt, fear and worry; only time to love and radiate joy from your hearts.

The enemy cannot survive if you respond and live all that I am teaching you. Now please, pray and be humble children so you stay strong and true to our Lord. Be at peace and assured in our love and our protection that we have for each of you. Amen.

# December 2, 2002, 7:45 A.M., Monday Make time to cleanse and nourish it.

My daughter,

Pray, pray for all your brothers and sisters for many are still sleeping. Many are not prepared and their soul is in danger. Many are following the world's ways instead of

doing what Jesus is asking of them.

Today I ask you to pray so more open their hearts before it's too late. I am here to remind my children that you each have a soul. You each have a soul and you need to cleanse and nourish it. Please, dear children, do not focus on the world. Keep your focus on Jesus who is love, who is truth.

Learn to live more simply so you have time to come to Mass. Learn to give up your time so you can be with Jesus. Please, make time to cleanse your soul so you have the strength needed to live a pure and holy life. Now, please turn to Jesus and allow Him to make you strong. Allow Jesus to guide you so you do not become lost in the world. Allow Jesus to teach you so you make the right choices on this earth.

Your light of knowing Jesus will shine much brighter if you listen, listen to my heav-

enly pleading. Today is a new beginning, so please respond and reflect on this heavenly message. Please respond and believe in our love for each of you.

This special time is your time to prepare and to take hold of your lives. So please, turn to Jesus now, and allow my Son to show you His will in your life. This time is so precious, so please, persevere now with love and hope in your hearts. Amen.

Each human person has an immortal soul that will live forever. How many stop to consider they have an immortal soul made in God's own image and likeness? How many live as if life on this earth was the final goal? How many live as though they do not have an immortal soul that will spend eternity in either heaven or hell? Look at any crowd of one hundred or a thousand people? How many do you think are actually living in the state of sanctifying grace? Take a survey among them, as is often done today on some basic questions of faith and morals. How would they answer?

With good reason does the Mother of the Church say: "Please, dear children, do not focus on the world. Keep your focus on Jesus who is love, who is truth. . . . "Allow Jesus to guide you so you do not become lost in the world. Allow Jesus to teach you so you make the right choices on this earth."

# December 5, 2002, 7:25 P.M., Thursday Let go and allow God to be in charge, in charge of your lives.

My daughter,

I am with you. Each message that you receive is truly, truly embedded in your heart. Do not lose hope, instead, persevere in prayer and in obedience to my Son Jesus. Offer your suffering to our Lord and be thankful for all trials and persecution. Be thankful for this will strengthen you for the road ahead. Rejoice in my Son's mercy and be thankful for this time in which you are being prepared to be a strong warrior for Christ.

In time, all will need to be prepared and in a state of grace. Without a strong faith and true devotion to our Lord, you will be fooled by the anti-christ. There will be many who will try to deceive you and without God's grace you will be led in the wrong direction. The sign of the times are truly unfolding so please build your relationship with Jesus now. Build your relationship with Jesus and work on those areas where you are weak.

Take hold of your lives and devote more time for prayer. Be child-like and learn to trust in Almighty God. Be humble, prudent children and support, support one another. Stop fighting with each other and let go of any hate that you may be harboring in your hearts. Let go and allow God to be in charge, in charge of your lives. Be obedient to your superiors and pray for those who are choosing to do wrong.

Please, dear children, work together and love, love one another. Be more forgiving and join hands or much more evil will enter this earth. Support one another and keep your focus on Jesus. Stay close to Him and I promise you, you will be able to work through any problems that arise. You will be given the strength and grace needed to love those who have hurt you.

Don't try to solve your problems on your own. Turn to God and ask daily for His assistance. Now please understand the seriousness of my message. Please understand so you take to heart all that I am teaching you.

This time period which is being allowed is critical and you must build your relationship with Jesus. You must appreciate this time to prepare your soul so you are ready at all times.

Now please, please love Jesus and be true followers of Jesus Christ. Be honest, humble children and examine your conscience so you see your true selves. This is the way to heaven, so please, move forward now and pray for unity. Pray for peace and unity amongst yourselves. Amen.

Can we not see how more and more, even people who call themselves "Christian" are losing the mind of Christ and taking on the mind of the world? There is disregard for the truth. There is widespread disregard for Jesus' own authority speaking the truth in His holy Catholic Church. Even some surveys among some priests in certain parts of the world on basic questions show that a shocking percentage disagree with the official Church which they are to represent. They do not speak in accord with the official Church which is the voice of Jesus Christ in its teachings.

What trials await us? Our Blessed Mother says in various ways again and again: "Offer your suffering to our Lord and be thankful for all trials and persecution. Be thankful for this will strengthen you for the road ahead. Rejoice in my Son's mercy and be thankful for this time in which you are being prepared to be a strong warrior for Christ."

Study the 2,000 year history of the Church. There have been times when priests, even some bishops, have turned against the Church. The sad effects remain yet today. In such times there were laymen who nonetheless remained faithful and loyal to the chief Vicar of Jesus Christ on earth, the Holy Father, the Pope, who is the man of unity in the Church.

Our Blessed Mother says: "This time period which is being allowed is critical and you must build your relationship with Jesus. You must appreciate this time to prepare your soul so you are ready at all times."

Many have already left the true Church. Many have deprived themselves of the true Sacraments. While the poor example of weak laity and lack of strength of Church leadership in certain areas may have contributed to this, yet, God's grace is always sufficient and each one of us is responsible for his/her actions and final decisions. Be thankful for this time of mercy and grace. Prepare yourselves for we know not what lies ahead.

While teaching young people respect for Truth and the true Church, we must also, with prudence, teach them as never before how to make distinctions and to recognize error while never compromising the truth or taking the easy way. It will not be easy, but God's grace is sufficient for those with open hearts.

"Stay close to Him and I promise you, you will be able to work through any problems that arise. You will be given the strength and grace needed to love those who have hurt you."

# December 6, 2002, 7:45 A.M., Friday A struggle between light and darkness, this message is for the world.

My daughter,

Jesus is the Savior of the world, so please tell my children to take refuge in His Most Sacred Heart. Jesus' Heart is open, waiting for each child to come to Him.

Please, dear children, there is no longer time to disobey God. Repent of your ways and give, give your hearts back to Him. Return to the Lord and leave sin, selfishness and pride behind. Turn around now and amend your ways and walk, walk with Jesus.

Don't wait for God's justice to prevail. Prepare your soul now. Make atonement for your sins, for again I say to you, God's justice will prevail. Each of you will need to be ready for there will be consequences for the sins of mankind. Many, many will suffer if they continue to live an unholy life. Many, many will suffer without a repentant heart.

Dear children, I continue to weep for those who are choosing darkness. I weep for those souls who are not living morally right. I weep when I see so many youth running in the wrong direction. I weep for those parents who are allowing their children to rule their home. I truly weep because I see behind closed doors.

I see how so many of my children are behaving. Satan is tempting so many of my children and many, many today are falling for his tricks. Many are giving in to evil because they are refusing to live God's laws. It is truly a struggle between light and darkness because of man's refusal to come to know God.

Satan wants to destroy, destroy lives. Satan wants complete dominion over the earth. Satan is truly in search of souls so I must warn my children today. Wherever there is lack of prayer he lingers. Where there is hatred and disunity he sheds his venom. Wherever there is sin, satan is triumphant.

Evil continues to spread, so please pray more for all your brothers and sisters. Please entrust yourselves to the heart of Jesus and turn to him each new day. Please get on your knees and spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Spend time adoring our Lord and make sacrifices for the salvation of souls. Offer your work to God as a prayer and seek to do His will.

Spread the love of Jesus to everyone you meet. Step out in faith and make the Gospel known. The hour will come and each soul must be prepared for that hour. No one knows the date nor the hour but I say to my children, the hour will come. This is why I am here to help my children relearn their ways. This is why I tell my children to turn to God now.

I am truly here amongst you to lead you to Christ. I am truly here for those who want my assistance. Please make it known that I am your heavenly Mother who truly cares about her children. Help me, help me now by truly living the Gospel.

My daughter, this message is for the world, so please make it known. Continue to say yes and do all that You can for Jesus. This time is being allowed by God, so please, be grateful and share these messages for those who come to this group that I have formed. Amen.

We are living in diabolical times. This is to say, Satan has much sway over millions of people. Who can deny it? Pope Paul VI already spoke of how the smoke of Satan was seeking to creep into the very crevices of the Church. Look how many who call themselves Catholics, even some priests and religious, in not small numbers, have dissented from the Church teachings on faith and morals. They have cut into the very unity of the Church, not in its essence, but in the image of

the truths of the Church as perceived. How can young people, poorly instructed by parents, disedified by such dissenting priests and religious, retain or advance and mature in the true faith?

The messages given little Mary are by no means extreme. We pray to our Blessed Mother, "Show yourself as Mother." In these messages the loving, tender, merciful Mother of the Church, again and again in each message, shows herself a loving, merciful Mother.

### Chapter 6

# Messages from Jesus

While most of Little Mary's messages through the years since 1995 have been from our Blessed Mother, occasionally they have come from Jesus. The voice of Jesus is a man's voice, gentle, strong. The messages from Jesus became less as time went on. It seems as though they were to give courage to Little Mary and confidence in following His Mother's word and in writing the messages.

# December 18, 1997, Thursday It is I who will judge you, not man.

My child,

In the end, I will be the judge, so be not bothered by how man sees you, for many

judge according to their likes and dislikes.

Many criticize, yet they know not the truth. This is a weakness that many need to work on in order to better themselves, for pride and a heart filled with hate will destroy one's soul. Those who refuse to love their neighbor, allow evil to enter. Those who refuse to be humble are prideful. Satan loves a prideful man, because he knows he has but little time to pray because he's too busy criticizing those whom he finds fault in.

Those who do not take time to pray will be tempted, for their focus will not be on me. They instead will become distracted by what other people are doing. This happens because of curiosity, but in the end, gossip will be the result. Prayer is what will help one grow, not your pleasures, but how much you desire me. Without prayer, one will not bear fruit, for one cannot be guided if they never take time for me. One cannot be taught if they refuse to hear the truth.

I must warn you because Satan has many snares and if you are not strong, this is how you will fall into his web. The more trapped you become, the harder it will be to get free for you then allow yourself to become distant from me. So be not foolish, remain close to me, for then I, your Lord, will protect you from the enemy. I will help you so you do not fall into sin. I will show you a better way so you learn how to cope in this world. I will give you the strength that you need to endure all trials. I will not leave you, for I will be ever so near.

I am merciful for those who try hard. I do not condemn, I forgive. I am able to do this because I am your merciful Lord. So come to me, and allow me to help you, for then you will never have to walk alone. Open your heart wider so that I can enter more fully. Surrender your ways, give them all to me, for it is only I, your Lord, who knows you better than anyone else. I love you more than you can imagine. I yearn for you at all times. If you love me, then give yourself totally to me so that I can hold you in the palm of my hand.

Come now, don't try to do it on your own, for you will not be able to survive on your own. I am waiting for each of you, so abandon yourself to me. Peace will then be given

to you, for it is I who will judge you, not man. For I am your Sovereign Lord, who cares deeply for you.

Little Mary, shy by nature, had much to overcome naturally with the mission given her from above. Anyone who receives spiritual messages from a supernatural source, such as locutions and visions, is going to be under close scrutiny, criticism, and persecution.

One not accustomed to dealing with the public, and then asked to share messages with the world, is in for some inevitable harsh criticisms and questioning. With this general background we can understand why our Lord spoke to her as He did December 18, 1997.

"In the end, I will be the judge, so be not bothered by how man sees you, for many judge according to their likes and dislikes.

"Many criticize, yet they know not the truth. . . ."

### January 29, 1998, Thursday The problem today is many desire heaven, but few desire to carry my Cross.

*My child*,

In order to be a true follower of mine, you may have to do what you do not want to do and you will have to give up all that you desire. It is all part of carrying your cross and learning to trust in me. I am preparing you, my child, and in time you will understand.

The problem today is many desire heaven, but few desire to carry my Cross. Many want consolation, but yet refuse to accept the trials that come their way. Many want instant answers, but refuse to wait patiently. This is so because many do not want to suffer or give themselves totally to me. This is because of one's degree of love for me which, for many, is so little. Many only praise me when all is going well, but when unexpected trials come their way, they lose trust in me. Some then deny that I, your Lord, exist.

Those who pray and spend time with me will remain faithful to the end, for through prayer they will desire a deeper relationship with me. For they will come to know me just as a friend and they will be given much peace and security. They will feel joy no matter how hard it becomes. They will feel joy because peace will always reign in their hearts.

I come to you this night because many of you truly do not know me. If you knew me, you would then spend more time with me. You would desire me more than your selfish ways. You would not hide from me when you know that you have done wrong. You would instead come to me and ask for forgiveness. You would make better use of the Sacraments. You would cleanse your soul more regularly. You would receive me in the Eucharist more reverently and in the proper way. But, due to such little faith, many turn to the world instead of me.

I am truly present in the Eucharist because I am your merciful Lord, who shed my blood for you. I am totally yours when you come to me, for I am able to be with each of you. I am able to love you even when you offend me, so immerse yourselves in this love that I have for you. Come back to me, for my arms are always open. But come back before your time is up so that you are ready and in a state of grace. I will help each child who believes and who takes refuge in my heart. I will help you so you feel worthy to one day be with me. I will remove the bondage that prevents you from coming closer to me.

My love for each child is deep and I desire you more than anyone else. So come, thirst in me and you shall be given drink. I am waiting for you because I am your Sovereign Lord. My peace I now give to you; allow this peace to now fill your soul.

Anyone who may imagine that one who receives heavenly messages thus lives on a white fluffy cloud of glory is far from realizing the actual situation. It changes the lifestyle of the person; in a family person it generally changes things for the family as well. Much sacrifice is involved, which means carrying a cross.

There is no authentic Christian life without the Cross. This is true for an ordi-

nary authentic Christian. Thus Jesus says:

"The problem today is many desire heaven, but few desire to carry my Cross. Many want consolation, but yet refuse to accept the trials that come their way. Many want instant answers, but refuse to wait patiently. This is so, because many do not want to suffer or give themselves totally to me."

The bearer of heavenly messages often must suffer many times more than the ordinary Christian.

Our Lord lives in His Church which is His Mystical Body. He is present to souls and acts in souls through the Sacraments. Jesus Christ Himself instituted the seven Sacraments. Thus, Jesus will draw souls to the Sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) and the Holy Eucharist where He acts and is truly present.

# February 8, 1998, Sunday The greatest healing is when one comes back to me.

My child,

Continue to pray with those who come and ask for prayer, for it is through prayer that they will be touched in a spiritual way. I will guide them so the healing process can begin. Tell them, my child, to believe that they will be healed in the way that is best for their soul. Tell them not to doubt, for I hear your prayers and their concerns.

This is the year where many healings will take place because for many it will increase their faith, but what one must remember is that the greatest healing is when one comes back to me. Your soul is far greater than your physical body. It is your soul that needs to be nurtured most in order for one to grow. Those who desire healing must return to the Sacraments, for then they will have the grace needed to avoid sin. Through the Sacraments they will become stronger in all areas of their life, for I, your Lord, will dwell in them. Those who are weak will regain strength because I, your Lord, will nourish them and nurture them in body, mind, and soul. They will be refreshed, for spiritually they will become alive again.

But, in order for healing to occur, they must do as I say or their heart will remain closed to me. I cannot enter a heart that has become cold or closed to my words. I cannot work interiorly if they refuse to cleanse their soul, for you see, one must be truly sorry for their sins in order to become strong warriors for me. In order to love others, they must forgive those who have hurt them. It is through forgiveness that one is able to love themselves and those around them. Through forgiveness, I am then able to heal your wounds.

My people, it is time for you to allow me to enter more fully so that I can heal those wounds that are preventing you from coming closer to me. Your wounds will become deeper, the further you fall from me.

If you are afraid, I ask that you allow those who have been chosen, to pray with you, for then my warmth will pour through you. I ask that you allow my words to soothe your soul. I will speak through those who lay their hands upon you. I will give direction when you hold my daughter's hands, for she hears my voice and will relay my words to you. You will then be given peace and reassurance, for I will come to you in love, for I am your merciful Lord. I will strengthen you if you respond.

So, come as true believers so healing can occur in you. Come as little children, so you allow me to hold you and soothe your heart. Come when the Spirit moves you, for then you will respond to my words. Come, for I am waiting for you. I will help each child who

comes for prayer, for I am ever so near.

My peace I now give to you because I am your Sovereign Lord.

Those who want healing, and this means especially healing of the soul, must first pray. There are sometimes physical healings—but more important are the millions who need healings of the mind, of the soul, because they are unhappily

living separated from God.

Jesus does not heal a soul that is not open to Him. This is why sincere prayer from the heart is absolutely necessary before healing of mind and spirit will occur. God respects the free will of each person. He will not force his way into any soul that does not desire to live in union with Him. Little Mary has often been the instrument for people to experience a healing touch. Her own hands become warm, often very red and warm, when she prays over people.

# March 1, 1998, Sunday No one on this earth will have to suffer as I did, but each of you will have to carry your cross.

My child,

Some crosses will be harder to bear than others, but what you must always remember is that I am always near. Remember this so you never become discouraged. Call my name and I will come and give you encouragement. I will wipe your tears and I will

help you through all trials.

The pain that you feel will seem immense at times, but that is all part of carrying your cross. Through this pain, I will be able to work more powerfully through you. Through your suffering, many souls will be saved. It is when one understands the pain that I, your Lord, endured for you, when one will be more willing to carry his cross. This is why, my child, I have given you a heavier cross. No one on this earth will have to carry your cross. None of you ever has to walk alone if you believe and turn to me for help, for I, your Lord, am ever so near and I will never abandon you.

My Mother is also present on this earth to help each child who accepts her motherly assistance, so take her hand. Be not foolish, for she is your Mother who will shower you with her grace. She will guide those who listen and who respond to her messages. She will protect and nurture those who take refuge in her Immaculate Heart. She will intercede for you when you come to her with your requests, so be wise and take her hand and she will help you on this earth. Be more pure, just as my Mother, so you do not pierce her heart. Be more accepting of her mission that my Father has asked her to do, for then you will be led closer to me, instead of deceived.

My Mother's messages have become longer because she so often has to repeat herself, but they are that of truth and concern for you. They are very teaching because so many do not know how to love. They are informative because many do not follow true teaching. They are very loving, yet at times firm to wake her sleepy children. Her heart is always open, waiting for each child to take refuge. She does not deny any child who comes to her, for her love is deep for all her children.

I have come to remind you her time is almost up on this earth, so be more attentive and do all that she is teaching you. I have come also to warn you that those who pierce her heart will have to answer to me, for she is my Mother who is ever so near to me. Many will deny my Mother's grace. Do not allow them to place doubt upon your heart, for they do not understand my Mother's role on this earth. Instead, share your faith and be firm on your beliefs, for many of you know that she is the Mother of God and a mother to each of you. She is here to help those who take her hand.

I ask that you respond to our requests so you remain on the path that will lead you to heaven. You will then have peace and joy and you will stay strong in your faith. You will stay strong because you will be guided each new day.

I am your merciful Lord. I am here for each one of you. Just believe and keep your heart open, for then my words will live in you.

We are each asked by God to take up our own particular cross, not someone else's cross. We have the grace to carry the cross of our particular state in life, at this time and place. We do not have the grace to carry our cross or the crosses of tomorrow, or ten years from now, or for the rest of our life. We have the grace to carry whatever is our particular cross this day, today, one day at a time.

God gives us all the grace, all the strength we need to carry our cross, one day at a time. We should offer up the sacrifice of our daily trials, our daily sufferings for love of God and the salvation of souls. "Through your suffering, many souls will be saved. It is when one understands the pain that I, your Lord, endured for you, is when one will be more willing to carry his cross."

# March 5, 1998, Thursday Our words will console those who ignored my Mother's pleas.

My child,

I am preparing you for times ahead, so stay strong in your faith so the enemy cannot lure you away. When you feel discouraged, come to me so that you never let go of my Mother's hand. I, your Lord, will then give you the encouragement that you need to pursue.

Each word that is given to you from heaven above will never leave you, for they are heavenly words, unlike man's on this earth. This is why you feel pain when you receive them. It is because they become embedded in your heart. They live in you because they are internal. This, my child, will only strengthen you for the road ahead. You will remain strong when others curse and judge you, for my words will always remain with you. So, be glad for each new message, for much wisdom and knowledge will be given to you.

Through time, many will beg for my mercy when they see that what I have taught you is true. Each message that has been given to you will be needed for times to come. Each message will save many souls, for they are the truth and will help many come back to me. They will help those who were deceived and not fed the truth. So write, my child,

for your hands are needed in order to do great work for me. Those who listen now to these messages will be able to feed those who will become hungry spiritually. Our words will flow from their heart. Our words will console those who ignored my Mother's pleas.

Many will need consoling, for they will feel sorrow for their sins. They will need to know that without a repentive heart, many flames will surround them. They will need to know that peace will follow if they do not give in. They will need to know how to recognize the many false prophets that will surround them, for many will arise to confuse my people. Those who still are not hungry for the truth after they see their soul will be led away by those groups who will claim false teaching, but those who stay true to the end will have eternal peace.

I have come, my child, to warn you because the enemy wants you to give up and if you believe what Satan is telling you, he will devour you. So be wise; continue forward even on the days when you feel pain, for then the enemy cannot harm you. Just spend more time in prayer so you are not bothered by his voice.

Now, I am instructing you to share with my son [spiritual advisor] who has been chosen for you, so that your heart does not become heavy. Be obedient, for then joy will never leave you. This climb will not always be easy because you will have to suffer along the way, but suffering is what saves souls and what will strengthen you.

Now, share with me all that is bothering you so that I can give you my peace. I am ever so near, my child, so be not afraid, for I am your merciful Lord.

I have talked to Little Mary after receiving what she calls "hard messages." Messages that tell of souls rejecting God, living in sin, not open to God's love, falling away, headed for what seems like certain eternal damnation, if they do not repent and return to our Lord in love; these have a deep, sorrowful, and painful effect on the person receiving the message. And then, the obligation to call others to return to the Lord, to spread the message to the world, is a heavy burden upon one's soul.

There is so much confusion today. Many do not know the Gospel. They do not know even the basic doctrines of true faith and morals. Religious education has been nil or negligible, sadly deficient and not infrequently includes false teachings in the name of Catholicism. There have been priests and religious swept away by the tide of the world, who before they left in scandal, taught wrongly and left their mark that disturbed even thousands. There have also been false mystics, giving messages that were not in harmony with the Gospel and Magisterium. We can see why the Church is cautious of reported heavenly messages.

"They will need to know how to recognize the many false prophets that will surround them, for many will arise to confuse my people. Those who still are not hungry for the truth after they see their soul will be led away by those groups who teach falsely, but those who stay true to the end will have eternal peace."

The Blessed Mother herself directed Little Mary to a certain priest as her spiritual director when the messages began. Heaven knew the trials, the heavy crosses which she could not carry alone unless she shared those with a trusted advisor.

# March 19, 1998, Thursday I am the way, so follow me. I am Jesus, your merciful Lord.

My child,

Those who are truthful will stay loyal to me. Those who are honest will never deny their weaknesses, they will instead turn to me for strength. I, your merciful Lord, will then step in and I will give you the direction you need.

The proud are those who deny my assistance. They are those who depend on their own knowledge and strength. They then deprive themselves of the guidance needed to become more whole. Without complete trust and confidence in me, many will be led in the wrong direction. They then will deny the food needed for their souls. They will fall away from true teaching, for they will become more focused on the world, instead of me. Today, many have chosen the wrong path, all because of their refusal to spend time with me. Many are walking in darkness and are headed towards hell. This is happening because of man's free will and their refusal to come to know me.

I am the way, so follow me. I am Jesus, your merciful Lord. Allow me to guide you so you do not become blind to the truth. The world will only tell you what you want to hear. The world will not teach you what is good for your soul. So be wise, confide in me, for then you will be taught the truth. Be wise, do not wander away, remain close to me. Remain prayerful so you are not tempted to take the easier road. Your prayers and a desire to change will then help you keep moving forward. You will then be strengthened and mortified.

Your time must be spent more wisely or you will not be prepared. This time is a time of growth, so take time to nurture your soul. If you spend this precious time foolishly, then our relationship will not deepen. You will then not know how to endure the trials you will face. You will instead become weaker in your faith, which will cause you to lose hope and trust. Turn to me this very night so that I can protect you from the enemy. The way will then be prepared if you follow me.

Believe that I am Jesus, your Redeemer and Lord, for then you will stay strong and loyal to me. Allow my peace to now dwell in you.

The times are evil. Many, because of pride and lack of humility, relying simply on themselves, are falling away from union with God and divine life within Christ's one true Church. They do not obey the proper authority of the Church. They question Church teachings, or don't bother to become informed on correct Church teachings. They begin by receiving the sacraments in a mechanical way, not filled with the faith and love which accompany reception of the Sacraments. Gradually they become indifferent to their meaning and the reality of Christ present and acting in and through the Sacraments.

One can avoid such pitfalls only by being prayerful. Prayer is our protection. Families must pray as families. In addition, each individual must pray, seek daily conversation with God. One must have a personal relationship with Jesus and also with His holy Mother. Thus one will be led to union with the entire Blessed Trinity. If one's spiritual life becomes cold and one seeks an easy road, it will not lead to peace and joy in Christ on this earth or eternal life in heaven.

We must use our time wisely. By developing a consistent daily spiritual program we can indeed find time for God, for prayer, and accomplish more—even in our daily work and duties on a natural level—than we would in a life without a

spiritual program. "If you spend this precious time foolishly, then our relationship will not deepen. You will then not know how to endure the trials you will face." Each one of us has a free will as to which road we follow. We must keep growing in our spirituality—so as to come to a mature faith and spiritual life.

# March 26, 1998, Thursday I come to warn you so you stay on guard.

My child,

Those who love me will remain loyal to the end. They are those who will cherish my friendship above all else.

Today, I come as your merciful Lord. I come to warn you so you stay on guard. I ask that you stay away from those who draw you away from me, for even though you may feel strong, your human weakness could cause you to sin. Be more cautious of those who do not follow my way or who ignore the truth.

Stay close to me, for then you will have the grace needed not to give in to worldly ways. Embrace solitude instead of friendships that will harm you. Spend more time with me, for this is how you will grow and become more pure. Learn to walk away from those who are choosing to live in sin. Pray for them, for then in time their eyes will open.

Each day will be different, for each of you will have to go through tests and trials, but with my help you will be able to stay strong. My grace will be needed in times to come, so seek refuge now in my Most Sacred Heart. Seek refuge now in my Church. Nourish your soul by receiving me more often in the Eucharist. Cleanse your soul so you are in a state of grace, for then evil will never win.

Take heed to all that my mother is telling you so you are ready at all times. Be on guard, for the enemy is sly. Do not ignore our requests, instead, change in the areas that we are asking you to. When you respond, you will then be strengthened. Each time you respond, you will be led closer to me. Pride will then not enter, for change will occur for you. Your heart will then feel love, for I will dwell in you. Your thoughts will not confuse you, for your focus will be on me. Your desire to do good will help you make better choices.

So, be wise so you are not fooled by those who are unhappy with themselves, for they lack the wisdom to truly help you. Be wise, for there are many who are dishonest and who want to trick you with their false ideas. Be more eager to please and serve me so you remain humble and true. Your love for me will then never leave you.

I wait patiently for each of you to call upon my Name, for my Heart burns for you. My peace I now give to you; allow my peace to become part of you, for then you will have peace and joy.

Bad company, bad associations have been the downfall of many. This is true not only for young people, but for any age. Faulty thinking and acting of those we associate with can soon cause any one of us to give up our ideals of good and strong faith and morals. "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread." We should strive to evangelize sinners, those who give bad example and live unholy lives. But never should we compromise. If they are a danger to us, as soon as we feel an attraction to loosen up on our own principles, we must wake up and avoid such people.

Never think that you could never fall. Such thinking is a grave danger. "Work out your salvation in fear and trembling," we are advised in Sacred Scripture. Jesus

in the above message says: "I come to warn you so you stay on guard. I ask that you stay away from those who draw you away from me, for even though you may feel strong, your human weakness could cause you to sin."

# April 16, 1998, Thursday Satan is helpless if you do not give in to his evil ways.

My child,

Satan is helpless if you do not give in to his evil ways. If you stand by me with faith, hope and love, he is powerless. When you draw away from me, he will then attack wherever you are weak. Be on guard so you do not give in to his foolish ways. Be on guard, for the enemy will try to prevent you from receiving me in Holy Communion. He will give you undesirable thoughts to cause weariness and despair. He is full of lies and will try to confuse you. He dreads seeing anyone make a humble confession, for then he knows he lost.

The enemy likes to distract those who pray or do good deeds. He is sly; that is why I have come to warn you. Do not be troubled by his evil tendencies, just remain close to me at all times. Your suffering will bring you closer to me, so be strong and don't give in. Be obedient, for then many souls will be saved. Many devils wander this earth in search of whomever they can grasp, but they only succeed when one gives in to them. They are powerless over Christians, so be glad if you are following me.

I am Jesus, your merciful Lord. I have come to warn each of you that without prayer and a desire to follow me, it will become much more difficult for you. Trust in my wisdom so you stay armored. Live my words and abide in truth. Honor my saints and strive hard to become just like them. Detest your sins and be honest with yourselves. Ask daily for my forgiveness, for then you shall be given strength. Think often of my life so you pick up your cross, no matter how hard it becomes; your burdens will then be lifted and peace will enter your heart and soul.

My mercy pours out to each of you; that is why I am ever so near. So draw near to me, for then my rays will warm your soul. Draw near to me and take refuge in my heart, for then you will be protected from all storms that unfold. You will be secure, for I will be there to console those who accept my Divine Mercy.

Greener pastures await those who climb and who remain close to me. So, be not afraid, just trust in me, for I am Jesus, your merciful Lord.

The reality of Satan and the devils must be understood. The devil does tempt us. He strikes at our weakest spot. The devil knows where we are weak and more prone to fall under temptation. We must fortify ourselves with daily prayer, with frequent confession, and worthy reception of the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. When tempted we should call upon our Guardian Angel. We should frequently pray the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel. The devil hates Our Blessed Mother Mary; that is why the daily Rosary, meditating on the Mysteries of Jesus Christ, is so powerful against Satan.

The battle today is between the good holy angels and the fallen angels and it is over us they do battle. The holy angels want our souls for Jesus and Mary, their Lord, King and Queen. The fallen angels cannot love but only hate. They constantly strive to tempt us to sin by bad thoughts, through bad pictures, the media, bad companions, so they can separate us from Jesus and Mary and keep us from heaven.

No angel, not even the good holy angels, have ever experienced directly the mercy of God. No angel has ever had a sin forgiven. The nature of an angel is that it cannot change its mind. No angel can repent. The good holy angel learns more about God's greatest attribute, mercy, through us. This is why the angel longs to be a Guardian Angel to experience in some way, at least indirectly, the mercy of God through his charge.

The good holy angel, in particular one's Guardian Angel, loves to see us repent, make a good confession to have the precious Blood of Jesus poured over our souls, thus be the recipient of God's mercy. The good holy angel is in awe of God's mercy and rejoices when we enter the confessional. Jesus in speaking of the lost sheep said: "Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. . . . Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:7-10).

We can see then why the fallen angels, the devils, hate to see us go to confession. Jesus insisted with St. Faustina that under the image of the Divine Mercy with the streams of light, red and white, from the Heart of Jesus there be the signature, "Jesus, I trust in you." The above message has Jesus end with: "So, be not afraid, just trust in me, for I am Jesus, your merciful Lord."

# April 26, 1998, Sunday Until one practice humility, one will not be loyal to me.

My child,

The humble are those who do not look for admiration. They are truthful and do not seek glory on this earth. They do not care what others think about them, they just strive to do their best to please me. They are willing to be first, not anxious to be first. They are honest and do not become angry when corrected. They do not find fault in others, they work on their own. Those who are humble depend on me, for they know they can do nothing without my help.

I am Jesus, your merciful Lord. I am here for each of you, but before you can feel true peace, you must abandon yourself and rely on me. You must be humble and more willing to learn by your mistakes. You must remove any pride that you have allowed to enter your heart and soul. The closer you come to me, the greater your desire will be to abandon yourself totally to me.

It is through humility that one will come to know me in a deeper way. For it is through humility that one allows me to teach and show them a more perfect way. Until one practices humility, one will not be loyal to me. Meditate on this truth and then be more willing to allow me to help you.

Don't allow the world to teach you that pride is acceptable, for it truly displeases me. Pride is what prevents one from wanting to change. Pride causes one to be dishonest with themselves. Pride is what will pull you away from me, for when one is prideful they deny my assistance.

Change will only occur by breaking away from whatever is causing you to sin. Change will occur if you take time to pray and truly take time to come to know me. You can be no help to others if you don't first take the time to come to know me. It takes practice and effort on your part, but if you pursue, your love for me will grow. Your desires will change, for our friendship will deepen.

Through obedience and sacrifice it will be much easier to give up all that is not pleasing to me. If you listen when I correct you, you will then know which areas in your life need change. Don't put off these areas that need change, strive hard each new day. For it is through your effort and willingness that you will grow and mature. Don't just say you love me, but love me with your whole heart. Show me that you love me by your desire to truly want to change.

Now, come to me, for I am your merciful Lord and I will help each child who comes with an open heart. Allow me to help you on this earth and I promise you peace will then enter your heart and soul. I am waiting, so seek refuge today.

Jesus insists upon humility. Humility is the virtue that restrains an unruly desire for personal greatness. It leads people to an orderly love of themselves based on a true appreciation of their position with respect to God and their neighbors. Humility recognizes one's total dependence on God. Moral humility recognizes one's creaturely equality with others.

Humility is not only opposed to pride, it is also opposed to immoderate self-abjection, which would fail to recognize God's gifts and use them according to His will. In the above message therefore Jesus says: "They do not care what others think about them, they just strive to do their best to please me. They are willing to be first, not anxious to be first. They are honest and do not become angry when corrected."

Jesus is asking us to back up our words with action. There are places in our lives where we must change. It is not enough to say in prayer to Jesus, "I love you." We must love to sacrifice, giving up our own pleasures and desires as necessary. We must love God with our whole heart, our whole soul, and our neighbor as ourself.

Jesus is recorded in Sacred Scripture saying: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:28-29).

### July 5, 1998, Sunday My Heart bleeds because so many are refusing to hear the truth.

My child,

This is the time of my Divine mercy, but my Justice will soon come. The earth will then tremble and all will know the time is near. Those who repent and who are doing the Father's Will, will have peace and serenity, but those who are living in sin will have much to fear. For all that is hidden will be unveiled and man will not be able to cover up their sins. Wherever there is sin, my Father's hand will strike. Wherever there is sin, man will pay the price.

Pray, my child, for sin has become widespread and justice will prevail across this land. Pray, my child, and suffer silently for me. Pray, my child, and spend as much time as you can with me, for then each cross will be easier to bear. Each cross will save many souls, for they will be led back to me.

This message must be shared with all humanity so they understand the suffering you must go through. It is all part of walking closely with me. Those who love me will understand that you have been chosen and that you are a victim soul. Those who love me will

also carry their cross with joy, no matter how hard it becomes. Those who live me will be

willing to do their part.

Now, persevere and persist in prayer, for my mercy will not last. I am Jesus, your merciful Lord; take shelter now in my Most Sacred Heart. My Heart is open, so take refuge now.

# July 19, 1998, Sunday

My child,

Pray for those who do not understand my Mother's role on this earth, for they are denying themselves the help needed to become strong and whole again. Without my Mother's assistance, many will continue to fall further away from the Sacraments.

My Sacred Heart bleeds for those who continue to reject our heavenly messages. My Heart bleeds because so many are refusing to hear the truth. When one denies the truth, one then chooses to live in darkness. My mercy is great for those who repent and who do penance. My mercy pours out to all who come to me, but due to lack of faith, many are choosing to walk by Satan's side. Those who are rejecting these messages are doing so because they do not want to reform their lives.

They also do not want to believe that the time will soon be at hand and that justice will prevail across this land. Woe to those who are ignoring my Father's warnings, for they will not be ready for all that will unfold. Their soul will not be cleansed and how they will suffer when all their sins are revealed to them. How they will suffer when they see the blood that I shed for them. They will suffer, for they will see how deep my wounds have become due to their sins.

My child, you must not give up, for you have been chosen to take part in saving souls. You have been chosen because many cardinals, bishops and priests are sleeping. Many are not preaching the truth because they do not call upon the Holy Spirit. They are seeking pleasure instead of spending time with me. Many have become weak due to lack of prayer. Many need your prayers, so I ask today that you spend more time with me. I ask, my child, that you also continue to suffer for all humanity.

I ask that you continue on, no matter what man thinks of you, for in time they will know that I am working through you. They will know because much wisdom will be given to you. They will know because these heavenly messages will heal their flock. Many will repent and will seek refuge in my heart. My sons will not be able to deny what is happening to their flock, for they will see a change and many will return to Church. So, do not worry, cast away your fear, for I am walking ever so near to you.

This is the time of mercy. This is the time of renewal. This time has been allowed because of our love for you. So keep moving, my child, for these messages must be spread. They must be spread so more repent and turn away from sin. Those who listen and who respond will be blessed, for they will be led closer to me. They will be led to the path that will lead them to heaven. The path, my child, will always be clear for you, so persevere and trust in me, for I am your merciful Lord. I am Jesus.

Now, be at peace and secure in our love for you. My blessings I give to you. Pray for peace and fortitude.

# January 20, 1999, Monday The answers will be given to those who come and spend time with me.

My child,

I am Jesus, Be not afraid of me, for I come in love and I have come to bring you peace. Be not afraid, for I know how much you can endure.

If you run each time you hear my voice, then there can be no message for the world. This is the time of my great mercy and I want souls to know that my Heart is overflowing with mercy and love. Be obedient, my child, and write each message that my Mother and I give to you. Write, my child, for time is short and many souls are still far away

from me. I need your hands and your voice, so please do not run from me.

Each step you take I will guide you, for you have been chosen for these times. Each time I talk to you, my words will also become embedded in your heart. Some of my words will remain in you until it is time to share. So come to me when your cross feels heavy and I will help you endure all suffering. Come to me, for your prayers are needed due to the sins of this world. Pray and do penance and be willing to suffer for me, for this, my child, will appease my Father's wrath.

The world must realize that sin has become widespread. They must awake from their slumber and repent. They must not wait weekly to hear from my Mother. They must come and spend time with me in front of the Blessed Sacrament. They must pray and then listen so that I can direct each child individually. The answers will be given to those who come and who spend time with me.

Direction is needed, for many are confused. They are confused because they spend such little time with me. Confusion would not happen if more would respond to what my Mother is telling them. But, due to lack of prayer and trust in me, many are seeking answers from those around them. This is what will cause disharmony and how many will be misled.

Each child must come to know me and this will not happen if they never spend time with me. Each child must wait patiently for answers when they come to me, for I must prepare them first. Each child must become dependent on me, not their wealth, for their wealth will not get them to heaven. It is I, your merciful Lord, who will give you all that you need.

Blessed will be those who listen to my voice and who take heed to what I am telling them to do, for this is how they will be drawn closer to me. But woe to those who are deaf to my words, for they will not know which path to take. They will not know what to do if they allow the world to feed them. My child, make my merciful warning known to all our children so they begin to amend their ways, for time is short due to the sins of this world.

Now trust, my child, that I am here for you so that you do not run when you hear my voice. Allow me to feed you so that you in turn can relay my words. Don't give up. Take my hand and listen to my Mother, for my Mother is leading many souls back to me. I am with you; you have nothing to fear. My peace and joy I now give to you.

# July 18, 1999, Sunday The pit is deep and many are bound with chains; help these children be free again.

My child,

Listen closely as my Mother speaks to you. Do not ignore her heavenly pleas or those

words that she shares with you, for all must know that this is the time to prepare one's soul. All must know that my Father has chosen many messengers to relay our words.

My Mother and I are teaching you and you in turn must help those who are in need. Souls are in danger and those who know the truth must go forth in love. They must not ignore those who are so deceived. They must do all that they can before they sink deeper into the pit.

The pit is deep and many are bound with chains; help these children be free again. Take their hands and pray with them. Tell them I am here for them. Don't leave them to fend for themselves. Be compassionate and nurture them. Take their hand just as my Mother has done for you and make the Gospel known, for the truth is what will set them free, free from bondage.

Satan has a hold on many today, but this can be stopped through prayer and acts of mercy. So be merciful and rescue each child who is in darkness. Be merciful, for your reward will be great. Listen closely now, when I am speaking to you, so that I can direct you and lead you to those souls who need your assistance. Many souls are in need, so respond now to all that my Mother has taught you.

My Mother is here for but a short time, so take heed now while there is still time. I am your merciful Lord, who loves and cares for each of you. If you truly love me, then respond now to my Mother's requests. Do not pierce my Mother's heart or a greater chastisement will come. Instead, love her as I do and you will be led closer to me. My Mother is here, so be wise and take heed today.

My peace I now give to you. Allow my peace to dwell in you.

The love of Jesus, the God-Man, for truth and for the salvation of souls, has come through in these messages. Many are not open to the truth, or never were taught the truth. Those who know the truth must in love go forth to share the truth with others. Living in darkness means living in serious sin. If we say nothing to people we know are not living the truth, are not living in the state of grace, and this is their habitual lifestyle, we are responsible for not correcting our brothers or sisters.

"The pit is deep. . . ." Many are deep in sin, in darkness, are lost and know not the way. They need help from other members of the Church who are living in sanctifying grace, realize the truth, but too often are lacking in courage and sufficient love to share it.

Jesus is telling us that His Mother is here giving messages on behalf of God. We should listen to her, the Mother of Mercy, so that souls are made free by true faith and washed in the merciful blood of Jesus Christ. Being washed in Jesus' Blood means repentance and humbly going to confession to be restored to grace. Then the truth has made them free. Jesus is the Truth.

# August 12, 1998, Wednesday

My child,

Listen to my voice, for I need your prayers. Listen closely, for I am Jesus, your merciful Lord. I need you to relay my words. I ask, my child, that you listen even though it causes you pain and tears, for through your suffering, souls, many souls will be saved.

Time is short and my Divine Mercy will be followed by my Divine Justice. Pray, my child, to appease my Father's wrath. Go forth, my child, in my name. Go forth in love

and truth. Do not be afraid, for the truth must be made known. Bring souls to me while there is still time. Tell them I am waiting for them to come, come to me. Tell them I am present in the Eucharist. Tell them to come to Mass and to kneel before the tabernacle. Tell the world to come and spend time with me, for my heart is overflowing with mercy. Tell them my love is greater than their sins. Tell my sons to keep their church doors open so more can spend quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament.

My mercy will pour out to each child who spends time with me. I will bless those churches that allow my flock to spend time with me in Eucharistic adoration. Their lives will change, for I will guide them and help them in those areas that they are weak. Love, only love, will then flow from their heart. Families will then be reunited and conversion will happen. It will happen because I will dwell in those who come to me with an open heart. I will give them peace and bless their home.

But those churches that are not abiding by true teaching will need your prayers, for in time they will crumble. Those souls that are consecrated to me will then suffer for misleading their flock. Those souls who have no reverence for me will suffer greatly for denying my grace. Those who are not in a state of grace will perish without a repentive heart. Woe to those who come to my altar with an unclean soul. Woe to those who preach, but leave out the truth. Woe to those who do not pray or take a stand for life, because without their help many souls are being lost. Woe to those who because of jealously and pride condemn my messengers, for they have been chosen to relay my words. Woe to those who think they have all the answers and who never spend time with me. Woe to those priests who denied their flock, for they will not see heaven unless they change during this time of my mercy. Change must happen soon, for my mercy is running out.

My child, these messages must be spread, so please share all that I am telling you. Those who listen must then do the same. They must go to their priests and to those who are refusing to listen to my words. They must not be afraid to share all that is embedded in their heart. They must go forth in love and in truth. They must be willing to be persecuted for sharing the truth. They must understand that this is all part of carrying their cross. Those priests who refuse to listen will need your prayers, for this is their wake-up call from heaven above.

Now I ask, my child, that you continue to suffer for me, for this world is falling into sin. I ask this of you because so many souls are refusing to pick up their cross for me. I will be gentle, my child, for I know how much you can endure, so be at peace and know that I am ever so near. I will be with you every step of the way.

My Mother is preparing the way, so hold tightly to her hand. My Mother will wipe your tears and will comfort each child who suffers for me, so be at peace and do all that you can for me. I am Jesus, your sovereign Lord. My blessings of mercy I now give to each of you.

Some imagine that being a messenger is a glorious thing, a glorious experience, and brings a feeling of prestige for oneself. It is rather true that, as in the lives of saints, who had their faults too, messengers for the truth that frees from bondage and darkness brings much suffering to the messenger. There of course have been false messengers. When there are true messengers and many souls are brought to Jesus, there is also much suffering for the messenger.

Often the suffering comes from sources least expected, even from those one might think would be a help. Persecution, however, is a sign of authenticity. Jesus foretold how his followers would be persecuted. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:10).

Jesus speaks of how many are falling into sin today. Some spiritual writers have speculated that there is more sin in the world today proportionately, say for 10,000 people (population increase is a factor in actual numbers of sins committed), than at the time of the deluge.

God is sending his Mother to call souls to repentance and to the mercy of God.

### September 24, 1999, Friday Repent now if you are ignoring the greatest sin in this world.

My child,

I am Jesus, your merciful Lord. I am here, so please listen and relay my words. I come to you today because my Mother is weeping tears of blood. Not only must you heal my wounds, but you must wipe those tears that my Mother is shedding for each of you. These tears will not be wiped away until you respond to all that she is sharing with you.

If you don't do your part, abortion will not stop. Abortion is the greatest sin in this world, so why aren't more taking a stand to defend life? The innocent are being slaughtered every day, so why are you sitting back and being silent? Why aren't you praying every day for an end to abortion? Why aren't you helping those who are so deceived? I am waiting for an answer. Will you keep excusing yourself for being lazy or will you take part in saving souls?

Repent now if you are ignoring the greatest sin in this world. Repent now if you are not living the Beatitudes. Repent now and then do what my Father is asking of you.

Repent now or this earth will be shaken from its foundation.

My child, I have shown you what will happen if one does not repent, repent soon. So, please continue to suffer for those who are not making the truth known, for they too will perish if they do not take a stand for life. Let the world know that the earth is trembling now. Let them know, for they must wake up now. There is no time to spare; all must pray and take part in saving lives. All must use their hands and voice and obey each Commandment. Rivers will overflow if man allows this world to crumble. The sea will not remain calm if man continues to pollute this earth. All will see much bloodshed if one continues to neglect their soul. All will see all that I have shown you, my child, if they don't repent and get down on their knees.

Thunder will blast through the sky and there will be total darkness if you don't pray and gather in those groups that my Mother has formed. Without prayer and sacrifice, nothing can be lessened that is coming your way. Without compassion and respect for life, you allow Lucifer to attack and then strike. War will be your outcome if you do not love or give with your heart. Abortion is murder and there will be consequence for sin. This will be severely punished if you don't act now.

This message is serious, for it is another warning from heaven. Believe and respond now or you will suffer just as those babies who are ripped into pieces from their mother's womb. My wounds are deep and they will become deeper if you keep ignoring my Mother, so take heed now and wipe those tears that flow from my Mother's eyes.

I am your merciful Lord. I shed my mercy upon you. I am with you, so do not fear. My peace I now give to you.

Abortion is the greatest sin, killing innocent, defenseless human life. Consider this poem which I wrote and titled:

#### Death before Birth

It is God who says "Let life be Made in the image and likeness of me." An immortal soul from God comes forth What He wills, He speaks, the Infinite Source.

From the moment of conception, a person exists To live forever in heavenly bliss If God is loved and neighbor favored Then the purpose of His plan is savored.

#### Chorus:

But a tragedy occurs whenever a mother Ends the life of her child aborting another The earth it shakes and heaven cries Whenever an infant before birth dies.

The woman who says "this body is mine To do as I wish" is rather a sign Of human nature at its very worst Destined to invite God's great curse.

God can forgive each and every sin So that yet heaven one can win This does not mitigate abortion's crime The culture of death that haunts our time.

Chorus:

# November 15, 1999, Monday Listen to my Mother, who is Queen of heaven.

My child,

Listen to my Mother, who is Queen of heaven, and write, write all that she is telling you, for each word that you write will help save souls. These messages must be shared, so write, my child, without hesitation. These messages need to be read so they touch the hearts of all those who come and listen.

This is the time of my Divine Mercy and my love is pouring out from me on to you. Accept my love graciously and be always humble. My Mother is ever so near, for we are inseparable. Our hearts are joined, for we are one just as you and I are one. Because of your open heart, my mercy continues to pour forth. Because of your response, this group has grown. Continue to be my servant and allow my warmth to flow through your heart and hands. Keep your heart open and tell the world not to harden their heart, for then I will give them what is best for their soul.

Now is the time to listen, for my Mother is truly here for you. Listen to my mother, for it is I who sends her to you. I am your merciful Lord and I shall always be your strength.

Little Mary always found it difficult to accept the mission given her. She constantly needed encouragement, not only from our Blessed Mother, but in this case, from Jesus Himself. Souls would be saved if she wrote and shared the messages.

At Fatima it was said that the Hearts of Jesus and Mary are inseparable. Here Jesus says: "My Mother is ever so near, for we are inseparable. Our hearts are

joined, for we are one just as you and I are one."

# March 2, 2000, Wednesday It is not up to you to decide who should live or who should die.

My child,

I am here today to comfort you, for I am your Merciful Lord. I am here for all my children, so please write and relay my words. Please know that you can come to me at any time. I am with you in a very special way. Be at peace and know that I am with you. Be at peace and know that I shall guide you even in your most darkest moments. Embrace this love, for I am here because of my love for each of you.

My Mother weeps today because so many are not taking these messages seriously. Many are refusing to amend their ways in this time of my mercy. Today, I have come to share my pain with you. My heart bleeds when I see the sorrow in my Mother's face. My heart bleeds because so many are ignoring these heavenly pleas. My heart bleeds for those who will not accept my Mother's role on this earth. My heart bleeds when I see so many unfaithful children.

Parents are killing their own flesh and blood. They have no remorse because their hands and heart have become cold. Many today have become so blind because of their wealth. So many are being silent because they are afraid to speak the truth. If you want to become followers of mine, you must pick up your cross. You must be willing to die for me. You must spread your faith. You must cherish life until one takes their last breath. You must love and respect all your brothers and sisters. It is not up to you to decide who should live or who should die. It is not your choice.

Repent now if you are taking a stand on life. Repent now if you have not been open to life. Repent now, my sons, if you are not feeding your flock. Repent and speak up now or you will see much more bloodshed. You will see each child you destroyed if you don't repent, repent now. Your sins will not be forgiven if you do not repent and do penance. If you are not sorry for your sins, then you are choosing darkness.

Parents, listen to my Mother and take hold of your family now. Listen and respond, or your children will continue to turn on you. Make your day a prayer and come to me when you are weary. Come to me at any hour, for I am with you and I will not ever leave you. Come to me and dress my wounds with your love. Come to me and I will guide you and lead you. I will take your petitions to my Father, who is also your Father. Surrender totally to me and trust, trust in my mercy. Trust, for I will always be there for you. My mercy pours out to you, so trust and believe that my Mother is also here now for each of you. She holds each of you so dear to her heart. So accept now my Mother's love for you, for she is here, here for you now.

My child, put aside all your anxiousness and rest in me, for I know how much you love your Mother. I am holding her in my arms, so be reassured that her suffering is almost over. I know how much suffering you can endure and I will never give you more

than you can handle. So be at peace now and know that I suffer with you. Your suffering is for my lost ones and for your purification. So be at peace and know that I love you.

We all have an obligation to evangelize, to reach out to help other souls, to bring others to Jesus Christ. "You must spread your faith," says Jesus. He once said to the apostles, "Go forth and teach all nations."

The words of Jesus here are powerful for those who favor abortion, the killing of unborn innocent human life. These people often say they are prochoice. Jesus says:

"You must cherish life until one takes their last breath. You must love and respect all your brothers and sisters. It is not up to you to decide who should live or who should die. It is not your choice."

Jesus loves His Mother and expresses pain at those who do not listen to the Heart of His Mother. "My Mother weeps today because so many are not taking these messages seriously. Many are refusing to amend their ways in this time of my mercy."

The Fatima message was emphatic about the Immaculate Heart of Mary, that the peace of the world was confided to her Heart. Souls could be saved in Jesus by making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary as announced in the First Saturday devotions involving meditated Rosaries and worthily receiving the Sacraments.

# June 14, 2000, Wednesday My Mother knows what is best for all her children.

My child,

My Mother knows what is best for all her children, so please listen to her each time she comes to you. Please listen and write, for it is so important that her words become embedded in your heart. All that she teaches you must be taken seriously, for she is here now preparing the way. She is here now and all will soon know that she is a mother to each of you.

I am not pleased with those who are ignoring her heavenly pleas. I am not pleased because I see how pride has gotten in the way. If man does not respond soon to these messages, then all goodness will be taken away. It is man's choice to live the Gospel. It is man's choice to listen to my Mother who is here making the Gospel known.

Cooperate now with all the spiritual help that I give you. Respond and trust in my merciful love. When you trust, then you will be able to listen to all that is revealed to you. Without trust, you will not be able to hear me. I am walking with you, so please trust and open your heart. Be confident and persevere, for we are with you in this journey.

My strength and peace I now give to you, for I am your merciful Lord.

Here Jesus speaks of the importance of trust. We are reminded by these words of His requirement to St. Maria Faustina, the apostle of Divine Mercy, when Jesus required the image of Divine Mercy to be signed with the inscription, "Jesus, I trust in you." Jesus here speaks of His "merciful love."

Jesus says that pride gets in the way of some in not accepting His Mother's messages. "It is man's choice to live the Gospel. It is man's choice to listen to my Mother who is here making the Gospel known."

# August 28, 2000, Monday You have consoled me with your great faith.

My child,

You have consoled me with your great faith.

I want you to know that my mercy and love are being extended to each one of you who have been so faithful. I am with you always. I am your true shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Continue to bring comfort to me by allowing my mercy to flow through you to others. Be confident, trust and love me as I love you. Trust, love and obey me. Rely on me to guide you. Remain, remain faithful. Do not let anyone discourage you; just love and trust me and your reward shall be great.

I am your merciful Lord. I am the vine; you are the branches. You are never alone. I am with you and my Mother is here. I love you and now bless you with my mercy, joy and peace.

We are reminded here of biblical scenes from the New Testament. Jesus says in the Bible that he is the Good Shepherd. He guards souls and leads them to green pastures. In the message He, and through His Mother, is leading us to the pastures of prayer, repentance, and the Sacraments.

The Church is the Mystical Body of Christ. Jesus explained the human and divine nature of the Church when he said, "I am the vine; you are the branches" (John 15:5).

# October 27, 2000, Friday I am with you. I am your strength. Stay close to me and accept my love for you.

My child,

I am with you. I am your strength. Stay close to me and accept my love for you. Allow me to be your strength and your protection. Do not try to fight the evil one alone. Stay close to me and allow me to comfort you. Stay close to me and all fear will leave you and it will be replaced by my peace. Embrace your cross and believe that I am carrying it with you. You are not alone; my Mother is truly with you. My Mother prays for you daily, so be at peace and allow us now to love, comfort and console you.

I speak to you today because I want you to know that you are not alone. I shall encourage you so that you use the gifts my Father has given to you. Your hands are needed, accept my warmth that comes through them. Accept my peace and love that I have for you. I love you and bless you now with my strength, my courage and my grace.

# March 2, 2001, Friday Prayers are needed, so pray today for the world's sins.

My child,

My Mother grieves with me because sin has become widespread. My Mother suffers for all her children. Prayers are needed, so pray today for the world's sins. Pray for mercy for all, for many continue to wound our Heart. There is no time to spare; take heed to my warning.

My outstretched arms await those who surrender themselves to me. I am Jesus, your merciful Lord. I will not abandon you, for I am your true shepherd. My peace I now give to you. My joy and everlasting love I offer to each of you. Repent and return to me, I will not forsake you.

My Mother is preparing the way; cherish her, for she is the way to my Heart. Love her just as I love you.

# May 16, 2001, Wednesday I have sent you my Mother to prepare you for my coming.

My child,

Listen to the words of my Mother, whom I send you. Listen and respond with joy, for she is leading you closer to me. Listen and do whatever she tells you, for my mercy is flowing through her. Listen and you will be strengthened, nurtured and taught.

Obey and trust and open your hearts now. Open your hearts so that I can fill them with my mercy and love. I have sent you my Mother to prepare you for my coming, so listen to her as she prepares you. Listen and pray with my Mother so that your hearts are filled with love, truth, compassion and joy.

I plead with you, time is short and this time cannot be given back to you. My Mother grieves for you because she loves you so much. Listen and respond to my Mother and through this I will be able to touch others through you. Listen to the love she has for me and for you. Please love, love my Mother, for she is truly here to intercede for each of you.

My peace and love I give to you, for I am Jesus, your merciful Lord. Accept my love and mercy now so that the Gospel can be spread.

It must be constantly kept in mind that the messages are for everyone, not just Little Mary. Our Blessed Mother is the Mother of the Church. Her great love for the members of the Church comes through in the messages. Jesus too says this: "My Mother grieves for you because she loves you so much. Listen and respond to my Mother. . . ."

# June 28, 2001, Thursday Love as I love, with mercy, forgiveness and compassion.

My child,

Love as I love; with mercy, forgiveness and compassion.

You must each be an example so that love and peace flow from your hearts. As you allow me to come into your heart, I then am able to take you into mine. Love and accept my love so that fear and worry will be removed. Love, love with your heart, for then there will be no room for hatred.

Love my Mother as I do and she will lead you closer to my Most Sacred Heart. She will intercede for you if you live the love that I give to each of you. Much joy you will give to my Mother if you love and live the Beatitudes.

Today, I give you my strength to persevere. Trust and believe I am with you. Trust in my love for you. Trust and allow me to be your heart so that my love and mercy flow through you. Embrace me and I will give you the strength to love. Embrace my Mother, for she is love and she is here to be with you.

My peace I now give you. Live in peace and love one another.

St. Paul said: "Without Him I can do nothing. I can do all things in Him who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13).

Many have a grave need of appreciating the love that Jesus has for each soul in His desire to save each soul. He wants our hearts to become like unto His heart.

In the above message the famous aspiration comes through: "Jesus meek and tender of heart, make our hearts like unto thine."

# September 19, 2001, Wednesday My Divine Mercy will be followed by Divine Justice.

My child,

I am Jesus, your merciful Lord. My heart is overflowing with mercy and love for each and every soul. Let the world know that my Divine Mercy will be followed by Divine Justice. Let the world know that I pour my tears of blood over this world. The world must believe that justice will prevail, so man does not harbor hate in his Heart. So many want revenge, but this, my child, is not what I teach.

My child, I am using you to warn souls before it is too late. War is not the answer, for it is not man who is in control. Prayer and love is what will destroy evil. Mercy and compassion is what will bring peace to this world. The devil knows how short his time is, so he is persuading many to fight back with weapons. Satan loves bloodshed, but I do not want anyone to perish.

Appease my anger with your prayers. Time is short for saving souls and it will become even shorter without prayer and sacrifice and love in your hearts. It is mankind who brings upon itself punishments, famine and war. The world is destroying itself. Why? Because many want control. Many do not pray or seek my guidance. Many are running towards hell because they are listening to Satan.

My child, you are a victim soul, let the world know there is no longer time to ignore my Mother. All must take heed to her messages and they have been given to you for the whole world. Listen to what I tell you. Pray more and do not let fear pull you away from carrying your cross. Souls are being saved through your prayers and suffering, so be willing, now, to suffer more for me. Listen to my words of mercy towards mankind.

Today, I want the world to know that my Heart flows with mercy and love. Accept it and open your soul to receive more. Respond and believe that I am Jesus, your merciful Lord; I am with you, go in peace. My peace I give to you.

The foregoing message took place hardly more than a week after the disasters of what has become known as 9/11—the terrorism which struck the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

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We are reminded again and again by our Blessed Mother that a time of Divine Justice will follow the time of Divine Mercy in which we now live. "Let the world know that my Divine Mercy will be followed by Divine Justice. Let the world know that I pour my tears of blood over this world."

The pleading of Jesus, alongside that of His Mother, is heart touching and appears ever more desperate.

#### June 12, 2002, Sunday You are never alone.

My child,

Come to me when you feel alone. Do not reject my love, My mercy and My forgiveness. Take my hand and trust more that I am with you. Believe and have courage so that doubt does not consume your thoughts. You are never alone. My Mother is also here for all her children. She loves you, just as I, so believe and persevere. Believe and persevere and I shall be your strength. When you believe and trust, fear cannot enter or paralyze you.

My child, because of your acceptance, you are able to hear me when I speak. Continue to listen as I speak to you and pray for those who are refusing to listen. Tell the world not to look for me with their eyes, but to listen to me with their heart. It is in this way they will feel my presence and they will come to know the truth. The truth will be made known, but each person must listen with their heart.

Today, I am asking each of you to live simply, take quiet time and speak less. I am here for you, just as my Mother, so listen and then do what we are asking of you. My presence will become more and more real to you if you listen and act on these messages. Through prayer and through listening, you will know that I am with you. I am with you now and will always be with you.

Do not fear; open your hearts and believe in my love that I have for each of you. Put me first in your life so that I may lead you to my Father, who is also your heavenly Father. Be at peace and believe that I will not reject you. Be at peace, for I, your Lord, love you.

On Sunday, October 20, 2002, Little Mary was under, it seemed, special diabolical attacks. She wept. It seemed that the heartbreaks were over someone (not the bishop and not her spiritual director) who told her it would not be proper to read a certain message. I myself had read the message, as had several other priests. We all thought the message was right on. It had concerned what could happen in our country, what has been happening, if people don't return to Jesus, to prayer, to fasting and penance.

The upset was so great that Little Mary slept not at all the Sunday night of October 20. But then it is often the case that there is great difficulty in getting any sleep and there are diabolical attacks that can hardly be described in detail in writing. At any rate, if all the details were described it would not seem as great as the reality—that is, to those who have not experienced such direct attacks.

Getting into late Monday afternoon, Little Mary did not know how she could possibly have the strength to go Monday night to read the messages and pray over people. While I am not her official spiritual director, but more of a facilitator, she has confided in me often, with the knowledge of her spiritual director. I told her when you get there, and it comes time to do all these things, you will get the strength. And as I had told her on previous occasions when the attacks were especially strong and disturbing: "There will be souls converted on this night. The devil does not want you there. That is the reason for the extra violent attacks. And it would usually turn out that way. I could often see encouragement and expressions of concern from our Blessed Mother or Jesus in messages received after especially difficult times. Although the messages are for the world, applicable to everyone, yet, it happens that they are sometimes especially pointed to extreme trials Little Mary has been subjected to.

After the Monday evening of October 21, Little Mary shared that many people were there. One entire family had come all the way from the Philippines.

# October 24, 2002, Thursday, 8 A.M.

My Child,

I am Jesus. Give to me all your worries, trials and fear. Let go and find comfort in my most Sacred Heart. Let go and allow me to embrace you so you do not lose hope. Courage is needed in these times. Be brave and tell the world to respond in love, no matter how difficult the road becomes.

Because you are my disciples, you will suffer. Embrace my Cross in your lives. Accept it and believe in my love for each of you. Do not reject my Mother. Do not reject what she is relaying to the world. Listen to her and you will be led closer to me. Listen and obey and she will protect you from the evil one who is in search of souls who are prideful and who seek control.

Days of darkness will cover the earth, but those who obey and who listen will see light and they will have peace and joy. Blessed will be those who listen to my word and prepare themselves. My child, be attentive and listen to my voice. Be little and humble, trust, love and obey me. Suffer in silence and do not fear suffering or persecution. Share my agony and pray for my Church. Pray for the scandals of the world.

Pray, do penance and listen to what I tell you. Surrender yourself to my will and do what I command you. Believe [that] time is short for saving souls. Believe and accept my

love and mercy.

Believe the sins of mankind wound me deeply. Believe and tell the world to pray more. Believe now, for I am Jesus and no one can harm you. Be at peace. I am with you. I am here because I love each one of you.

Whereas in this chapter there are shared messages especially from Jesus, which are less frequent, there is shared below one from our Blessed Mother that came at 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 23, 2002, after the most difficult previous weekend and the first days of the following week.

It seems our Blessed Mother, who is so gentle, kind and tender, prepares Little Mary [and us all] with loving compassion. And so the day before Jesus spoke, whose messages are usually "harder" as Little Mary describes them, the following came from our heavenly Mother. Please remember that from the beginning Little Mary did not desire to be a messenger, and frequently through the years was very seriously tempted to give up and quit. Yet, with great difficulty she always continued on. Our Blessed Mother, again and again encouraged her to continue writing. As a facilitator between her official spiritual director and Little Mary I was able to hear much, repeatedly, what she was going through. Below is Mother Mary's encouragement.

# October 23, 2002, Wednesday, 7:30 A.M.

My daughter,

Please continue to write and relay my messages for they are for the world. Please understand that I am with you each time you write and relay all that I am teaching you. Do not become discouraged by those who are refusing to accept these heavenly messages.

These are special times and I am truly with those who accept my motherly assistance.

These are special times and I am truly here to make the Gospel known. I am truly here to wake those who are sleeping. I am here because of God's great love for all his children. God is truly trying to wake his children before it's too late.

Those who think all is peaceful in this world are being fooled. There is much division and unrest all around this world. Much evil has crept into this world. Many world leaders are seeking control instead of allowing God to guide them. This is dangerous when one does not place their trust in Almighty God.

Prayers are needed for world leaders and for the government. Prayers are needed so more turn to God instead of relying on their own power. Prayers are needed, for much darkness is happening behind closed doors.

If you ignore my requests you will see much more destruction and bloodshed. If you

refuse to open your eyes and ignore God's warnings the earth will tremble more.

Please, dear children, get down on your knees. Pray for world peace and unity. Pray each decade of the Rosary from your heart and believe in the power of prayer. Believe that prayer and meditation of the Rosary can lessen what is coming your way. Believe and take heed to the Gospel and repent, repent of your wicked ways.

Repent and reform your lives now so you become strong warriors for Jesus. Repent and be on guard at all times for then the enemy will flee. Arise and awake from your sharp are treat and for each page, bettle

slumber so you are prepared for each new battle.

Now please pray with me today for prayer, many prayers, are needed around this world. Pray with me, pray with me and do your part to bring light and peace to this darkened world. Amen.

Below is a return to messages from Jesus. This message is very tender and reminds us of the Gospel:

# May 20, 2003, Tuesday Come to me so my mercy may be poured out upon you.

My child,

Come to me and I will give you peace. Come to me and I will comfort you and soothe your heart. I wait for you each new day, so come, come to me so my mercy may be poured out upon you. I am with you, so persevere on your journey. I am with you, so believe you are not alone. Continue to walk with my Mother, as she is here to light and prepare the way. Stay close to me, I am your strength. Keep close to me and I will give you rest, peace, and joy.

# August 6, 2003, Sunday My Mother is the sign for these times.

My child,

Listen, listen to my Mother, for she is here to light and prepare the way. She is ever so near to my heart. Tell the world to come to know her love that she has for each of you. She loves you and will assist those who take heed to her motherly requests.

Many look for signs, but what I say to you, my Mother is the sign for these times. She is reminding all her children that there is a heaven and that hell exists. How my

Mother suffers each time a soul chooses to live in darkness. My Mother is unable to help those who are choosing darkness. Darker days will come and there will be no light for those who are choosing darkness.

Follow my Mother's example and obey each Commandment. Obey and she will lead you closer to my merciful heart. Obey and then much joy will be given to you. Obedience is the way to true happiness and freedom. Freedom comes from obedience to my Father, so listen, listen to my Mother and obey. Strength will be given to you each time you obey. Listen with your heart, for I truly speak to each of you. Listen and obey and I will give you peace for the journey ahead. Listen and obey and come to me so that I may present you to my Father, who is also your heavenly Father. I am Jesus and I am always with those who listen, obey and who come to me.

My child, I am with you each time you suffer so do not lose trust or confidence in me. Offer your suffering for those who are choosing darkness. Offer your suffering so more take heed to my Mother so they are led closer to me. Through your suffering, souls are being saved, so continue to suffer for my Mother and for me.

Little Mary had been suffering greatly, both physically and within her soul, from the attacks of those who do not, will not believe, and especially from some who throw roadblocks in the way, attempting to shut down everything associated with her mission, even when she is being obedient to the bishop and her spiritual director. Special added physical sufferings will come to light in chapter 12. Sufferings that brought great physical weaknesses for at least a year.

It was often that her mission seemed ended. I tried to be a source of encouragement to her, but always reminded her that the special grace of directions for her to follow was from her spiritual director.

Even though she was obedient, there would be those who claimed she was not. Some would thus become confused. Some would claim the bishop had issued condemnations on the messages themselves. This was not the case. One reading these message can see how they lead to Jesus, to the Church, to love of the Holy Father, to the Sacraments, to a life of prayer and penance. These are always the same messages as those of the Church, of the Gospels.

The messages are always for all. Having Little Mary share these with me personally each week, I could read in the messages that whereas they were for the benefit of everyone who would prayerfully read and study them, at times they also were given in such a way to support, protect, and encourage her in the trials, sometimes very great trials, she was personally undergoing.

It was our Blessed Mother Mary who primarily was giving messages to Little Mary for the world. Occasionally Jesus would give messages, but less as time went on. At Fatima already it was said that the peace of the world had been confided to the Immaculate Heart of God's Mother. In the above message we hear Jesus encouraging Little Mary, working to form her spirit to accept the mission and the great cross associated with them.

Thus Jesus above says: "Listen, listen to my Mother, for she is here to light and prepare the way. She is ever so near to my heart. Tell the world to come to know her love that she has for each of you. She loves you and will assist those who take heed to her motherly requests."

It will be difficult to appreciate the role God has been giving certain souls in the Church in our time, as He has in past centuries, if one lacks an appreciation of the divine nature of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ. It is not only priests that God uses for healings and to exhort. We are all called to evangelize. We are all called to holiness and those with special gifts are not necessarily more holy. As a priest, I was cautious of some who seemed to have special charisms until they had been studied and proven, but when I was convinced I would rejoice that certain souls were given charisms for others. One must not fail to understand the Scriptural words of the great St. Paul in 1 Cor. 12:14-31:

"For the body does not consist of one member but of many. . . . But as it is, God arranged the organs in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single organ, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eyes cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the parts of the body which seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those parts of the body which we think less honorable we invest with the greater honor, and our unpredictable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so adjusted the inferior part that there may be no discord in the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, and speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way."

I remember the years after the Second Vatican Council when the Council was misrepresented as down-playing the role of Mary in the Church. Many Catholics gave up the practice of praying the Rosary, thinking the Church no longer favored it. The truth is that when the *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium)* was promulgated, Pope Paul VI referred to its eighth chapter on Mary and said that never before had an Ecumenical Council spoke at such length and so glowingly on our Blessed Mother Mary. On that occasion, before the thousands of Council Fathers—the bishops of the world—Pope Paul VI placed beside him at the altar bishops from different countries who had significant major Marian shrines in their dioceses.

The Pope placed the bishop of Fatima immediately beside him at the altar when he promulgated *Lumen Gentium*. It was my pleasure to have become well acquainted with that bishop. He was Bishop John Venancio of Leiria-Fatima. At

Fatima, when he was retired and a very saintly bishop, I had youth from one of my many youth pilgrimages to Fatima sing for him. When Pope Paul VI promulgated that *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, Lumen Gentium*, he declared that henceforth Blessed Mother Mary should frequently be addressed as "Mother of the Church." On the same occasion Pope Paul VI held up a golden rose and said that he was sending it to Fatima. When Paul VI made mention of the golden rose, the 3,000-plus Council Fathers, not expecting that announcement, arose in long and loud applause. He sent the rose through a papal legate. When a pope sends a golden rose to a Marian Shrine it is a special sign of Church recognition in what that shrine represents.



Pope John Paul II on March 25, 1984, led the world's bishops in the consecration of the world and Russia in particular to the Immaculate Heart of Mary as requested by Our Lady of Fatima for the conversion of Russia. I was asked by the Carmelite nuns of the monastery in Fatima, on behalf of Sr. Lucia, to publish in the magazine of which I am editor, *Immaculate Heart Messenger*, that Sr. Lucia said the Lord had accepted the collegial consecration of March 25, 1984, by the Pope and bishops and that the Lord would keep His word.

I published the position of Sr. Lucia in my magazine of what she predicted before one country had thrown off the hammer and sickle of atheistic Communism. Subsequently I was interviewed by *The Wall Street Journal*, *Time* magazine, and others. Within several months after I published what Sr. Lucia was so anxious to get out to the world—that God had accepted the Collegial Consecration, which was necessary to convert Russia away from atheistic Communism—one country after another, and finally Russia, gave up the Communist form of government. Finally the Soviet Union was dissolved.

When the Holy Spirit gave us Pope John Paul II the Church was truly given a Marian pope. He dispelled the false idea many had that the place and role of Mary in the economy of salvation had been downplayed.

With such personal experience what our Blessed Mother said to Little Mary

in the above message is very meaningful to me:

"Many look for signs, but what I say to you, my Mother, is the sign for these times. She is reminding all her children that there is a heaven and that hell exists. How my Mother suffers each time a soul chooses to live in darkness. My Mother is unable to help those who are choosing darkness. Darker days will come and there will be no light for those who are choosing darkness."

#### January 9, 2004, Friday Look at my Eucharistic Heart and feel the fire of my love.

My child,

Accept my blood and suffering that I shed for you. It is my gift to you, for you have been chosen to suffer for mankind. Do not be sad for all that you must endure, for it will that had you must endure for it will

truly keep you humble and strengthen you.

Put your trust in me, for I am Jesus who loves you very much. Look at my Eucharistic Heart and feel the fire of my love. Embrace me so that others will come to know my true presence in the Blessed Sacrament. I know your heart, so come to me when you feel alone. Your obedience to suffer will truly draw souls closer to me. Each time you write my words, they will penetrate your heart. You will never be abandoned by me or my Mother. We are ever so close to you, for you need much protection.

I am with you in all your suffering, so continue to suffer for love of me. Continue to

listen to my Mother, for she is the way to my Eucharistic heart.

If one knows what Little Mary had been going through for a long time the above words are most meaningful. The words can be applied to anyone who suffers in any way—so as to supernaturalize these sufferings for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Jesus holds all suffering we may undergo, when united to His own, as most

valuable for the salvation of souls. Each one of us has the potential to suffer to save souls, as these messages are for everyone.

#### February 16, 2004, Monday

My child,

I am Jesus. I come today to share my love with you. Through your suffering and obedience these messages will be made known. More will come to know my Mother if you continue to write. Time is short for saving souls so listen as I speak to you. In time all apparitions will cease and each child will need to live all that my Mother is teaching them.

Pray and consecrate your lives to my Sacred Heart. Consecrate your homes to my Sacred Heart and I will protect and bless each family. Storms will arise so tell my people to take refuge in my Heart. Tell the world not to delay for they will need my protection.

My child, I ask that you share my love and mercy in those groups that my Mother has formed. I ask that you share my words that have been hidden in your heart. I ask that you pray together and then listen as I speak to you. This is how you will be guided for times ahead. This is how you will be led to safety and protected from all evil.

You are my soldiers and I shall defend you in each battle. You are in battle so listen to my Mother as she is Queen of Heaven. Take refuge in her Heart and follow her example. She is pure and humble and a Mother to each of you. She has been chosen by my Father to lead you closer to me. Do not resist. Take her hand and do not ignore her motherly requests.

As noted in chapter 12, this message was given when Little Mary was in deep physical sufferings in addition to the frequent sufferings of the spirit which she had. Jesus, like Blessed Mary, frequently encourages Little Mary to keep writing as they know she would rather not, as she did not desire this from the beginning.

In the above message Jesus again alerts us to the shortness of time under the special era of mercy during which we live today. A time of suffering for many is coming in God's justice. If this be, even that suffering, whatever it be—destruction, earthquakes, tornadoes, whatever—will be in a sense an act of mercy to awaken the rest of mankind. But how many were awakened by the earthquake in Iran in the recent months before this message was given? It killed an estimated 30,000 and possibly some thousands more, plus the unknown numbers that were injured, and homes, etc., in ruins beyond repair.

Jesus too speaks of the prayer groups. Many of them exist in the area where Little Mary lives, known as Fatima Family Prayer groups. They exist also in many other places as well—as far away as Australia and Poland.

What is important is that families consecrate themselves, their lives, their homes and families to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Notice that Jesus uses the singular "Heart" in speaking of His Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of His Mother.

"Those who took refuge in our Heart will have peace. They will have peace for I will guide them to safety." I questioned Little Mary about this. In speaking of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary from time to time there has been used the singular. Perhaps she misquoted or did not hear the plural sound. Little Mary insists that on such occasions the singular "Heart" was used. If so, it seems to

speak of the alliance of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary for which there is sound theology. Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J., once spoke on the "Alliance of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary" at one of my national Fatima Family Congresses. At Fatima it was said that God desires that the Heart of His Mother be venerated alongside the Heart of Jesus.

Mary as co-redemptrix, an expression used occasionally by Pope John Paul II and others before him, and Mary as Mediatrix of Grace, an expression used by the Second Vatican Council Fathers, are expressions so closely aligned to the Heart of Jesus, that these two Hearts which beat as one can in the proper sense with proper distinctions be spoken of in the singular. Jesus Himself prayed at the Last Supper about all of us: "Sanctify them in the truth; thy word is truth. As thou didst send me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated in truth. I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, are in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (John 17:16-21). If we are all called to be one in Jesus and He is one with God the Father, surely the Hearts of Jesus and Mary are one.

In the message given Little Mary, Jesus speaks of the protection afforded those who consecrate themselves to the Heart of Jesus and Mary: "Those who use the protection that has been provided for them will be protected through all storms. This is the time of preparation, so amend your lives and make reparation for all your sins."

#### Chapter 7

### Sharing the Passion of Jesus

September 7, 2002, Saturday Parents and grandparents, "do all that you can...."

My daughter,

Pray for peace, pray for unity all around this world. Pray that more will turn to God in this time of mercy. Pray for families, for many are not praying and fasting as they should. So much prayer is needed, for so many of my children are not in a state of grace.

Oh! how I weep for those who are choosing darkness. Parents truly need to be an example for their children. Parents need to educate their children so they truly come to know Jesus.

Dear parents and grandparents, do all that you can to help those children who are living in sin. Do all that you can now before this time is up. Do not give in to those who do not know the truth. Teach them just as I your mother am teaching you. Love them and support them so they live in holiness. Take hold of your families now and be honest, truthful children.

Be obedient to God and trust, trust in his divine mercy. Please pray and spend more time with your children so they come to know God's love for them. My daughter, today take quiet time to pray for parents and for families. Take quiet time so you can hear God as he speaks to you. Take quiet time and allow the Holy Spirit to come.

The Holy Spirit comes through prayer, so please pray and spend time today conversing with Almighty God. I shall pray with you today, so be at peace and know how much I love you. Be at peace and let us pray together now for the young people and for the conversion of souls. Amen.

Our Blessed Mother is most concerned for the souls of young people. Millions of children have grown up and are young adults today, millions more are now still growing up with little or no solid religious education. If a parent, grand-parent or anyone in a responsible position in the Church denies this—they themselves are part of the problem. It is a blessing that thousands of parents are finally realizing the need for home schooling, especially in religious education.

For years I conducted youth pilgrimages to Europe, spending almost two weeks with each group. These groups ranged all the way from about 40 (a small group) to 150 at a time. Also, working with the Catholic media contacts across the country have been considerable. Again and again I've seen young adults, sometimes they are in their thirties, who admitted that as children, as adolescents, they never were taught the basics of Catholic faith or morals. With the special grace of God some of them came to that realization and studied on their own as young adults and discovered the Catholic faith for the first time.

Surely our Blessed Mother must have in mind the failures of so many to

educate and form our young people when she says:

"Dear parents and grandparents, do all that you can to help those children who are living in sin. Do all that you can now before this time is up. Do not give in to those who do not know the truth. Teach them just as I your mother am teaching you. Love them and support them so they live in holiness. Take hold of your families now and be honest, truthful children."

Repeatedly young adults have said they did not realize what mortal sin is. When they are taught the truth I've heard, "Thank God a priest finally told me the truth." Parents are the primary educators, so they must teach true faith and morals to their children. Our Blessed Mother gives recognition here to the important position of grandparents. She asks not only parents but also grandparents to teach young people true faith and morals.

#### September 12, 2002, Thursday Prayer will lessen what is coming.

*My daughter,* 

Be at peace and know that I love you. Pray today, for many terrorists roam this earth. Prayer is how evil will be destroyed. Prayer will lessen what is coming your way. Through prayer and true devotion to my Son you will have peace through all trials and storms. Prayer is so important, so remind each other to pray, pray, pray.

The time will come when God's justice will prevail, so be not foolish children. Prepare now. Prepare your soul and do penance each new day. Many are abusing this time so reach out, share your faith and rescue those who are in darkness. Be truthful and do not compromise with the world. Be humble and give your life completely to God.

Today I must remind my children for without prayer, prayer from your hearts, you will see much more destruction around this world. I truly want to protect each of you under my mantle so please pray and obey God and take these messages seriously.

I am truly here to assist my children, so please, again I say to you, live in humility

and do all that you can to live and spread the Gospel. Amen.

It is most important that we realize the power of prayer. If people insist on living in sin, in the darkness of mortal sin, refusing to call upon God's mercy and ask forgiveness through repentance, then the justice of God will prevail. Mankind has been repeatedly warned that grave punishments can befall people living in this world amidst lives of sin. What Little Mary has received is contained in other messages that have been approved by the Church.

#### THE LAST MESSAGE READ AT CHURCH

It was the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6, 2003, although the message was received January 2, 2003. Surely our Blessed Mother knew as this message was read that it was the last time one of the messages would be read within the church itself.

#### January 2, 2003, Thursday

My daughter,

Many will not understand the trials that will come their way because they don't know Jesus. They will have no one to turn to because they have allowed themselves to become distant from God. How will one survive if they have become dependent on themselves? It will be very difficult for those who do not trust or believe in Almighty God.

Please, dear children, begin today and build your relationship with Jesus. Come to know Jesus now and be confident in His love for you. Be confident so you learn to trust in God's divine wisdom and strength. Through prayer and a true desire to come to know Jesus, you will become more secure. Through prayer and a true relationship with Jesus, you will have peace no matter what trials come your way. You will know how to turn to Jesus on those difficult days if you learn to rely on Him now.

Dear children, God wants each of you to be filled with joy and peace. God does not want you to be fearful, but you in turn must trust in Him. You must be confident in His love and mercy. You must take time to truly come to know Him so that He can direct you. God will be your refuge and strength if you look to Him and pray. God will not abandon you, for He truly, truly loves you. Many blessings will be given to those who love and trust in Him.

So, please surrender your hearts to Jesus. Turn to Him at all times, not just in times of difficulty. Turn to Him and trust, trust more. Turn to Him and remember that you are weak without God. It is only through God's grace and strength that you can be made strong in Him. Please look to Jesus who is so loving and merciful. Please turn to Him now so you are given the strength needed to endure each trial that comes your way.

Prayer will protect you, so be at peace and respond now with your whole heart and soul. Respond with love in your hearts and never, never give up on prayer. Respond now, for God has given you much time to convert and amend your ways. Respond now, for time is short, and again I say to you, each of you will need to be prepared. Each of you will need to have a relationship with our dear Lord Jesus.

The light of my Son will shine forth for those who trust and truly, truly come to know Him. Amen.

On January 3, 2003, Little Mary called me about 9:30 a.m. She had been under diabolical attacks strongly for several days. She was worried about a meeting which she, her spiritual director and three priests of the parish were to have with the bishop on Monday, January 13, 2003. A deacon and the pastor of her parish were also to be present together with Terry, husband of Little Mary.

I said of her fears: "No such thing will happen. The position of your mission will be even stronger. These are diabolical attacks. The devil wants to destroy your mission. These attacks and similar fears have come up before past meetings. I always assured you that all would go well and things would be better. Have I ever been wrong in the past in saying these things?"

Little Mary laughed softly at this question and said, "I don't want to answer you."

It is thus that diabolical forces attempt to take all consolation away from Little Mary, frighten her into backing out of her mission and saying, as she had said repeatedly to me during the previous two years, "I can't do it.... I can't go on.... I can't go anymore on Monday nights to the Rosary prayer meetings.... I can't go to that meeting with the Bishop...."

"Yes, you can. Our Blessed Mother will give you the strength and tell you what to say."

"But I have such a heavy heart. I always have such a heavy heart after a hard message like I got this morning." "Well, that reminds me of Sr. Josefa Menendez in *The Way of Divine Love*," I replied. The devil would get after her. . . . She would suffer greatly and be in turmoil because of what was happening to souls, souls being lost, rejecting Jesus, etc."

"Yes. That is what I am experiencing. But Blessed Mother told me today, 'Let the bishops know how important it is that all pray the Rosary from their hearts. All must join hands now and pray and meditate on the Mysteries of the Rosary.'

How can I tell the bishops that?"

"Well! When you meet the bishop, just say kindly: bishop, you know this is the Year of the Rosary. Is there anything we can do to promote the Rosary in the diocese? He will respond kindly. He won't say much but he will think seriously about it."

Later that same day I was able to share with Little Mary that my own bishop, in January, 2003, had written a most beautiful editorial on the Rosary for the diocesan paper. He reminded people that on October 16, 2002, Pope John Paul II began the 25th year of his pontificate and used the occasion to speak out against the threat of war. He told how the Pope offered to the Church and the world an instrument of peace—the prayer of the Rosary. Pope John Paul declared 2003 the Year of the Rosary.

"Further," I said," he wrote: "I invite all our Catholic schools and religious education programs to instruct our youth on the history and recitation of the Rosary. Share the Holy Father's Apostolic Letter 'On the Most Holy Rosary' with old and young alike. I would ask each parish of the diocese to provide opportunities to pray the Rosary with the special intention for peace. My bishop also listed in our diocesan paper the 20 Mysteries of the Rosary. Your bishops will react in the same way if you bring up the subject. . . . "

"Do you want to hear today's message?"

"Yes. Read it to me."

As on all previous occasions of the previous two years Little Mary would then read the message with the same deliberate pace and inflections of voice with which she had heard Our Blessed Mother dictate the message to her. It seems that talking about it, getting it out to someone she trusted, would give her strength so she didn't have to carry the burden alone in her heart. Below is the message given that morning.

## January 3, 2003, First Friday, 7:40 A.M. Pray with me now and offer your suffering for the salvation of souls.

My daughter,

Today I must warn my children for so many are still sleeping. Many are living in sin because they do not want to change their lifestyle. What will man do when darkness covers this earth? Many will not be prepared because they did not listen, listen to the Gospel. Many will not know which way to turn because they did not listen to what God was telling them.

All hearts and ears must open to the truth before it's too late. My daughter, God will punish the wicked and woe to those who are not obeying God's Commandments. Woe to those who are refusing to amend their ways. Woe to those who are destroying lives and who are leading others astray.

A time will come and darkness will cover this earth. A time will come for God's justice to prevail. How I weep today for those who are abusing this time to prepare their soul. How I weep, weep for those who do not believe in God's mercy and justice.

A time will come so please do not be foolish children. Repent, repent now. Turn to God and ask for His assistance. Turn to God so you have the grace needed to turn your lives around.

Come back to church and take heed to the Gospel. Come back all you who have fallen away from the Sacraments. Cleanse your soul and be truly sorry for your sins. Ask God for forgiveness and then do penance for your sins. Reflect on Jesus' passion and take part now in healing Jesus' wounds.

Listen to your most holy pope and pray and meditate on the Mysteries of the Rosary. Teach all faiths to recite the Rosary properly. Share the goodness that has been given you for prayer. Prayer is your protection. Share your faith with those who are sleeping. Wake up all your brothers and sisters for each child has a soul. Don't wait, for the day will come when thunder will roar across the sky. All will have but little time to reform their lives.

The time, dear children, is now, so please listen to my heavenly pleas. Please take my hand and allow me to assist you while I can. Please allow me to lead you closer to my Son so you truly come to know Him. My love for you is great, so please, please accept my motherly assistance.

My daughter, your hands and voice are truly needed so please do not allow fear to enter your heart. Just do what God and I are asking of you without hesitation. The words shall always be given to you for I am always with you. Now, please, let the world know I am truly here to assist all my children. Let the bishops know how important it is that all pray the Rosary from their heart. All must join hands now and pray and meditate on the Mysteries of the Rosary.

Prayer is truly needed, needed now. Many countries are in danger and this world will truly suffer without more prayer, sacrifice and penance. Pray with me now and offer your suffering for the salvation of souls. Amen.

As Little Mary has shared much with me what she goes through both physically and within her spirit, as mentioned I have often seen similarities with Sr. Josefa Menendez, a victim soul. Through her sufferings Sr. Josefa merited for us in Christ through her sufferings the privilege to understand sufferings in our lives, the values of souls and the need to do penance for their salvation, as well as our own. On June 19, 1923, Jesus said to her ". . . I tell you once more that grace will accompany my words and those who make them known. Truth will triumph and peace will reign over souls and the world. . . ."

Sr. Josefa experienced frequent diabolical attacks. She too was tempted to tear up the messages she was asked to write. One time she attempted to burn them. More than once Little Mary expressed desires to me to get rid of the messages. From time to time our divine Lord would come to Sr. Josefa and place His Cross on her to carry for the salvation of souls. Our Lord told Sr. Josefa that she was nothingness personified. And yet, we are told that one soul in the eyes of God is of more value than the whole created universe. If Jesus had missed even one soul in his life of sufferings and death and resurrection, He would gladly come back to

earth, go through His entire life with all its sufferings for that one soul. Thus does God love each one of us.

Let us share just a few thoughts from *The Way of Divine Love*.

During the night of August 6:

"I was already asleep when I heard His voice: 'Josefa, my bride!'

"There He stood, so surpassingly beautiful, bearing His Cross, and all encircled with light. I rose at once.

"I come to bring you my Cross.

"I bring it to you at night, for during the day I give it to other religious."

Then Josefa spoke to Him at once about souls and especially those of sinners, for this was a preoccupation that never left her.

"Yes, there are many who offend me and many who are lost,' He answered sadly, 'but those who wound my Heart most are the much-loved ones who always keep something back and do not give themselves wholly to me. Yet, do I not show them clearly enough how dearly I love them? Do I not give them my whole Heart?"

"I begged his forgiveness for them and for myself who so often keep back something," she continued humbly, "and I begged Him to accept as reparation the acts and the love of those who want to console Him. He answered gently: "That is my intention . . . to repair the faults of some by the acts of others."

Christmas and its Octave fell on Wednesdays in 2002-3 which meant there were no Monday night Rosary-prayer sessions. These weeks were very trying for Little Mary and the devil was not without his attacks, stronger than usual. Her spiritual director, alerted by friends as to what was going on, how she felt alone and fearful, tried to call her at different times. Little Mary refused to answer the telephone, even though she knew it was this good priest who had served as a good spiritual director to her from the beginning. "I just could not make myself pick up the phone. I just could not make myself talk to anyone at all," Little Mary finally said to me as I too was included in her not being able to communicate.

On Sunday evening, January 5, after I sent some humorous E-mails to Little Mary's home, I finally got a phone call from Little Mary. She had been with her sister up in Crosby to visit her father, 80 years old and not in the best of health. On the way up she visited somewhat with her sister but could not make herself talk on the way back. Little Mary explained to her sister that people just do not understand what she goes through. Her sister gave a good answer: "Jesus understands."

When Little Mary went to Holy Mass while visiting at her father's parish, before receiving our Lord, she told Jesus: "I do not feel worthy to receive you in Holy Communion."

I explained to her that no one is really worthy to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

"But Jesus told me I should receive Him in Holy Communion because I was worthy."

"Well, He meant that you were in the state of grace and that you should receive Him in the Eucharist."

When she came back to her place in church after receiving Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in this great Sacrament, she had peace in her heart. Then she said to our Lord, "What I can do best for you is to suffer. I will suffer more for you if you desire."

Jesus replied: "Tonight you will share in my Passion." I did not understand what "sharing in Jesus' Passion meant." I was trying to figure out what Jesus meant by His Passion which I was to share."

It would not be long before Little Mary would discover a much deeper pas-

sion into which suffering she was to fall.

I explained the Passion of Jesus to Little Mary. I told her as Blessed Abbot Dom Marmion says:

"The Passion constitutes the 'Holy of Holies' among the mysteries of Jesus. It is the crowning point of His public life, the summit of His mission here below, the work to which all the others converge or from which they draw their value. . . .

"This contemplation of the sufferings of Jesus is very fruitful. After the Sacraments and liturgical worship, there is no practice more useful for our souls than the Way of the Cross made with devotion. Its supernatural efficacy is beyond

comparison. What is the reason for this?

"First of all, because the Passion of Jesus is His essential work, nearly all the details of it were foretold. There is no other mystery of Jesus whereof the circumstances were announced with so much care by the Psalmist and prophets. And when we read, in the Gospel, the account of the Passion we are struck to see how attentive Christ Jesus is to 'fulfill' what had been announced concerning Him. If He permits the presence of the traitor at the Last Supper, it is 'that the Scripture may be fulfilled' (John 13:18). He tells the Jews who had come to lay hands upon Him that He delivers himself up to them 'that the Scriptures . . . might be fulfilled': *Ut adimplerentur Scripturae* (Matt. 26:56). St. John relates how Our Savior upon the Cross calls to mind that the Psalmist had predicted of Him: 'In my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink' (Ps. 67:22). Then, in order that this prophecy might be accomplished, Jesus cried: 'I thirst.' Nothing, in this, is little or negligible, because all these details mark the actions of a God-Man."

I had been writing meditations on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary at the very time Little Mary called and was asking me about the meaning of sharing in Jesus' Passion—so things were fresh in my mind.

#### Agony in the Garden

Jesus longed with a great desire to undergo sufferings and death so that He might give us life. Even when He manifests Himself on Mount Tabor in the splendor of His divinity, Moses and Elijah speak to him of His coming sufferings and death. What urged Him to this great desire? Love, love for His heavenly Father and for us.

Weariness, sorrow, and anguish sunk into the soul of Jesus. "Father, if be your will, let this chalice pass from me." It is the sensitive human nature of Jesus under the weight of weariness, sadness, and suffering that is crying out to the Father here in agony. Jesus immediately adds: "Yet not my will, but thine be done" (Luke 22:42).

It is not human to want to suffer for suffering's sake. But it is divine to want to suffer for love of the Father and the salvation of souls. The Father did not will to lessen the sufferings of His incarnate Son. The Son, even with joy amidst his sorrow, accepted the Father's will.

Jesus will endure to the very limit and very end the sacrifice willed by the Father.

St. Peter comes to the scene again. The same St. Peter who took Jesus aside to change His mind about death on the Cross, saying: "Lord, be it far from You, this shall not be unto You." Then Jesus said to him "... You mind not the things that are of God, but the things that are of men" (Matt. 16:2). This time when St. Peter tries to defend Jesus and with his sword strikes one of those who came to seize Jesus, cutting off his right ear, he hears our Lord say: "Put up your sword into the scabbard. The chalice which my Father has given me, shall I not drink it?" (John 18:11).

When the hour drew near for Jesus' suffering at the Last Supper, Jesus says to His Apostles: "Greater love than this no one has, that one lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). We are still his enemies in sin and yet "Christ dies for all" (2 Cor. 5:15).

True love requires freedom. And when we are dealing with a greater love which no one has had, then we see the supreme freedom of Jesus exercising his free will. "For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have the power to lay it down, and I have the power to take it up again. Such is the command I have received from my Father" (John 10:16-18).

It was just after instituting the Holy Eucharist that Jesus foretold His death and His resurrection. Then Jesus led them to a country place called Gethsemani. He bid the eleven Apostles, still with Him, to sit down as they entered Gethsemani. He took Peter, James and John with Him further into the garden. He said to them: "My soul is sad, even unto death" (Matt. 26:38). And going forward Jesus fell into His agony.

There was never a human nature more sensitive than the human nature of the God-man. Jesus knew in advance all the sufferings that the Father desired that He endure. "And His sweat became as blood trickling down upon the ground." This caused His sensitive human nature to experience repulsion, which is natural to human nature and even more so to one so sensitive in his perfect human nature. The soul of Jesus saw all the sins of mankind that ever had and ever would be committed. The outrages of all humanity through every century since time began and until it would end laid upon the sweet and tender soul of Jesus as he witnessed these sins committed against the holiness and love of God. My sins, your sins, weighed in upon Jesus too that night in the garden.

The wrath of divine justice was now being laid upon Jesus. He freely accepted all these iniquities as He experienced the wrath of divine justice. And what caused Him especially to suffer was foreseeing that His precious Blood would be shed in vain for many who would not put their faith, their love, in Him.

Our loving Savior, the man of sorrows, accepts all. Soon He will rise and go forth to meet His enemies. At times, we have been numbered among those enemies when we were in sin.

"Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man will be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us go. Behold, he who betrays me is at hand" (Matt. 26:45-46).

#### Scourging at the Pillar

"Now Pilate, seeing that he was doing no good, but rather that a riot was breaking out, took water and washed his hands in sight of the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of the blood of this just man; see to it yourselves.' And all the people answered and said, 'His blood be on us and on our children.'

"Then he released to them Barabbas; but Jesus he scourged and delivered to them to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the procurator took Jesus into the praetorium, and gathered together about him the whole cohort. And they stripped him and put on him a scarlet cloak. . . . " (Matt. 27:24-29).

We can scarcely imagine the Roman manner of scourging that was performed on the Incarnate Son of God. The whips used by the Roman soldiers had leaden balls at their tips which cut into the sacred flesh of Jesus so that the blood flowed abundantly while some skin and flesh was ripped off. The Evangelists give no details of the scourging. We can only imagine the inhumane treatment: whenever Jesus showed signs of sinking into unconsciousness, they would desist until He regained his full senses. Then they would begin another lashing again. Added to this was the lashing of their tongues from foul mouths.

The sufferings of Jesus then began long before He was nailed to the Cross. His passion had begun long before that first Holy Week when His own people were rejecting Him and His work. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, murderess of prophets and stoners of those who were sent to you! How often have I yearned to gather your children, as a mother bird gathers her young under her wings, but you refused me" (Matt. 23:37).

The sufferings of Jesus' soul surpassed those of his physical body. Rejection is one of the hardest sufferings. And for Jesus, the tender Heart of Jesus, it means His great love unto death for the salvation of souls was being rejected by some, by many.

The Passion of Jesus is His essential work for our salvation. The Psalmist and prophets foretold the details. Jesus is most intent that all the details of the prophecies be fulfilled. Judas, the traitor, was present at the Last Supper, the first Mass; this is so "that Scripture may be fulfilled" (John 13, 18). He says to the Jews who came to lay hands upon Him that he is delivering Himself up to them "that the Scriptures . . . might be fulfilled" (Matt. 26:56). "Then all the disciples deserted him and fled." Can we imagine the interior sufferings at that?

It has been my privilege to know personally a few souls in America and abroad who have the recognition of their bishops; these souls chosen by God to suffer intensely, physically and in their spirits for the salvation of souls. Besides Little Mary there is "Francis" who undergoes the Passion of Jesus every night between 12 a.m. and 3 a.m. That is the time when most mortal sins are committed. [See book by same author, titled *Francis*.] There is also Myrna Nazzour of Damascus, Syria. [See book, *Light from the East—Miracles of Our Lady of Soufanieh*.] Their sharing their experiences with me gives only an inkling of the passion of Jesus.

In discussing the "Passion" with Little Mary I said: "What you are saying is that others just cannot understand the repulsion you experience in going through this suffering."

"Yes. Others cannot understand. If I speak of attacks by the devil some understand so poorly they think I'm saying I'm possessed. It's not that."

"Of course not. The lives of many through the centuries that Jesus has chosen

to share His sufferings have experienced repulsion, attacks of the devil. The devil knows that souls are being saved. Whenever a victim soul unites him or herself to the sufferings of Jesus for the conversion and salvation of souls the devil is not happy. He tries to destroy this good work.

"Jesus is suffering in His Mystical Body. You told me how Jesus has appeared to you and showed you the wounds on His hands and asked you to suffer to heal His wounds. Right?" Little Mary then said that this has happened in various

ways, many times.

I explained the meaning of this again to her as follows: "But those appearances of Jesus with His wounds do not mean that the physical wounds of the glorified Body of Jesus now in heaven are to be healed. Jesus will retain the glorified wound marks for eternity. The Church on earth is the Mystical Body of Christ. St. Paul in the Bible repeatedly speaks of the Church as the "Body of Christ." That Body of Christ is suffering. It is wounded. It is those wounds of Jesus Christ in His Mystical Body on earth that you are being asked to help heal."

"I don't think others understand," Little Mary repeated again to me on

January 6, 2003, as she often had repeated in the past.

"What difference does it make if others understand or not what you go through?" It was then she responded that she fears some think her crazy or possessed. Only souls who have deeper union with God can doubtlessly appreciate what she is experiencing and saying here.

I spoke of the necessity of humility for God to work effectively with souls for the salvation of others. He is honored when souls consider themselves miserable, mere nothingness, even personified nothingness. At this mention the Blessed Mother said to her: "That is why you were chosen." Little Mary then explained to me again how they, Jesus and Mary, "had to teach me all this. I did not even know the meaning of adoration, etc., at first."

I asked Little Mary on this occasion why she does not share more with her husband Terry when this very great heaviness overtakes her heart and the pressures of the world, of sinners rejecting our Lord, refusing to listen, refusing to repent, refusing to come to the Sacraments in good faith, and sorrow to achieve union with God, weigh so heavily upon her.

"Why don't you share more with Terry?"

"He would not understand either," she replied.

"Do you think that because you have not been able to share at the Rosary prayer meetings the past two Mondays, during this Christmas season, is why you feel so heavily burdened? Even though you would rather not go on Monday nights, now that you have not been able to share with people for several weeks, do you think a heavier burden is in your heart because you have this mission to get the message out and you have not been doing so lately? I asked.

"Yes," replied Little Mary. "That is it."

"Well! Do you know where I got that insight from?" I asked.

"No. How did you know?"

"I knew from your husband."

"Terry? He told you that?"

"Yes. See, he understands more than you think."

Later Terry joined us on the phone and I repeated so both could hear that Little Mary needs to share more of her burdens with her husband.

As I was talking to Little Mary the next day she again said: "Others don't get

it. I feel alone." The Blessed Virgin Mother said to her that the attacks from the devil "is your cross."

Josefa could not understand why Jesus permitted the diabolical attacks either. It was explained to her that as she resisted these horrible attacks, staying always with Jesus, it was gaining conversions and the salvation of souls.

As I talked to Little Mary on January 6, 2003, about these attacks, during our conversation Jesus said to her: "It's because of my love for you." This meant she is allowed to share in His Passion because of His love for her.

Since it was the very first time that Jesus Himself—in a beautiful man's voice—had interjected himself into our conversations, although our Blessed Mother had frequently done so before—I said almost immediately to Little Mary:

"Thank Jesus for the beautiful message He gave to me on Christmas Eve for my 75th birthday." I then left the phone for a short while and when I soon returned Little Mary said that Jesus had responded to my gratitude.

Jesus said: "I speak to all my priests but they do not grasp my love for them."

On that occasion, Little Mary had offered a long prayer for me since she knew I was obliged under obedience (because of age) to resign as pastor. By July 1, 2003, after more than 48<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years as a parish priest, and 43 years of administering parishes, and over 18 years as pastor in Alexandria, South Dakota, it was gradually becoming more evident that I would have to leave—even living in the parish area as chaplain to the Carmelite Monastery.

This was the parish where I had built a major Fatima Family Marian Shrine and where national Marian Congresses has been held for 17 years. It was largely with the money from the many books I had written over the previous years of my priesthood, also from lectures, articles, etc., plus giving much toward Our Mother of Mercy and St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery that had been founded in Alexandria, South Dakota, in 1997 while I was pastor. I had hoped, after resigning as pastor under obedience, that I would continue as chaplain there. The bishop, three years previously, had said I could retain that position. That hope was fast fading.

It appears that our Blessed Mother interceded with her Son, for it was He who answered. According to Little Mary, Jesus spoke to her at 11 a.m. on December 24, 2002, my 75th birthday. She took the following dictation:

"My chosen son, I am with you and my Mother will always light the way. Trust in my plan for you and come to me when you feel afraid.

"Come and let me hold you just as you hold others. Come to me for I am listening and I know what is best for you.

"Many angels and saints guard you and your apostolate—so be at peace and know that nothing can destroy it. Be at peace for I am with you. So never, never be afraid.

"Continue now to wipe away my Mother's tears—for how she weeps for those who have been led astray.

Your hands and voice are truly needed, so be strong my son and know that I am with you.

I am Jesus and I bless you on this very special day."

The message touched my heart deeply. For truly, in the preceding time I had been fearful and afraid. It appeared I would have to move, even move far away because of circumstances that were developing and coming to light. Even though

the Carmelites of Alexandria, South Dakota, expressed strongly that whereas their monastery was founded in the parish under my care in 1997, opening on August 15 that year, that they desired I remain as their chaplain, yet it did not seem possible because of developing circumstances. Yet, at the age of 75 to go to a new location, even far away, 1,100 miles, to my soul was a fearful thought. And there were moments when I was very much afraid.

Little Mary requested that I read the above message at Christmas eve Mass in my parish. I said it would not seem right to throw attention on myself on Jesus' birthday. Finally it was agreed that I would do so at the end of the Mass for I had heard a report that little children were planning something, something they had come up with and would do at the very end of the Mass, after the final hymn. I took the message from Jesus which had been E-mailed to me on that Christmas Eve along to Christmas Eve Mass, not sure if I would read it.

At the conclusion of Mass, after the parish had sung "Angels We Have Heard on High," I saw young children of the parish approaching the crib before the altar. They had a large birthday cake which they presented. I told them, "I always kept my birthday rather secret from parishioners through the years, not wanting to distract from Jesus' birthday. I have always shared my birthday with Jesus since our birthdays come together. "So let us place the birthday cake at the crib, before the feet of the Babe Jesus." They did. Then I gave the children framed images of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus which I had brought back from Fatima. The parish sang "Happy Birthday" before departing. As I read the message from Jesus at the end of Mass with the little children before the Christmas crib, it seemed parishioners were as touched as I was.

The message from Jesus received that day has meant much to me ever since, for in fact, my move took me all the way to Hanceville, Alabama, over a thousand miles away from where I grew up and spent so many years in Christ's holy priest-hood ministering to people. I would thereafter live near the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Monastery of the Holy Angels founded by Mother Angelica (of Eternal Word Television Network fame). There I would be able to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the lower church and preach and meet many souls.

It was the day of January 6 when I felt I had such a fruitful conversation with Little Mary—perhaps because I was beginning to understand her condition better myself—that Little Mary reviewed with me the mission of five things she was given when it all began in 1995. She was told at that time to share things with five priests who were specifically named. Mary's spiritual advisor was among them.

The five points below marked the beginning of the mission given Little Mary:

- 1. You need a crucifix in the Church. It is not to be the Risen Christ. People are to look at Jesus' wounds.
- 2. Every Church needs adoration. [This means adoration of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Some have attempted to say that she was told that every Church needs perpetual adoration, usually understood as the Blessed Sacrament exposed publicly in the monstrance. But Little Mary tells them, "No. It was simply adoration, not perpetual adoration." This means people need to have a sense of reverence, a spirit of adoration, whenever they come into the Catholic Church where there is in the tabernacle the REAL

#### PRESENCE of Jesus Christ, our Lord, God and Savior.]

- 3. Say the St. Michael Prayers. It's good to say it after Mass.
- 4. We need to say the Rosary, either before or after Mass.
- 5. There needs to be a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary somewhere near the altar to remind people that she is our heavenly Mother.

We then discussed the planning of my moving to Hanceville, Alabama. I was interested in living in a home there and continuing my direction of the Fatima Family Apostolate, which had become international. It was but a short drive to Mother Angelica's Temple-Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of the Angels Monastery of the Poor Clare nuns, of which Mother Angelica was the prioress. The Blessed Mother said to Little Mary: "Something miraculous will happen at the Temple." This obviously meant the future without any reference as to when.

On this January 6, 2003, I then reminded Little Mary that later in the month I and Francis, who has wound marks on his hands and undergoes the Passion of Jesus each night between 12:00 and 3:00, would be in Birmingham, Alabama. I had been giving retreats there twice a year and often appeared on Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN). We would be going out to Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Hanceville and would see Mother Angelica who had suffered a serious stroke Christmas eve 2001. Francis had prayed over people with serious afflictions who had been, by all reports, suddenly and miraculously healed, even from cancer.

"Let us ask Jesus and Mary to heal Mother Angelica when Francis prays over her on January 23, 2003, when we see her. Our Blessed Mother replied: "Her suffering is far more beneficial."

That same morning Little Mary had received the following message:

#### January 6, 2003, Monday, 7:20 A.M.

My daughter,

I am here to help my children return to God. I am here for all my children, not just a few. I am here to assist each child who will take my hand so that I can lead them closer, closer to my Son Jesus. Those who truly open their hearts to my Motherly assistance will understand my role on this earth.

The problem today is that many hearts are closed to the truth. Many are picking and choosing which Commandments to obey. Many have so many excuses for the way they are living their lives. Many today are making up their own rules to fit their lifestyle. All I can say to my children is that each of you will have to answer to God. Each of you has a free will, but you also have a conscience. You know in your hearts what is right and what is wrong.

Please, dear children, take time, time to examine your conscience. Take time and then ask yourself, "Is your life truly pleasing to God? If it is not, then please ask God to help you turn your life around. Ask God to help you relearn your ways. Ask God to reveal those sins that are pulling you away from Him. Ask, ask now, so that God can guide you on this earth.

Pride and greed are not what will help you, only God. Change cannot occur in you if you refuse to spend time, quality time, with God.

Each of you must live a life that is united with God. Please, turn to God for there is no longer time to be living a lukewarm life. Give yourself fully to Him and let go, let go of all your desires. Let go and open your hearts to God's unconditional love.

Dear children, my voice calls out to each of you, so please listen and then respond. Respond with love in your hearts. Respond and love Almighty God. Now, please, open your hearts and respond, so that you will be able to receive God's abundant love. Amen.

On Monday evening, January 6, the regular Monday night prayer sessions resumed. As Little Mary drove to the church for the 7:00 o'clock Mass, normally only a five-minute drive from her home, three or four times she saw someone being thrown in front of her car. Each time she felt compelled to slow the car down and the person in front of the car would disappear. From past experiences she knew what was happening was diabolical in origin. There was an unusually large crowd present this Monday night, at least twice as many as a normal Monday night.

On the previous Monday night, during the Christmas season, Little Mary had gone to the church to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament. There she had met a woman who had a difficult life, worked at a gas station and had come that Monday night for a prayer session because someone had told her that she could be helped if she came Monday evening. Little Mary explained to her: "There is no Rosary prayer session tonight because of the Christmas season. Why don't you come next Monday night when the prayer sessions resume." So on the evening of January 6 that woman was present, came up and sat beside Little Mary at Mass. The woman stayed until 11 p.m. and said she was coming back to the church. She was bubbling with happiness and said that she would introduce her children to the church as well. Many others were prayed over until 11:00 that evening.

The Christian culture and consciousness has been fast disappearing in the United States and other countries. Even a beautiful monument of the Ten Commandments in a public building was ruled illegal in the state of Alabama where the complier of this book now resides. It made national news. The Ten Commandments could be known by reason alone, even if not divinely revealed. God, knowing the many distractions and busyness of life for many, in his love and mercy revealed them clearly. They are ingrained in every conscience. Yet, in our modern society, people have been gradually desensitized, and through pagan values, flaunted everywhere—especially in the media—new modes of conduct are being accepted as normal. People make up their own rules of what is right and wrong. This will not excuse them at the Judgment.

Thus our Blessed Mother says:

"The problem today is that many hearts are closed to the truth. Many are picking and choosing which Commandments to obey. Many have so many excuses for the way they are living their lives. Many today are making up their own rules to fit their lifestyle. All I can say to my children is that each of you will have to answer to God. Each of you has a free will, but you also have a conscience. You know in your hearts what is right and what is wrong."

#### January 8, 2003, Wednesday, 7:45 A.M.

My daughter,

All of heaven rejoices when my children love, obey and serve Almighty God. So please tell my children to continue forth and to live, live the Gospel. Tell my children that I am pleased when they gather and pray, pray from their hearts. Much joy is given to me when my children do what God and I are asking of them.

Today I pray that all my children will turn to Jesus and take refuge in his most Sacred Heart. I pray that more will repent and make sacrifices for the salvation of souls.

I pray, pray daily for those who are furthest away from Jesus.

My daughter, today I ask that you pray with me for many prayers are needed across this world. Many prayers are needed for so many have turned their back on God. So many are choosing darkness because they do not want to change their ways. Many do not realize that satan exists and that he is truly prowling on this earth to devour souls. Many today live in darkness and they need to be rescued before it's too late.

Please understand that the Rosary is your protection. Each prayer from your heart will help destroy evil. Each prayer will truly help those who are being led astray. The Rosary, sacrifice and penance is how conversion will happen. Your excuses and lack of prayer is not what will destroy evil.

I am here to gather my children and to form prayer-groups all around this world. I am here to remind you that you must pray and amend your ways. I have been here for some time now, so please, do not be afraid of me. Gather and pray in those groups that I have formed. Gather and join hands and welcome those whom God sends to you.

Be humble, loving children and give all honor and glory to Almighty God. Give thanks to God and be more grateful for this time that is being allowed. Be more grateful and do all that you can to save souls. Mankind will face a very serious moment soon, and all will need a strong faith. All will need to know that God truly, truly exists. All will need to rely on God so they do not lose hope. Complete trust in God is what will truly be needed in order to stay strong through all trials and tribulations.

Satan can do nothing to those who have given their life to Almighty God. Satan cannot harm those who know the truth and who are living the Gospel. It is so important that these messages be spread across this world and this can happen if you truly do your part. By truly living these messages more will come to know Jesus.

Now please understand, God has allowed me to be here with you because this world is in danger. Sin has become widespread and this truly, truly offends God. If man returns to God unity can be restored. If man doesn't respond soon, God will truly take action. So please respond now and pray the Rosary from your hearts.

Pray in your homes and gather weekly in those groups that I have formed. Prayer, conversion and penance are truly needed, so be faith-filled children and be willing to do your part with love and joy in your hearts. Amen.

On January 10 Little Mary called me again. The upcoming weekend, before meeting with the group of seven before the bishop, she felt would be a most difficult one of attacks for her. Whenever she has had to encounter special events concerning the mission given her, the attacks come. Little Mary thought the results of the meeting would be negative for continuing reading the messages on Monday nights. I reassured her I was praying for her before Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament and had others praying for her.

On the evening of January 12, 2003, Little Mary was going through such attacks and felt she needed to talk but briefly and receive a priestly blessing. This I did.

Many were praying that the meeting of the seven with the bishop on January 13, 2003, would go well. That morning a brief message was received from our Blessed Mother. It seemed to be a preparation to be patient and accept each cross that is given and what was to transpire that day.

#### January 13, 2003, Monday, 7:35 A.M. Be patient and accept each cross that is given you.

My daughter,

Be at peace for I am with you. Be at peace for I am truly here to assist you. Each word that is given to you shall always be embedded in your heart. God will continue to open new doors, so be patient and accept each cross that is given you.

Be confident in God's love for you, for He truly knows what is best, best for your soul. God knows how much you can endure so be at peace and accept those gifts God has given you. Now please trust in God's plan and remain strong and faithful to our Lord. Amen.

Speaking of the patience called for in this message, one is reminded of these words of Sacred Scripture:

"May God, the source of all patience and encouragement, enable you to live in perfect harmony with one another according to the spirit of Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and voice you may glorify God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the glory of God" (Rom. 15:5-7).

A declaration of divine intervention and supernatural source of the many messages of this book would normally take many years of intense study and investigation. For example, even after the miracle of the sun at Fatima, witnessed by tens of thousands, it still took another 13 years of diocesan study for the bishop to approve of Fatima. The messages of St. Maria Faustina of the Divine Mercy took many years, being placed under a blanket for many years.

Doctors had even testified to healings regarding Little Mary. There had been conversions, etc. Hundreds of favorable letters had gone into the bishop testifying to such responses. If the bishop did not care to comment on these, he need not.

That was his privilege and responsibility.

As readers will recognize from other portions of this book, there was evidence of Jesus using her healing hands. They would swell, turn red and become very warm. Many had noticed her hands turn red; some even felt her warm hands as she prayed over people. The author who compiled this book witnessed this each time he saw Little Mary pray over people.

Little Mary remained at home, very quiet, shedding many tears on Tuesday, January 14, as it seemed clear that the opportunity of past years, reading at least some of the messages at Church, formerly permitted, would not continue. Yet, she told our Blessed Mother that she was willing to continue with the mission she was given. She was not giving up. She found it difficult to talk to people personally or by phone from Monday afternoon through Tuesday.

On the evening of Tuesday, January 14, Little Mary phoned me. She was very

sad but resigned. I share here the following reaction as my own:

"I've been told you are wondering how to feed all those people." If you are open to forming more and more prayer groups, that is something like the Apostles were told to do when Jesus multiplied the bread; they formed small groups and distributed the bread. People are more hungry than ever today. The messages you have received the past year, again and again, called for forming more prayer groups, even around the world. Only a week ago I asked you to ask Our Blessed Mother if those groups around the world included the Fatima Family Apostolate. You never acknowledged that request as you had too much on your mind."

"It seems that some had already suggested to Little Mary that now may be the time to have Fatima Family Prayer groups. I explained that it does not call for big meetings of people. The Vatican Council for the Family had approved and encouraged the Fatima Family Apostolate and its charter. A report is sent each year to the Vatican. When groups get multiplied in one area, then, only then, they can come together—but only occasionally—for a big meeting. It would be like frosting on the cake, for a special event, and provide motivation even if held in a rented building.

"If the position is held that the messages you receive are simply the fruit of your private prayer, what would be wrong with sharing with friends who are mutually interested in the Catholic faith and its practice the fruit of your prayers? Are not most books by spiritual writers the fruit of their prayer and meditations?

"Is it possible that Our Lord and Our Lady have permitted this to happen to get all to see what they must and can do. Those worth their salt will not give up, but continue. The big Monday evening prayer meetings with hundreds present each week have been wonderful, wonderful, wonderful. But why has our Blessed Mother been calling for the formation of more prayer groups again and again during the past year?

"For a deeper formation and in-depth understanding of the faith, the Pope in Familiaris Consortio (The Family in the Modern World) calls for families-to-families associations, apostolates. . . . That is what the Fatima Family Apostolate is and it is recognized by Rome.

"There was a great victory at that meeting with the bishop, Monday, January 13. The light of victory and what it means will soon shine in your heart and many will know it was a great victory. The Blessed Virgin Mary is smiling, for the devil always outwits himself and Christ Jesus always triumphs as does the Immaculate Heart of His Mother. Now the gold is being tested in the fires of the furnace. Now you know what Jesus meant at the turn of the new year, when at your father's place in Crosby, when you went to Church—that now you must share in Jesus' Passion. After the passion and death comes the Resurrection. Glory to God—one can already see the light shining so brightly."

Little Mary had been assured by Our Blessed Mother the day after the meeting with the bishop that she should open doors and that now she would have greater freedom. "Blessed Mother told me today," Little Mary said to me on the evening of January 14, "that the next morning she would offer directives."

During this same conversation on January 14 Little Mary shared with me that she had an answer from Our Blessed Mother for a mother of a large family in my parish. The woman was well into her seventies and had lost her husband a little more than a year previously. Then on Christmas day the woman's daughter and her husband were attempting to fly home to spend Christmas with family members. In the Denver area, shortly after take-off, with just the two on board, the

plane circled, in trouble, and was then seen to spiral to the earth. The daughter and her husband, both of whom had been brought up Catholic but were long non-practicing, died instantly in the crash. The plane went up in fire and their bodies were incinerated. Only ashes of the bodies remained.

Most of the children of this large family were estranged from the the Catholic Church. When their father had died more than a year previously, knowing that the mother could not be well pleased with much that I as pastor had done or tried to do, I suspected that she would be openly frank with her criticisms. On occasion she sent false reports to the bishop which from her perspective she doubtlessly thought were correct, but which hardly had parish support. In response to this attitude I was determined to work as hard as possible to provide a beautiful funeral for the husband of this woman and father of these many children. It seems that the children who were out of the Church were anti-Catholic. I tried hard to present the best Catholic funeral and divine liturgy for the funeral as I possibly could. Nonetheless, no thanks were forthcoming from the family.

The children, many out of the Church, misrepresented the funeral sermon I had given and the Mother, the woman whose daughter and her husband were killed in the plane crash on Christmas day, 2002, seemed to back up the children. The woman's first comments to me after the funeral were negative. A week or two later, she came to my rectory door with negative comments from her children. The position they held was untrue and those of the parish who tried to explain otherwise simply were told: "We never heard that." It was obvious the minds of the children were closed to the Word of God and the mother, who, rather than attempting to open their minds to God's word, went along with the children.

There is somewhat of a dilemma here. This woman was at Mass almost every day and had many good qualities of reaching out to others. Only recently, before the tragedy of Christmas day, at prayer sessions when others would pray for the conversion of fallen-away children, was she able, somewhat reluctantly, to pray for the same intention. She had rather admired what her grandchildren knew of religion from non-Catholic churches, "better than we ever learned." It seemed that when they were guests at my parish with their mother, they were unhappy. Doubtless, the sermons were "too Catholic."

My cousin, Fr. Leonard Fox, who several years previously had heart surgery with serious complications and two strokes, had been invited to spend at least a month with me from Christmas time until into February. He had been put into hospice, all apparatus at the hospital disconnected, and he was left to die. I went to see him, and started a novena in his room to [St.] Padre Pio. The local Carmelite Monastery and parish were joining me in praying a novena for a miracle to cure Fr. Leonard. He had been paralyzed on both sides from the stroke.

Beginning the novena in the hospice section of the hospital, before I left the room he attempted to speak some words and was moving his limbs. The next day he sat on the edge of his bed swinging both feet.

By any standards the recovery was remarkable. I reported the event to the postulator of Blessed Padre Pio. They already had an approved miracle for his canonization. In any case, the healing of Fr. Leonard still had much to achieve before he could operate more normally. Now, two years later, he still had complications, but could offer Mass, preach short sermons at times, which required special effort but which he performed humbly and admirably when one considered the condition from which he was saved.

The mother and family of the daughter and sister and her husband, killed in the plane crash Christmas day, rather than having me, the pastor of the rural parish, conduct a funeral service, asked my cousin, Fr. Leonard, who was a temporary guest in my rectory, to preside. This of course brought serious criticism from parishioners who started a prayer chain so more charity and common sense could be realized on the part of the family. It appeared another opportunity was being missed by the mother of the large family to assist her children in opening their minds to the Word of God. This is no reflection on Fr. Leonard, but wonderment remained in the minds of parishioners and doubtlessly others.

On January 12, 2003, the woman, after the regular Sunday afternoon Holy Hour at Carmel Monastery in Alexandria, South Dakota, came to me. I wondered if it would be another time that it would be pointed out to me that I was not doing my work as a priest according to her expectations. Instead, humbly she stood there, very white, and told me she was very worried about the salvation of her daughter's soul as her daughter and her husband did not practice the faith.

"Will you ask Little Mary if she has any message for me?"

"Yes, I will." I told this woman. "I will talk to her this week and ask her." Thereafter I myself begged Our Blessed Mother in prayer to please give a

response as it could help the woman and her children.

On the evening of January 12, knowing the great turmoil Little Mary was going through, having to meet the bishop the next day at 11 a.m., and her having all but certain knowledge that a negative response was forthcoming, nonetheless, I called Little Mary and asked her to please make this request of Our Blessed Mother concerning the daughter, and perhaps even her husband.

When Little Mary received her message from our Blessed Mother in the morning at 7:45, she afterwards spoke to Our Blessed Mother, asking her specifically to give a message for this woman concerning her daughter (and husband) killed in a plane crash Christmas Day, 2002. The answer below was given in response to the mother's request.

#### January 13, 2003, Monday, 8 A.M.

My daughter,

God is merciful to the end, so tell my children not to doubt in God's love and mercy. Tell my children never to give up on prayer. Prayer is truly needed for those living and deceased.

Many souls suffer due to lack of prayer, so please, please pray more. Spend time with Jesus and pray the meditative Rosary from your heart. Each prayer will truly help those souls who are in need. Family prayer is essential, so please, please pray more and do all that you can to save souls. Amen.

Little Mary explained her own interpretation of this message as follows: "What Our Blessed Mother is saying here is for all of her children to pray more for souls, the living and the deceased."

As I was writing down the above, Little Mary further heard Our Blessed Mother say: "Through prayer each soul will be led closer to Christ."

Then I had a discussion with Little Mary explaining that the plane seemed to circle, being in trouble, then spiraled down and crashed in flames. I said, "It's possible that in the time before the crash there was time for repentance."

When Little Mary and I agreed on the above as possible, Our Blessed Mother intervened and said: "She [the daughter] is not in hell because God is merciful."

Then the Blessed Mother indicated that when the mother came to Fr. Robert J. Fox after the Holy Hour the previous Sunday, January 12, 2003, reaching out for help because she had then opened her heart, Our Blessed Mother was able to help this mother.

Before we ended our conversation the Blessed Mother said, "Tell Father to

include this account in the book [Messages from the Heart of Our Mother].

Later, on Tuesday, a very cold day, a friend of Little Mary, who was an extraordinary minister of the Holy Eucharist, since Little Mary was shut in all that day and had spent time in silent and private tears, brought Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. The Blessed Mother said on the occasion: "A true friend is one who brings Jesus to you." While some had kindly sent flowers of support to Little Mary that day, the Blessed Mother said: "No wealth of flowers can replace God."

### January 15, 2003, Wednesday, 7:30 A.M. I ask that you form groups, holy groups and pray for peace, unity....

My daughter,

It is God who will decide when these messages will end. So please continue to write and share with others all that is embedded in your heart. In time these messages will be spread across this world. In time more hearts will open, open to the truth. Time moves quickly, so be patient and trust, trust in God's plan.

Please tell my children not to give up on prayer. Tell my children to come to Mass and gather and pray the Rosary. Tell my children to fill the church and to pray, pray from their hearts. So many today are in need of prayer for they do not pray or spend

time with Jesus.

Until my children understand my role on this earth their hearts will not be open to these messages. So today, I ask that you help me light the way by your example so more turn to God before it's too late. I ask that you continue forth by being true servants for our Lord. I ask that you form groups, holy groups and pray for peace and unity around this world. I ask that you continue to accept my motherly assistance for I am truly here for those who take refuge in my Immaculate Heart.

Dear children, there is no time to give up, for this is what Satan truly wants. Satan wants each of you to quit prayer. Please do the opposite of what Satan is telling you and live, live your consecration. Reject all that is evil and worldly and take part in restoring

family unity.

Now please be joyful children and be at peace through all trials and tribulation. Be at peace and be confident in God's promise. Accept each cross that is given to you and rejoice, rejoice in His love and guidance that He has for each of you. Have confidence in God's love and mercy and humbly submit to His holy will.

God sanctifies and purifies His chosen ones, so please trust and place your confidence

in God's love for each of you.

Now please do not lose hope for God allows trials to unfold because he loves you and wants you to know the truth. God knows what is best for your soul, so believe and trust, so you are strengthened for the road ahead. Much joy and strength will be given to those who persevere and live a pure and holy life.

Go forth, go forth now and imitate Jesus and follow Him in His passion. Seek to follow Him each new day and move forward now with courage and hope. Glorify my Son now through prayer, sacrifice and acts of love. Amen.

In the week before the meeting with Archbishop Flynn on January 13, 2003, the Zenit News Agency in Rome issued the following report:

#### Mystics in the Postmodern Age

ROME, Jan. 7, 2003 (Zenit.org) Mysticism is alive and well—and very much connected with the real world, says a Discalced Carmelite.

Fr. Jesus Castellano Cervera, vice rector of Rome's Teresianum Pontifical School of Theology and a consultor to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, talks here about how mysticism should be understood—and the role of mystics vis-à-vis the world.

In regard to an extraordinary experience of God, which goes beyond our merits and our techniques, mystics frequently remain hidden in the silence of God and manifestations of their experience only appear filtered in some writings and by the fruitfulness of their apostolic works.

Only when their life is over is the mystical experience they have lived appreciated, as now seems clear in the writings of [Mother] Teresa of Calcutta in which one can perceive the trial of the "dark night" and of the intense experience of passive purification, prelude to her missionary fruitfulness.

As regards mystics who are bearers of a message of God to the Church and to humanity, discernment is very necessary, so as not to fall into error.

Today there are many people who speak in the name of God, of the Virgin, and of the saints, who present messages. Today mysticism abounds on the Internet, where there are many sites with revelations and messages.

However, without the positive judgment of the Church, which always moves with lead feet, it is very difficult to classify these people as mystics. The Church is investigating many of these visionaries, and looks for absolute certainty.

Those who act as mystics in the Church or in society are not always the most worthy of belief. A mystical experience must be backed by the Church — its concrete and clear approval. I believe there are more genuine mystics than one thinks. I know several people who have a genuine supernatural experience of God, but I prefer not to give their names. God will reveal them in the opportune moment.

The present-day mystics are those who feel, live, spread the important messages of a God who speaks to postmodernity, and opens new channels for the new evangelization. As in the time of Teresa and John of the Cross, they are the ones who affirm forcefully the presence of God in the life of people, the genuine meaning of grace, the ability to see God in the night.

There have always been distortions in understanding true mysticism, because of false mystics. The accusation of hysteria is the common interpretation of mysticism since the start of the 20th century.

And still today, there are those who persist in these false hermeneutics. Reference should be made to the authority of an expert such as H. Bergson, who made an extraordinary apologia of Catholic mystics, seeing in them realism, balance, humanity, the capacity for action and relation, and of creativity.

Suffice it to compare the mystical experience of Teresa of Jesus with her activity as foundress, the realism of her letters, her sense of humor and appeal, her humanism and ability to relate—to see that mystics are the splendor of humanity. All of which is far removed from hysteria and depressions.

In the mystics I know, even though aware of their many dark nights, I admire

above all their human balance and capacity for action.

Therefore, true mystical experience preserves the balance of the human person even during intense passive purfications that for many might verge on madness or despair. However, in mystics, humility, meekness, mercy, tenderness, and understanding of human frailty is maintained and grows.

Like Teresa of Avila, they even understand those who are tempted to suicide and are able to sit at the table of sinners in despair. Or, like the Orthodox monk Sylvanus of Mount Athos, in the midst of trial they are able to maintain their soul in hell without losing the hope of salvation.

H.U. Von Balthasar and Chiara Lubich teach us that the highest mystical experience, the limit of the mystery, is that lived by Christ when abandoned on the Cross. And with him, many saints who, like him, transform pain into love.

True mysticism is far from an evasion of reality. When there is a real experience of God, it is God himself who sends people out on the paths of history. The mystic who sees God looks at the things of this world with the very tenderness of God. And he does not remain inactive. He lives an apostolic mysticism.

This is good mystical doctrine, which is already seen in St. Gregory the Great and is found throughout history, including in the best mystical theologians of today.

The mystic wishes to be the presence that translates into words and deeds, in suggestions for the Church, the will of God, the carrying out of his will.

If by politics is understood "God's doing," the translation into apostolic works of truth and love, justice and fraternity of what is God's plan, I see no opposition between mysticism and politics.

It must be said that not all mystics have the same function. In some the grace of knowledge of God and of his mysteries prevails, to confirm in faith. In others the grace of personal and communal renewal prevails. In others there is also a grace of prophecy and an ecclesial political mission. I am thinking of Catherine of Siena, of Bridget, and even of Edith Stein, who wrote to Pius XI in defense of her people. This is why the three are mystics of their time and patronesses of Europe.

There are mystics who have this prophetic function in the Church and the world: to affirm forcefully the rights of God and his holy will against the abuses

of the powerful.

A mystic today would condemn war without hesitation, because he/she has a more acute awareness that all, absolutely all, are brothers and children of God.

In studying these comments above I could not avoid making favorable comparisons to Little Mary. Few perhaps know her inner spirit better since she has confided in me frequently each week in recent years. I thought how she has feared war with Iraq, the acts of terrorism, and how heavy her heart was at God's children living in sin.

What took place on Monday, January 13, 2003, was surely not an infallible pronouncement or a condemnation of the mission being carried out by Little Mary. The bishop's parting words indicated as much. There could not be an offi-

cial final proclamation without a hearing or detailed study which would take considerable time, even years, and the messages were still coming.

I had heard from doctors; reports of conversions, healings—all of which were convinced of divine help. I had studied hundreds of the messages and found all in harmony with Sacred Scripture and Church doctrine. Often in the messages there were references to messages of the Bible without Little Mary even realizing it.

Whereas other daily Masses at the parish ranged from about 60 or 70 people, the Monday night sessions had often drawn 500 or 600, and occasionally up to a 1,000 people, for some years. How many pastors would not cherish that participation on a regular week night service that was not a day of obligation?

There seems to be one thing liberals and ultra-conservatives have in common. I speak of the latter as those who would be more "Catholic" than the Pope. What these two seem to have in common is that they are almost horrified to consider

that a miracle could happen in their day or near to them.

Many miracles of Jesus Christ are recorded in the New Testament of the Bible. Recall the paralytic being lowered on the stretcher in front of Jesus. Jesus says to the man, "Your sins are forgiven." Finally, that people may know He has the power to forgive sins Jesus says: "Take up your mat and walk." In the third Luminous Mystery of the Rosary, the *Proclamation of the Kingdom*, we hear Jesus proclaim: "The Kingdom of God is at hand" and He proclaims the forgiveness of sin for those of faith with a spirit of repentance. Jesus was concerned with healing the whole person, spirit, soul, and body from the ravages of sin.

The bleeding woman came to faith in Jesus and then received her physical healing (Mark 5:25-34). The blind man was healed physically and then met Jesus his Lord (John 98:1-38). Nonbelievers came to faith in Jesus often as a result of witnessing one of His healings. But the purpose of the healings is to lead people to faith in Jesus and to repentance, conversion of souls.

Jesus commanded the seventy disciples he sent out to preach the good news and heal the sick (Luke 10:1-9). The Acts of the Apostles has many accounts of healings and miracles worked with the newly Spirit-filled Christian communities. The healing always comes from God even when God uses others as His instruments. God has the power to heal people and perform miracles through the efforts of people to bring the light of Jesus to others so that they know and love Him and repent of their sins.

Members of the Rosary group decided that on Sunday evening, 6:00, February 3, 2003, they would meet at the YMCA building to discuss the future of the Monday Night Rosary Group. Priests and others noted that the bishop's letter did not condemn the messages. It only said that they were not to be read "in any church building."

When Sunday evening (February 3) came, ten to 12 inches of snow were on the roads. Still, approximately 200 people showed up. Little Mary was full of encouragement and had received the same from various priests. It was felt that a new freedom was now in evidence. They would not attempt to have the messages read in any church of the archdiocese and people would continue to go to the holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Rosary on Monday evenings, even though the messages would not be read in the church or there be an opportunity for Little Mary to pray over people there. The following evening, February 6, 500 to 600 people were at the Mass and Rosary.

The instruction from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Instruction on Prayer for Healing* (September 14, 2000) to which the bishop referred in his letter, stated:

Art. 1. It is licit for every member of the faithful to pray to God for healing. When this is organized in a church or other sacred place, it is appropriate that such prayers be led by an ordained minister.

Art. 2. Prayers for healing are considered to be liturgical if they are found in the liturgical books approved by the Church's competent authority; otherwise,

they are non-liturgical.

Art 55. Non-liturgical prayers for healing, as gatherings for prayer or for reading the word of God, are conducted differently from liturgical celebrations; they come under the vigilance of the local Ordinary in accordance with can. 839 P. 2.

The Paragraph 2 of Canon 839 states: "Local ordinaries are to see to it that the prayers and other pious and sacred exercises of the Christian people are fully in harmony with the norms of the Church."

The author of this book has had experiences at prayer meetings, even within the Church, with a man called Francis. Years ago I wrote the book titled *Francis* which helped thousands of people. The Most Rev. James H. Garland, Bishop of Marquette, subsequently called Francis in, saying that he had read every page of the book, found it interesting and three times told Francis, "You have my support." He prayed over people in churches with local Church approval. He prayed over people even at the cathedral of his diocese on one occasion.

His bishop wrote to me after reading the book from cover to cover, as he himself said, and his letter became a preface for the second edition of the book *Francis*.

On December 2, 2002, Francis' bishop wrote me again as follows:

#### Dear Father Fox:

This is in answer to your request of November 21, 2002.

Irving Houle [Francis] is an obedient son of the Catholic Church. For some years now he has responded to a calling he has sensed from the Lord to pray over persons who present themselves to him. He has humbly acceded to this call at the invitation of parish priests. He does not preach or publicly promote himself, but simply prays with individuals. He and Catholic priests have told me of conversions and blessings that have come from the Lord on the occasion of these prayer services.

Mr. Houle has my blessing for the good work he is doing for strengthening people's faith and hope in the Lord. I understand in recent months his age and health have caused him to place some limitations on his exercising this prayer apostolate.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*† James H. Garland* Bishop of Marquette

This foregoing letter was written so that it could be presented to pastors or bishops in parishes-dioceses where Francis might pray over people. In the immediate case, it was the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Fr. Richard Miles, of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kenner, Louisiana, received the following answer from the Most Reverend Alfred C. Hughes of New Orleans:

"...I am happy to grant authorization for Fr. Fox and Irving Houle (Francis) to visit Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish and lead a healing service under the conditions that you mention.

"It is very important that what is central to our faith and the sacramental life of the Church is always fostered first and foremost. The devotional life of the Church is a very important part of our faith but always subordinate to the life of faith and worship which is at the heart of our Church.

"This means that pastorally it is a special challenge for us to both encourage wholesome devotional life and insure that it is secondary to the core reality of Church life. I know that you will do your best to fulfill this responsibility.

"May God bless you and those whom you serve so well.

Fraternally in the Lord,

†Alfred C. Hughes Archbishop of New Orleans

In observing Little Mary, as well as Francis, pray over people, what I've noticed is that both quietly pray over individuals as spiritually motivated to pray in their individual hearts. They do not pray so that the prayers are directed to a congregation or large gathering of people. The prayers are personal and in harmony with our Catholic faith.

During the weeks and months after the meeting of January 13, 2003, great sufferings entered Little Mary's soul. She felt as if the Church had let her down. She believed with all her heart that she was given a mission from God to deliver messages of heaven from Jesus and Mary. It seemed difficult to be Catholic with the Church in her area not permitting the messages to be read at her parish church as had been permitted in the previous years. She was experiencing the Cross of Christ more heavier than ever. Whenever there is need for conversions suffering is required.

The bishop had not condemned the messages. The messages themselves could hardly be condemned. There is not known that a complete and thorough study or investigation of any kind to determine if the origin of the messages could possibly be supernatural. There were priests who were deeply involved in spiritual guidance with Little Mary but they were not consulted. The brief inquiry years earlier had only been to see if the messages harmonized with Sacred Scripture and the Magisterial teachings of the Church. They had. The previous bishop had written: "I indicated to you that the commission judged the material and the messages to be faithful to Catholic doctrine and that they did not contain factual error. . . ."

During the previous eight years there had been many communications between the bishop and Little Mary. During the first year she was asked to meet with the bishop every three months. Whenever Little Mary wrote the bishop she always received a kind letter in response. But after the January 13, 2003, meeting,

whereas a letter from him was made public in the parish, Little Mary herself received no communication.

On February 11, 2003, Little Mary phoned me with a very heavy heart. The message crushed her sensitive nature. It was approaching a month since there had been the meeting with the bishop which resulted in discontinuing reading the messages within the local parish church under the new pastor. She tried to read the message that day to me by phone, but broke down in tears. She could not go on, breaking down to the extent I'd not experienced from her before as previously she was always able to catch herself and go on.

#### February 11, 2003, Tuesday This is the time of preparation so please listen and respond.

*My daughter,* 

I am here to manifest my love to all my children for you are each so special to me. I am truly here to assist those who take refuge in my Immaculate Heart. I am here at this church each time you gather and pray. Each time you gather and pray, I shower you with my grace. So please, dear children, continue to welcome others and pray, pray from your hearts.

Prayer is your protection and it will keep you close to Jesus' Most Sacred Heart. I am ever so near to my Son, so please come to Mass and adore Jesus. Receive Jesus as often as

you can and believe, believe that my Son is truly present in the Eucharist.

Listen closely to the Gospel and obey, obey Almighty God. Stand firm in your faith and know that I am truly here to protect you. No harm will be done to those who gather and pray. How blessed will be those who truly, truly live their consecration.

Now, please be prayerful children and take heed to my Motherly advice. Keep your

hearts open and light the way for others.

Soon change will occur and you will need to be strong, strong in your faith. The earth will tremble and you will need to help those who allowed themselves to become distant from God. God will soon wake his children for many, many are still sleeping. This is the time of preparation, so please listen and respond and do all that you can for the salvation of souls. Listen and respond so that you do not waste this time to prepare your soul.

I am truly here for a purpose, so please, please take these messages seriously. Pray, hope

and trust, trust in Jesus. Amen.

Why did Little Mary take the above message so hard, weep greatly and break

down in trying to share it with me?

Had not Blessed Mother Mary just said the following to her: "No harm will be done to those who gather and pray. . . .? Soon change will occur and you will need to be strong, strong in your faith. The earth will tremble and you will need to help those who allowed themselves to become distant from God. God will soon wake his children for many, many are still sleeping. This is the time of preparation, so please listen and respond and do all that you can for the salvation of souls. Listen and respond so that you do not waste this time to prepare your soul.

I am truly here for a purpose, so please, please take these messages seriously." At this time in February 2003, as had been the case for some time previously, the daily news was of an impending war with Iraq, the danger of bio-chemical warfare, etc. While Little Mary is not a visionary, as she does not have visions to share with others, only the messages, by way of interior locutions, are of the main essence which she is to share, yet in her own private spirituality she at times sees things, presented by Jesus and Mary. Also there are often diabolical presentations to discourage and destroy her, and which are too horrible to describe adequately.

Sr. Josefa Menendez [book, *Way of Divine Love*] used to be taken even into hell, something she dreaded greatly and could see no value in it, that is, could not understand the answer to: "Why is God permitting this?" Yet, with the horror of hell which that saintly nun would experience, never did she give up her loyalty and love for Jesus Christ. Jesus assured Sr. Josefa Menendez that she was saving souls, even by such sufferings.

Little Mary is given a mission from heaven to get messages out to the world and yet she heard from the bishop that she could no longer read the messages in the church. Why is heaven permitting these restrictions when many hundreds were coming each Monday night for years and many conversions took place, people came back to Church, to the Sacraments?" The people were still coming to Mass and then Rosary in great numbers on Monday evenings, even after the messages could no longer be read there. And Little Mary could see such impending dangers to many souls not being helped. She carried this burden on her shoulders, the messages embedded in her heart.

Little Mary saw a great catastrophe, the earth opening up and people running, falling into the pit and Jesus was hurrying to catch them, lift them up out of danger, and yet some refused to repent; they did not want to give up their lifestyles, they would not reach up and permit Jesus to pull them to safety and so Jesus had to let go and leave them fall into the pit.

With such messages can one not understand why Little Mary wept? Mother Mary told Little Mary that her tears were the tears of Our Blessed Mother herself.

Our intention is not intended to be in criticism of the bishop who is responsible for souls of his diocese. He must act as he judges. In this book the compiler's effort is to report facts to the best of his ability.

I reminded Little Mary that even with the giant private revelations which have Church approval, such as Lourdes and Fatima, the messengers never read the messages within a church. "You were most fortunate to be able to do so for those years."

#### February 14, 2003, Friday When your heart is united to the Sacred Heart of Jesus you are also united to my Immaculate Heart.

My daughter,

I am truly here for all my children. I am here now to assist those who open their hearts and who turn to God. I am here to encourage my children so you go forth and imitate Christ. My Immaculate Heart is pouring out graces upon those who are responding to my motherly pleas.

As a loving Mother I ask that you live all that I am teaching you. I ask that you do this so you can bear much fruit for God. I ask that you unite your hearts with the Sacred Heart of Jesus so you stay strong, strong in these times. When your heart is united to the Sacred Heart of Jesus you are also united to my Immaculate Heart.

Today I ask that all my children take refuge in our Hearts. I ask that you turn away from sin and accept my Heart as a place of refuge for your soul. I ask that you make reparation for sin so that my Son can transform your heart. I ask that you begin today so you are led in the right direction.

The road will become much more difficult for you if you don't respond, respond now. Begin today, dear children, so you are strong in your faith. Repent of your sins and open your hearts fully to God's love and mercy for you. Believe in the Gospel and be true witnesses for my Son Jesus. Treat all your brothers and sisters with love, kindness and understanding. Support one another and rescue those who are drowning because they don't know Jesus. Please, please allow God's love to fill your hearts so you are able to love all your brothers and sisters.

Listen to my Son's voice as you pray so you are guided on this earth. Listen, listen more attentively so you are taught in the proper way. Trust, love and obey Almighty God. Live a life of true purity. Do not give in to the world. Reject Satan and all his followers.

Be prayerful children and stay close, close to Jesus. Be humble and prudent and allow the Blessed Trinity to dwell in you. Remain faithful and do what I am asking of you, so you grow in holiness.

Again I say to you, listen and respond, respond now. Listen and allow my words to be embedded in your heart. In time you will understand the importance of my visits here. So please do what God and I are asking of you. Surrender, surrender to God's love and mercy.

Go forth now with joy and love in your hearts. Amen.

#### February 18, 2003, Tuesday

My daughter,

All of heaven rejoices when my children gather and pray, pray from their hearts. So please continue to gather and pray with love and joy in your hearts. Prayers from the heart are more meaningful than when one rushes through their prayers. Remember to pray slowly and truly meditate on each mystery of the Rosary.

God has allowed more time for each of you to pray, so please, please pray more. Please continue to gather and do not be bothered by those who are refusing to join hands and pray.

Prayers are truly needed because so many are not praying as they should. Many blessings will happen through prayer, fasting, and penance. I am truly asking each of you to pray, love and implore God's mercy. I am asking each of you to get down on your knees and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Go before my Son in the Blessed Sacrament and pray, pray for nonbelievers. Pray that more will have a change of heart before it's too late. Pray that more will repent and obey God's Commandments. Pray for all your brothers and sisters, especially those who are sleeping.

Pray for priests and all religious so they truly live their vocation. Pray that priests will gather their flock and lead the Rosary. Pray that all will be an example by truly living the Gospel. Pray, dear children, for so many do not realize the danger that lies around the corner. Many do not realize how much evil lingers in this world.

Many priests think they are living their vocation but very few are praying and teaching their flock. Oh! how priests need your prayers. Such little time is spent in the confessional. Such little time is given to Our Lord. I need all my chosen sons to be a liv-

ing example to this world. I need priests to promote peace, not war, war amongst their flock. Yes, I need prayer-warriors in this time of tribulation.

Now please take this message seriously for there is much turmoil in this world. Pray and gather faithfully and do your part to restore unity to this world. I am your Mother, your heavenly Mother, so please do not ignore these messages.

Take a stand and live your faith and be true followers of my Son Jesus.

Go now, dear children, and live each day for Jesus Christ. Live each day in harmony and live, live your Catholic faith. Amen.

Note that in this message our divine Lord speaks about priests in a special way. At the conclusion of the message, Little Mary immediately asked our Blessed Mother if Fr. Robert J. Fox was living his vocation as a priest. Our Blessed Mother answered: "Yes, but he must pray for his people and even after he is retired."

I would often tease Little Mary and on such occasions as this say: "So you check me out!"

I mentioned to Little Mary that the recent 38-page Vatican document on the priesthood said that there is no such thing as a retired priest. We discussed that and concluded as follows: When I would be relieved of the duties of administering a parish I must still pray for the people of my former parish where I was pastor for over 18 years. That I do as I do for my diocese while I reside at Hanceville, Alabama, offering the holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the lower church of the temple built by Mother Angelica.

During the years of my priesthood I had daily prayed the Divine Office, or the Liturgy of the Hours, the meditated Rosary, spiritual reading, Stations of the Cross, visited Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament daily and, of course, began the day with the greatest act of all *in persona Christi*, the Sacrifice of the Mass, with a half-hour of meditation before the Most Blessed Sacrament after the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Yet, these words reminded me that I need do them more consciously with prayer intentions for my people. I had made the *Act of Total Consecration to Mary (Totus Tuus)* when I was a seminarian. Therefore I often thought Our Blessed Mother herself could direct my prayers as she sees fit. That is true, but I must make a greater effort to consciously remember my people and especially those in special need. To continue to pray for the people of my parish after the retirement from parish administrations, which I was requested to do because of age, verifies that there is no such thing as a retired priest.

There were certain days during this time of grace, sorrow, and trial that Little Mary could not bring herself to even write the messages. Thus Our Blessed Mother speaks as follows:

#### February 19, 2003, Tuesday

My daughter,

I am with you. I am with you in a very special way. I want to be with all my children one day in heaven. I am truly here now to help my children relearn their ways. These messages will touch the hearts of those who want to be taught the truth.

My daughter, please continue to assist me and write when I come to you. Write each message for in time they will be spread across the world. This time is so important to rescue those who have fallen into darkness. Each of you needs to be reminded that heaven

is your true home. Heaven is beautiful but in order to enter your must truly believe in God. You must each do your part on this earth and use those gifts God has blessed you

with. You must form groups, holy groups and support one another.

You must come to Mass and nourish your soul and truly believe how powerful the Sacraments truly are to those who receive them in the proper way. You must pray and fast and do penance for your sins. You must stay close to Jesus' Most Sacred Heart and spend time with him each new day. You must love God more than your desires in order for you to truly live these messages.

In order for me to lead you closer to Jesus you must obey. You must obey God and live a life that is truly pleasing to him. So please, obey God and listen, listen to what he is telling you. Listen and then respond and give all honor and glory to Almighty God.

The way is forward, so please respond and do your best each new day. Amen.

#### Chapter 8

# The First Messages and Early Development

Before the messages began and she would read the messages to the hundreds who would gather in the parish church on Monday evenings, Little Mary was a quiet, rather shy, devoted housewife and mother. She stayed close to home caring for her husband and two children. In late spring of 1994 the parish school had a sign-up sheet for families who wanted to have the statue of Our Blessed Mother, Lady of Fatima, in their home for one month.

Little Mary signed up for the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, thinking it would make a nice decoration for her living room. She was not yet into prayer beyond

obligatory ones and did not know how to pray the Rosary.

When later that summer she received a call informing her that the Fatima statue was on the way, the family who brought it informed her that she must pray the Rosary daily, pray for the priests and all vocations, and pray in reparation for sins in the world.

Little Mary prayed for these intentions each day. She did not, however, pray the Rosary. She had forgotten how.

Little Mary repeatedly told the author who compiled this book that when the messages began she did not know how to say the Rosary. This made it incomprehensible when later it was suggested by authorities that the messages were simply

the fruit of her meditations.

Little Mary had forgotten why we pray to the Blessed Mother. She feared that in praying to the Blessed Mother she would be taking away from the glory she and her family must give Jesus Christ. Thus she prayed to Jesus and asked Him to help her see the role of His Mother in His light.

I hesitated to place into this book a most vivid and real-like dream Little Mary had which seemed to prepare her for what was to follow. I did not want readers to think the messages were the fruit of dreams. However, the late Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J., one of the most prestigious theologians in the United States, and for many years theological advisor to the Fatima Family Apostolate which I direct,

defined "dreams" in his *Modern Catholic Dictionary* as follows:

"The effect of psychic activity protracted in sleep. Their religious significance derives from many sources, not the least of which is the frequency with which the Scriptures speak of dreams, in the Old and New Testaments, and indicate that sometimes God used this means of communicating with human beings."

Below is how Little Mary described her dream which prepared her for what was to come.

"I was standing in the woods and saw a light above the trees. A voice softly said to me: 'Pray the Rosary and I will protect you.' I knelt down and began saying the Hail Mary and Our Father and the light started coming closer. I said, 'I don't know how to say the Rosary.' So I kept on praying and a beautiful lady appeared with a pure face; she had no blemishes. I was in awe, thinking, 'Oh! what a beautiful young face. If only I could have her face!' She stood beside me and wrapped her long blue veil around me and said, 'I will protect you.' For the next three hours, on the hour, I woke up thinking about the dream. I have never felt so peaceful or protected. The next day, I felt so light on my feet. From now on I will never doubt the Blessed Virgin Mary again, as she was so beautiful and loving."

Little Mary shared this dream with her husband and a dear friend. The next day her seven-year-old son brought an angel costume up from the basement because he liked to pretend he was an angel and fly around the house in it. On this particular day, Little Mary remembers being tired, with her mind wandering often to the extraordinary dream the night before. She told her son to put the costume away because she did not want the commotion. Her son answered by saying, "Mom, today I want to be Mary and if you kneel down and pray, I will protect you." Little Mary was so overwhelmed at her son's words as these were the very same words in her dream.

It was after this dream that Little Mary began to get words in the form of interior locutions from Our Blessed Mother every evening when she would put her three-year-old son to bed. Little Mary would often have to lay down with him so that he would stay in bed and fall asleep. It was at this time that Little Mary would hear the same beautiful voice that was in her dream. These evenings were wonderful and peaceful to her. She would wait anxiously for her son's bedtime so she could hear the wonderful words which our Blessed Mother would relay to her.

What is a "locution"? Fr. John A. Hardon in his *Dictionary* quoted above defines "locution" as follows:

"A supernatural communication in the ear, imagination, or directly to the intellect. The locution is supernatural in the manner of communication, that is, beyond the ordinary laws of nature. Spurious locutions may come from the evil spirit and can be recognized by their lack of coherence or clarity, the disquiet they cause in the one who receives them, and the evil effects they produce in those who listen to them."

Little Mary hears the distinct voice of the Blessed Mother Mary, and occasionally of Jesus. I asked her if she hears as clearly the voices as when I talk to her on the phone. The answer was "Yes."

From the beginning of the messages our Blessed Mother would speak in words that Little Mary described as poetic. There would be a beautiful flow to the words. Blessed Mother would tell her how much God loves her and how special she was to Him. But in the messages this is said about all of God's people and His desire that all be saved. She would speak about heaven and its beauty and how Little Mary was chosen by God from conception for a very special mission. Although Little Mary had no idea of the extent to which God would use her, she felt wrapped in a cocoon of pure love. Little Mary shared this with no one; not even her husband. She was afraid he would not believe her because it was so hard to explain how she hears Our Blessed Mother.

Little Mary would describe the voice as coming from within. She says she

hears Our Blessed Mother interiorly and also with her ears. She hears Blessed Mother as clearly as we can hear one another in conversation.

I have often said to Little Mary that whereas eventually she experienced a great burden in carrying these messages in her heart to relay to others, that it changed her lifestyle in many ways from the simplicity of being a housewife and mother, yet she must remember that her husband Terry also has had many sacrifices to make as a result.

Terry was prepared in various ways. He had been invited by a man from the parish to join a group that was meeting in his home weekly for a prayer cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests (MMP). Whatever one thinks of Don Gobbi and this movement, which in some quarters was controversial, yet, as Fr. Hardon once told me, "even if the messages of Don Gobbi are not supernatural in source they make for good spiritual reading."

These MMP messages did assist Terry in being exposed to beautiful messages, even if they were only the fruit of Don Gobbi's theological and spiritual studies and meditations. I personally found them beautiful and in harmony with Catholic teachings. They were helpful for many priests and lay people. But I found difficulties when Don Gobbi's messages made prophecies of things to come, to happen, giving a date, and place. Such prophecies made in Portugal had people up in arms; the date prophesied came and went with no occurrence,

according to Father Messias Coelho, a Portugal scholar on Fatima. Some could say the prayers and sacrifices of people delayed or prevented God's wrath.

I also found further difficulties with Don Gobbi's message when they claimed the Collegial Consecration of the world and Russia in particular had never happened when, in fact, I had a personal letter from Sr. Lucia of Fatima to the contrary. Further, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith later, in responding to the third part of the Fatima secret, issued the document, *The Message of Fatima*, on June 26, 2000. In it is stated that the Collegial Consecration was accomplished.

"Sr. Lucia personally confirmed that this solemn and universal act of consecration corresponded to what Our Lady wished (Sim, esta feita tal como Nossa Senhora a pediu, desde o dia 25 de Marco de 1984," Letter of November 8, 1989).

The Apostolic Nunciature, United States of America, No. 8296 from Washington, D.C., wrote on December 7, 2000:

"As to the writings of Father Gobbi, I can inform you that the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has advised that they are not the words of our Blessed Mother, but his private meditations for which he assumes all the theological, spiritual and pastoral responsibility.

Trusting that the above is helpful to you, I remain, with prayerful best wishes and cordial regards.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo Apostolic Nuncio

Such observations from the office of the papal nuncio, while not condemning Don Gobbi's messages, certainly do not favor their being of direct supernatural origin. Such cenacles that still take place, it would seem, have great value for many.

Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J., in the later years of his life, told me, "The MMP is getting a bit out of hand."

Little Mary had felt uncomfortable to go with her husband to the MMP cenacles and never did. Her timidity prevented her and she felt uncomfortable in accepting the invitation because she did not yet know how to pray the Rosary.

Meanwhile the Blessed Mother kept asking Little Mary to write. She kept telling Our Blessed Mother that she had the wrong person. Yet, Blessed Mother kept asking her to write. The first messages she wrote she tore up afterwards, hoping that then Our Blessed Mother would choose someone else. She did this during the first six months when she would hear Our Blessed Mother talking.

Finally, on January 11, 1995, Little Mary wrote her first message which she kept. The original messages, torn up, would be dictated to her again. The Blessed Mother thus had to convince Little Mary that she was chosen to be a messenger and heaven would not change on this. During the first days she would sometimes receive a message both in the morning and in the evening. You will notice that in

several incidences there are two messages for the same day.

The first messages were relatively simple. At this early stage Little Mary was not well developed in spirituality to any depth. The messages in some way are different in approach than they will be after Little Mary begins to mature more spiritually, especially through the suffering and experiences with people whoare more spiritually advanced. Little Mary is also not yet adept at taking the messages so smoothly, willingly, and quickly as she does in time to come. After Little Mary has been taking the messages for some time, anyone who has seen her writing down the daily messages is astounded at the speed with which she writes. Yet, the writings are clear, easily readable. In this manuscript the compiler took almost every message from Little Mary's own handwriting.

Below are the first messages:

#### January 11, 1995, Wednesday Be Silent and Hear My Words.

My daughter,

I have protected you. You were a virgin but then chose to become a mother. Look to the highest and crown Him with many crowns. Jesus reigns and is above all the earth. Cast away all your doubts and remain with us. This earth is so full of sorrow and doubt. Look to the skies because God can fulfill your every need. He had promised to keep you, hold you and protect you for He is your true Father and I your true Mother. Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice. Be silent and hear my words for I am with you. Look at my heart as I am in yours.

#### January 12, 1995, Thursday From the Lord Jesus: Look Inside the Flower.

Look inside the flower. There was once this tiny seed. Now your petals will open and you will blossom and grow in me. Keep your yes open and beware of dark times. Blessed is the fruit of the womb, Jesus. Stay close to me and you will see the glory and power of eternity.

#### January 14, 1995, Saturday Continue to Walk with Me.

Continue to walk with me and hear my words. I want to shine my golden light upon you so that you may receive my inner strength. You have a golden Rosary.

# January 18, 1995, Wednesday I Want to Multiply My People.

Just as Jesus multiplied the loaves, I want to multiply my people so that you can come to know my love for you. Do not forsake me for I will not abandon you. Disaster and quakes will bring those in need closer to me. The Rosary is the prayer of life. Say it with all your heart. The Blood of Jesus is upon this land, but those who do not seek Him, their souls will wither away. Witness to these so they might see your shining light, for my protection is upon you.

Little Mary does not really understand much of the meaning of the messages, especially the early messages. She is being gradually formed and purified. She would not be able to endure the work, the criticisms, the tasks that were ahead for her if she had known their meaning at this time. By nature shy and reticent, she will be called upon under the guidance of her pastor to read messages before hundreds of people for eight years.

"The Rosary is the prayer of life. Say it with all your heart." The Rosary will receive much attention in the messages that are to come through the years. Pope John Paul II, in calling for the Year of the Rosary, October 2002-October 2003, issued the Apostolic Letter, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* (Rosary of the Virgin

Mary), on October 16, 2002.

In that apostolic exhortation on the Rosary the Pope instructed us how the proper praying of the Rosary, which means meditating on the Mysteries of Jesus Christ, will lead to a spiritually more fruitful participation in the divine liturgy. We grow in grace, a sharing in the life of God primarily through the Sacrifice of the Mass and the Sacraments. The Rosary prepares us for the divine liturgy and as such extends a meditation on the celebration of the mysteries of Christ in the liturgy. The Blessed Mother can thus say "The Rosary is the prayer of life. Say it with all your heart."

Much of the deeper meaning of the even simple messages at the beginning are little understood by Little Mary. She is simply being obedient in taking dictation.

# January 21, 1995, Tuesday A Baby Cries out in the Darkness.

A baby cries out in the darkness of her mother's womb, for this mother has not yet seen the light in her soul. Witness to these mothers and pray for them so that they might see this light, through my love these babies and mothers will come to know me, as Jesus has a saving power for them, and can heal these mothers in their time of need. Darkness was upon your mother's womb, but through Jesus Christ this darkness had been lifted and your light has become stronger.

Remain in me and continue to hear my voice for protection is needed as the world is evil and the devil wants to destroy. Do not be afraid for I am with you. Days are becoming shorter but my love for you and your love for me are becoming stronger. My joy in you will be a witness to others.

Little Mary's mother had had three babies in a row, close together, and really did not want to be pregnant again. But she accepted God's Will and was very happy when Little Mary was born. In the years ahead Our Blessed Mother will say that abortion is the greatest sin. It is the killing of human life. It is setting aside the plan God had in creating an immortal soul and giving it a human body to live for a time in this world.

What is it the devil wants to destroy? He surely wants to destroy human life. We should all radiate Jesus and His Mother to others by the Christian joy of our hearts.

#### January 22, 1995, Wednesday I Am Mary, Mother of Jesus.

I am Mary, mother of Jesus. I am blessed and pure. I am white as a dove to show brightness to the world. I am golden like the sun, as is my Son Jesus. The blueness you see is the color of a fresh spring waiting for those who might thirst in me. I am pure and clean in spirit. My heart is red and feels torn at times due to the world. They could receive this warmth from Jesus and through me. My heart bleeds due to the world's sinful acts. Remain close to me. I have revealed myself before you that you would set your table before me and many guests shall arrive. They will become hungry for the Lord.

Little Mary asked the Blessed Mother who she is. The response she received is above.

The Second Vatican Council pointed out that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is the perfect model of everything the Church is and hopes to become. Mary was the perfect Christian. As Mother of the Church she suffers as any good mother will suffer if her children go astray.

If we remain close to Jesus we will be close to Mary, for their two Hearts are inseparable. To Jesus through Mary.

#### January 23, 1995, Monday You Will Be an Instrument of My Peace.

You are special and have been longing for my love. I have been with you even when you doubted me, for I have chosen you to walk in my light and make yourself known to others. Through my grace you received me and you will be an instrument of my peace. Jesus has made himself known as I have made you known through me.

Each human person with an immortal soul is unique and special in the eyes of God. One soul in the eyes of God is of greater value than the entire created universe, even greater than the millions of galaxies.

When Our Blessed Mother tells Little Mary "you are special," God says that

to every one of us. God has a plan for each human life He brings into the world. The plan for Little Mary, in addition to being a wife and mother, is gradually being revealed to her.

#### January 24, 1995, Tuesday Open the Doors.

Oh, my daughter, you are precious. Give your life to Jesus and walk with me. Open the doors for behind closed doors it is dark, too dark to see the light. My people must see the light, for this light will bring salvation and peace and love in their hearts. The time is coming when everybody's door must be open to reveal themselves. Keep your door open as many will come through. Jesus says, "My peace will be with you."

Little Mary will discover in time that "behind closed doors it is dark" is referring to the mortal sins committed by so many. They are living in darkness. People, separated from Jesus Christ, must come to realize the sad condition of their souls, separated from Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. "The time is coming when everybody's door must be open to reveal themselves."

Little Mary is being asked to keep the door of her own heart open for the special mission she is being given, or for all the sufferings and work this will involve, "as many will come through." Through her mission, if she cooperates in spite of the sufferings entailed, many will come to Jesus. In spite of all the sufferings, "My peace will be with you."

#### January 25, 1995, Wednesday Prisons are overflowing.

Prisons are overflowing but hell is becoming fuller. People must come out of their darkness. Help them see the light. Pray for those in need, as prayer does many wondrous things. Witness and exalt the Lord for His work is wondrous.

The growing number in prisons upon earth are but symbolic of the many headed through lives of sin to an eternal prison in the next life.

Little Mary is being given a mission to call people out of darkness to the Light of Jesus Christ.

# January 25, 1995, Wednesday Let Your Fire Pour Upon Others.

The sun radiates heat like your fire. Let your fire pour upon others so they might feel your warmth. You needed my light to start your fire and it shall never burn out. Go to the Church and proclaim the good news, for the Church needs wood and rock to surround the fire for this is my people. You must be the wood and rock to keep the churches going, for their fire is slowly burning out. God lives in the Church, and I in you, and people must see this so they may have Jesus outside of Church. For there will be a day when the churches separate and people will need Jesus in their homes and in their hearts.

Go to my people who know me, for this will be your witness. More people are aware of me and you will know who they are. Search out and keep your heart open for I will be there for you. I want you to go to adoration and go to the church that knows me for great things will happen and you will find peace and continue to grow in Jesus.

Our Blessed Mother is concerned here for the weakening of faith among many members of the Church. There is a crisis of faith for millions of people with the secularization of society. Many parents bringing up children today have been poorly catechized themselves. The Bishops' Committee at their November 2003 meeting announced, as the result of their research, that over two-thirds of the books used for religious education for high school students were very deficient.

A review of a series of popular religion texts for the first eight years of school in the United States, pointed out that the Holy Eucharist was mentioned just two times.

For years I wrote frequently for such publications as *Our Sunday Visitor* and the *National Catholic Register* as a columnist. I often wrote on the failures of catechetics and the deficiencies and even errors in religious education books. I wrote "Catholic Truth For Youth." I recently revised it to "Jesus—Light of the World" with imprimatur so as to conform to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Cardinal John Wright, while prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for the Clergy, responsible for catechetics in the universal Church, encouraged me to write the catechism now known as *Jesus —Light of the World*. Cardinal Wright, while prefect of this congregation, met with me one evening, long into the night hours. He said that if the faulty trends in catechetics did not turn around in the United States the time would come when there would only be ghettoes of the true faith here and there.

Having been on the cutting edge, fighting for good catechetics for years, hearing from thousands across this and other countries, I can see much meaning in the words of the Mother of the Church: "Let your fire pour upon others so they might feel your warmth. You needed my light to start your fire, and it shall never burn out. Go to the Church and proclaim the good news, for the Church needs wood and rock to surround the fire for this is my people. You must be the wood and rock to keep the churches going, for their fire is slowly burning out."

# January 26, 1995, Thursday My Birthday.

My daughter,

Your most special day is when you're with Jesus in heaven. But this is also a special day as God has created you in His own special way and has many plans for you. Look not to the stars for brightness as many do, but continue to walk with me, as I am your light and Jesus is the path to heaven.

Our Blessed Mother recognizes Little Mary's birthday. When we have a special relationship with anyone we remember their special days. Mother Mary has been striving to develop a special relationship between herself and Little Mary so that she, and those who will benefit from the mission being given her, will develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

#### January 26, 1995, Thursday Pray for Your Sons.

Pray for your sons and stay close as a family, as the world is becoming wicked and darkness is overshadowing the earth. They will need armor, armor made of steel.

Little Mary and her husband Terry have two sons. The mission to which she is called is only beginning. In that mission repeatedly there will be calls to parents not to let the world form their children. Parents are the primary educators and formers of their children in the fullness of true faith. Many are failing.

While Little Mary will be an instrument to remind people of the teachings of the Gospel and the Church regarding family life, early on she is alerted of the grave dangers in the world to her own family. This is speaking of the world as St. John in his Gospel speaks of the world that is under the influence of the devil.

Family life is ever more in crisis. The years ahead will see many calls to the family.

#### January 27, 1995, Friday Proclaim the Good News.

The treasures of heaven are bountiful. Open yourself and your heart to those around you. For I am your protection and Jesus is your peace. Proclaim the good news for I am walking with you and those in need shall be beside you. Jesus carried His Cross for you. Now I ask that you pick up this Cross in this world and listen and receive my messages. The nails of the Cross have become long and sharp and many, many people are enduring the pain for they know not God and the devil keeps piercing them. We must witness soon to these people before it's too late. Ali Sheeka, La Cunka, Coom a Lotta. My blessings upon you.

# January 28, 1995, Saturday A Heart That is Wounded Has Many Scars.

A heart that is wounded has many scars. Even the best surgeries cannot heal these people. They must repent and follow the good news and walk in the path of the Lord. Pray for these people so that their hearts may be mended. The Blood of Jesus is the blood, and only the blood, that will flow through these hearts and if it is not Jesus' Blood these hearts will become clogged. Show them my light for I will be there with you.

There are many in the world who are hurting, are unhappy and have been wounded. To be healed they must come to Jesus. There is no other path that will heal and bring happiness.

Little Mary will be called to call others to Jesus, to the Church, to the Sacraments. This will bring souls happiness in the only blood that heals, forgives in merciful love.

#### January 29, 1995, Sunday [After strong smell of roses in the kitchen] The Fragrance that You Smelled.

The fragrance that you had smelled is my love for you. In a garden the flowers continue to grow. I am nourishing you and you too will grow. My presence is ever so near and you are precious to me. Do not let any thorns get in the way as they represent darkness. Only light will shine on you as do my flowers. My presence will be made known in your home. God is the Almighty.

Our Blessed Mother coming to Little Mary, manifested through perfume, is not unique. Our Blessed Mother desires to come to all of us, as does Jesus. We may not have visible or physical manifestations but it does not mean that Jesus and Mary are any less spiritually there when we call upon them.

The family, the domestic church as Pope John Paul II has often called it, is a miniature Mystical Body of Christ. Mary is the Mother of the Church. She is the Mother of every Christian home. Manifestations of her presence should be respected and acknowledged. We should ask for her presence in our homes as we do of Jesus.

It is to be noted that when Little Mary has experienced those, noted above, they come unexpectedly. The messages do not come whenever she wants them to. Our Blessed Mother and Jesus do not speak by inner locutions whenever Little Mary wills it. All is in God's good time.

#### February 1, 1995, Wednesday Your Father, the Almighty.

A child is born today. You are my child and are being nurtured. Come to me, cry to me for a mother is always there. Sing praises to His name for your father, the Almighty, yearns for this. Listen to the cries of my people and help them wipe their tears. For there will be tears of happiness when they come to know Jesus. Spend time with those who need this, for time is so precious. Follow the Lord for His Kingdom is great. Happy is the father who sees his child walk for the first time, but happier is Our Father when we walk with Him.

#### February 2, 1995, Thursday My people who receive Jesus through Communion shall be protected.

My daughter, the sins of this world need to be taken away. Disaster, turmoil are among my people. The bread of life, that which has been consecrated, is your food. Your tongue that receives this [Eucharist] blesses your body. Not like a serpent whose tongue spits this out and rebukes it. Know that Jesus and God, the Almighty, reign in the Church. My people who receive Jesus through Communion shall be protected and guarded against evil.

The Church and priests must have the strength for many people need to know this. Walk forward, for the path is narrow and hard. People who go backwards will stumble

and fall onto the rock. Keep your eyes open while walking this path for you shall see and hear only the goodness of God.

Don't become entangled in the serpent's tail for it is long and wants to crush you. You have the power and protection to step over it. Continue to sing praises and rejoice in God. Pray the Rosary with all your heart for your heart needs to stay warm, for a cold heart will make people turn away.

It is important for people to have faith in the reality of the Holy Eucharist as the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. They must receive Jesus in Holy Communion in a worthy manner. In addition to faith they must be in the state of sanctifying grace when they receive this Sacrament. They must unite themselves to Jesus out of love.

Holy Communion worthily received sanctifies our entire person, body and soul. Receiving Jesus worthily is a pledge for future resurrection.

Praying the Rosary properly prepares one for a more fruitful participation in the Eucharist. It gives one strength to ward off the attacks of the devil.

#### February 3, 1995, Friday We must Bond Together.

We must bond together and continue to grow in [with] one another, for when darkness comes those who have bonded together shall see light and will be protected. Open your hearts to God for He hears your every word. Walk in faith and continue with your faith for it is the truth.

Bless your house with the holy water for it will keep evil away so you can nourish your souls. My message is that of many [to come]—to continue to pray, love and form groups so that you can grow together and find peace and unity in your homes. And pray for those outside of your homes. Walk with me for I am with you and God is the power and has blessed you with many special graces. Listen to His word and share it as it will enrapture many hearts. Adore Jesus.

Jesus encouraged praying with others, as recorded in Sacred Scripture. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name there I am in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20). Our Blessed Mother here is encouraging the same.

Families, first of all, should pray together. "The family that prays together stays together" was made famous by Fr. Patrick Peyton of the famous Rosary crusades he conducted throughout the world.

Familiaris Consortio (The Christian Family in the Modern World) also encourages families-to-families associations for prayer and study-discussions together.

#### February 4, 1995, Saturday Many People Are Crying and Lost.

Do not doubt me for I am with you. Go to the highest mountain and look down, down into the valleys and rivers. Many people are crying and lost for they know not Jesus. Many are trying to come but the current is too strong and pulling them away,

pulling them away from the Church and God. The pulpit is the highest for many in Church. The priests need to tell their people that the river flows fast and rocks and sharp stones will get in the way, but these people need to hang onto this rock [the Rock of Jesus, the Rock of the papacy] and believe in Jesus so that they won't be carried away.

Spread your wings like an eagle, not a sparrow, for your wings must become wide for these people need shelter and love and need to pray with one another. Let them know that your wings are open and that they can come to you. For my love for you is so deep. I will help you through Jesus make a nest so that these eggs will stay warm, warm in Jesus. Keep your heart open and warm so that these eggs will not fall from the nest and be eaten by a serpent. We must witness and proclaim the good news, for God the Almighty rules this earth. Continue to go to adoration so that many people will be saved and healed through your Rosary.

Our Blessed Mother moved fast in directing Little Mary so that she understood what she should do for growth in her own spirituality and for others. Remember always, these messages are not simply for Little Mary. Heaven does speak in the mode of the person who is a messenger. Little Mary since childhood loved the outdoors and was somewhat of a tomboy, preferring nature, animals, etc., to being in the house. Thus we see our Blessed Mother speaking in symbols easily grasped by Little Mary, mountains, valleys, rivers, sparrow, eagle, warm bird's nest. . . .

Little Mary is still at the very beginning of the mission to which she is called. There has been lacking depth to her spirituality as an adult. We know that St. John in the Gospel is compared to an eagle. The mission being given Little Mary is not like a tiny sparrow that flits about here and there. The eagle flies high with

wide expanse of wings and sees sharply and can cover miles.

"Spread your wings like an eagle, not a sparrow, for your wings must become wide for these people need shelter and love and need to pray with one another. Let them know that your wings are open and that they can come to you."

Timid Little Mary, who hardly cared to go out to the public, will have much growing to do and many sacrifices in the mission being laid upon her. But all who read the messages prayerfully, because they are for all of us, must rise above our weaknesses, trust in the intercession of Mary to lead us to Jesus, to be strengthened in Jesus. St. Paul said, "Without him I can do nothing. . . . I can do all things in him who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:14).

#### February 5, 1995, Sunday The Darkness in the Well.

Look around the church. Open your eyes and see all the beautiful things [speaking] of God. You are blessed to have a church with so many beautiful people and treasures of God. Come, come into the chapel for you will find quietness, peace and the mighty splendor of Jesus.

Pray and open the church doors wide as your house, so that many people can find and see all this comfort and peace that Jesus had laid out for them. Many people know no God and are sinking deeper and deeper into the well. They are thirsty but the well has dried up. Look down, my child, into this well and see their arms stretched up. Tell them to hang on to the rope and use your strength to pull them up, up towards heaven. For

their thirst cannot be nourished in a well—only through Jesus and the Body and Blood

of Christ and through my people who pray and witness to these people.

Tell them there is only one God and not to look for false gods. For you will know who these false gods are and you must rebuke them so that this well does not become deeper, not with water, but with people. Come, nourish your body and thirst only for the true living water of Jesus. My light is upon you. Help these people see the darkness in the well.

The parish Little Mary belonged to had grown from a country house where it started to one of the largest in a four-state area during the 38 years her spiritual director was pastor. The parish was very active. Many people were at the church each evening for the many apostolic activities of the parish.

People were being fed at this parish. In addition to the Most Blessed Sacrament in the main church body with the cross over the altar, there was a side chapel where there was perpetual adoration with Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament in the mon-

strance. People signed up to come for adoration throughout each day.

People affected by the messages, and there would be hundreds in the parish so affected, would be drawn to Eucharistic adoration even more. For eight years until the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6, 2003, when the messages could no longer be read within the church, hundreds came each Monday night for the Sacrifice of the Mass, for a meditated Rosary, and to hear at least a few of the messages that had recently been received for everybody by Little Mary. Fortunately, many continued to come for Mass after the message could no longer be read.

There are parishes where people remained hungry and thirsty because they were no longer being fed properly. Many Catholics have become confused in faith with the secular media not favoring religion and becoming even anti-Catholic. It appears much more was needed on the part of priests and parishes where people were as in a dry well. Thus Our Blessed Mother says: "Many people know no God and are sinking deeper and deeper into the well. They are thirsty but the well has dried up. Look down, my child, into this well and see their arms stretched up."

In her parish area, and far beyond it, even in other states and Canada, many will come to pray more fervently and appreciate the Sacrifice of the Mass and Eucharistic Reparation. Thus early on, less than a month after the messages began, Little Mary hears and records: "For their thirst cannot be nourished in a dry well—only through Jesus and the Body and Blood of Christ and through my people who pray and witness to these people."

At the time Little Mary understood almost none of the above message or

what was ahead.

# February 6, 1995, Monday My Voice is Real.

My voice is real and you are my daughter and child of God. Trust in me and see my light. There are many angels around you, guarding you and bringing you to your fullest. You are home with your children doing God's will. God loves you for this, for your children need protection from this world. I have chosen you for you are at home and can concentrate more on me. Continue with the Rosary, adoration and compassion towards people for through this you will become stronger and closer to Jesus. I am your light and you are my witness.

These messages you write are proof of my love for you and also for those who believe

in me. These messages are important for my people to see because time is short and my people must change their hearts. They will see this and feel God's everlasting joy. Your heart has wings and now has a love for the Church. Spread your wings to others. Do not be sad that I have called you, for your home too has my presence and a call to Jesus. Feel my presence and know that I am with you. You need not walk alone.

Our Blessed Mother is most anxious for the home to be a domestic church with the heart of the family at home, tending to children, dedicated to keeping the family united and growing more into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

With all her weaknesses and lack of understanding, growing up at a time when religious instruction in many parish programs left much to be desired, while parents presumed such programs were doing their work as they had for them decades before, Little Mary had a basic Catholic sense. Having come from a family with good Catholic values, as did her husband, our Blessed Mother, as Mother of the Church, had a foundation in this family upon which to build.

Thus the Mother of the Church could say to Little Mary: "You are home with your children doing God's will. God loves you for this, for your children need protection from this world. I have chosen you for you are at home and can concentrate more on me. Continue with the Rosary, adoration and compassion towards people for through this you will become stronger and closer to Jesus. I am your light and you are my witness."

Little Mary, shy and reticent, will grow and reach out and listen to many people. That was a thing that needed to develop in her, as it was contrary to her nature to reach out to people in general.

# February 7, 1995, Tuesday Many Are Drunk Mentally.

My daughter,

It is hard to understand the physical ailments of this world. A drunk may be physically ill, but there are many who are also drunk mentally. For they see and hear no God. Their minds have been so cluttered by worldly acts and thoughts. Just as an owl whose eyes are open at night, so are God's, for He is always there and promises to protect and love you. God at times will swoop down to pick His people up, but they run and hide in a hole overshadowed by the night. They are alone, hiding in their own darkness. Pray for these people so that they can come out of this hole and see the light. For through prayer these people will be able to come out and will be protected. Not even an owl or animal can hurt them for Jesus is the mighty protection.

Do not give up on prayer for these people as it is the most powerful tool on this earth. Heaven awaits all those who seek God, for beauty and joy will surround them and they shall be perfect in body, mind and soul. Walk in faith and trust God for you are His servant, servant of the Lord. I have touched you, you are mine, a child of God.

The Mother of the Church will repeatedly and frequently, in the years ahead, call for prayer as protection from the evils of the world. Prayer will be necessary to grow in faith and love, and to bring others to Jesus Christ. Thus Our Blessed Mother says: "Do not give up on prayer for these people as it is the most powerful tool on this earth."

Many are living in sin, and Our Blessed Mother calls it darkness. They are not living in the glow of Jesus, "the Light of the world." They are rather living in the world of darkness under the influence of the devil of which St. John speaks in his Gospel.

# February 8, 1995, Wednesday My Children Are Crying Out to Hear Your Voice.

Through Jesus, and then through me, my children are crying out to hear your voice and your messages that you are receiving. Jesus' wounds were deep as many of my children's. They need to be healed. For I touch through the grace of our Lord Jesus.

Walk forward as I love you and [you] will not dry up like a desert. I will remain with you. The ocean is vast and wide and deep. Through this [mission I am giving you] many springs will arise and flourish; for among my people they have become thirsty, thirsty for the Lord.

Show them your golden light so that their light will also shine. Sing praises to his name and dance with joy for this makes me happy, for God's grace is needed now.

"Infinite is Thy vast domain. Everlasting is God's reign."

The wounds in the Mystical Body of Jesus are the wounds in God's people, the members of the Church. Many members are wounded by sin, by not being fed, by lack of knowledge and love of Jesus in His Church and through His sacraments. The call of heaven needs to be heard by many children through the messages being given Little Mary.

#### February 9, 1995, Thursday Think of Jesus as The Tree.

Think of Jesus as the tree. He has many branches, some longer, some shorter. The branch that is the longest is the strongest and receives the most nourishment from the tree.

You are becoming longer and through your faith, sunshine and prayers, you will feed these smaller branches so they too can grow and become strong, stronger in Jesus. Also, new roots will sprout from the tree and will look up to you as they want to grow like you.

If a branch breaks, mend it before it's too late. Through Jesus' love you will strengthen this branch so it will never break again. When dark days come you will have sufficient light and food to keep growing, but the weaker branches will fall. So I ask you to pray and help the weaker branches.

Many churches are weak and their roofs will cave in, but the stronger churches, through the strength of these people, will last forever. I ask that you continue to be strong for you have led many people to me.

It seems here our Blessed Mother is talking about local churches within the Catholic

community. Some are strong; some are weak in faith, practice, etc.]

Confess your sins regularly as your body needs cleansing due to the world and temptations. Your body and soul will find strength through this and it will be easier not to sin again. Satan hates confession. He wants you to never be free of your sin so he can tempt you more. But through confession and through doing your penance, he cannot survive. But beware. There are many sins of the world. Keep your eyes open so you may see this easier. There are many hidden sins, and you will recognize them in others. Form your groups for you need each other's strength.

My peace will come to you. I am patient and kind. I want to share with you so that you may share with others, for many do not know me. Go to adoration for there you will find peace and God will reveal your sins to you.

Through the years the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) will be emphasized. Early on, the Mother of the Church tells of the power of the sacrament of Jesus' Church. The devil hates this sacrament and cannot survive when one makes a good confession and does one's penance.

Many do not know the role of Mary as the mediatrix of grace and Mother of the Church. The Second Vatican Council in the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, in its eighth chapter, spoke of Mary in the economy of salvation.

On February 9, 1995, Little Mary called her spiritual director (as will be explained later) to make an appointment with him as spiritual director. Thus we see how the message began on February 10, 1995.

#### February 10, 1995, Friday Continue to Climb the Ladder.

My daughter, you took the first step. Continue to climb the ladder, for your dear Jesus awaits you and those whom he wants to come close to him. For many bodies need to be healed and many healings on this earth take place.

This ladder becomes filled and steep at times, but continue to climb, for many people will be touched by this.

Do not be afraid, for I am with you, and your strength comes from God. Go to your priest and confess your sins for he will heal you. Many will come to you with their sins, but tell them to go to their priest and confess them, for then they will receive spiritual blessings and will be healed.

It is not unusual when one with special charisms wins the confidence of many people and some people begin telling their failings to the mystic. An authentic mystic sends them to the priest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Little Mary has taken the first step. She will go to see the pastor of the parish the next day. The Blessed Mother said he is to be her spiritual director.

Our journey to heaven here below is like climbing a ladder. On this earth while we do not reach the top we should be able to say at the judgment, "Jesus, I did not reach the top of perfection while still on earth. But when I died I was still climbing." In reality Jesus is the ladder, or bridge, to heaven, to the Father.

#### February 10, 1995, Friday Marks of a Beast.

Look at the stone that has been kicked off the side of the road. It is dirty and has many marks from the wind and rain because it has not been sheltered from the surrounding rocks. My people need a shelter to come to. I ask that you be their shelter, for many people are crying and have these marks, marks of a beast. Truly, not a gift from God.

Dumpsters are full of babies. Look at their marks, marks from people who use their hands and tools to cut these babies and rip them from their mother's womb.

Many old people have marks on their faces and sadness in their eyes for they too have also been forgotten like the stone on the side of the road.

You have cried like me for healing, but now we must heal these hands of these people for it is becoming worse. Dignity is no longer a treasure of the world. You cannot do this alone. It must be spread through the churches like fire, so that everybody can work together to stop this. Pray and support one another for the fires of hell are upon this earth.

Beg the priests to show the gruesome activity that's going on, for people's eyes are closed, and they only see the goodness of life. These people must see the truth and repent of it or it will be too late. Everybody in the church must realize that they have a call, a call to stop these terrible acts. I ask that you go in love and spread these messages for my love is with you and Jesus' healing power.

This message, so early in Little Mary's mission, speaks strongly about the gravest sin of the abortive killing of innocent unborn babies. There are so many people hurting, needing a shelter to go to for comfort, warmth, protection, and encouragement. Before long and for eight years the parish will see hundreds coming, especially on Monday nights, with many healings, conversions, and people being comforted and reconciled with God and the Church. The compiler saw much with his own eyes and heard from many people in the area so he can say this. The pastor knew this, recognized it, and believed in the messages from the beginning.

The words the Blessed Mother uses are according to the stage of Little Mary's development which in greater depth is only beginning. Our Blessed Mother speaks to her simply here, but bluntly. "My people need a shelter to come to. I ask that you be their shelter, for many people are crying and have these marks, the marks of a beast.... Dumpsters are full of babies. Look at their marks, marks from people who use their hands and tools to cut these babies and rip them from their mother's womb."

The burden of the calling is overwhelming to Little Mary. Can one imagine the heavy load and responsibility a simple shy soul must feel? "You cannot do this alone. It must be spread through the churches like fire, so that everybody can work together to stop this. Pray and support one another for the fires of hell are upon this earth."

#### February 10, 1995, Friday I Ask that You Be There for My People.

Your joy is spreading. It is hard for you and draining at times, but you shall have many rewards for this. People will come to you in flocks, but point them to the Church, for God is also ever so present in Church.

Feed those that are hungry, for their hearts and souls will receive this food. Know that I am with you and will remain with you for Jesus' love is ever so present. As a shepherd who tends to his sheep, I ask that you be there for my people. When animals are sheared they feel bare, but no wool can cover Jesus' eyes for He knows all. Cover these people with lots of wool for it is thick and strong and will protect them so they can find Jesus.

Tell my people who don't know me, but want to know me, to just ask Jesus [to come] into their hearts. For Jesus' Heart is sacred and mine is immaculate, the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is hard for many to understand the Church, but if they accept Jesus,

Jesus will help them find the way. Tell these people not to be afraid, for Jesus' hands are open and waiting to embrace them. There are many people in the Church also waiting to help feed them the truth. Through this they will find the priests who will be ready for them. Adore Jesus for he is the magnificent. Sleep, my child, for a new day is beginning and my light will shine on all those who seek Him, God our Father.

While Little Mary had begun her journey receiving the messages in the evening, it became necessary for Little Mary to keep her mind clear of all distractions. The Blessed Mother began giving her the message in the morning, usually between 7:30 and 8:30.

The author of the compilation of this book discovered soon that Little Mary could hear communications clearly only when there is freedom from distractions. Silence and freedom from pressures of life were usually required for the reception of these messages.

After the first year or more of conversing with Little Mary several times every week, I discovered that if I really wanted to hear what Our Blessed Mother was saying, it was important to stop talking at times. Sometimes I deliberately put down the phone and asked her to hold the line while I had something to do. When I would come back the Blessed Mother would often have spoken to her.

Frequently, having a conversation with Little Mary—the two of us—was more like a three-way conversation. Often she would interject short sentences she had just heard from Our Blessed Mother. They were also on target and profoundly simple. The content, however brief, was not something Little Mary could make up. If she were simply trying to please me, usually she would not have answered as she did in quoting the Blessed Mother. Also, there were often times she heard nothing from the Blessed Mother even if she wanted to hear a message in order to inform me.

As the messages continued which she was to write down, Little Mary thought that she needed a spiritual advisor. Our Blessed Mother solved this for her by telling her to get a spiritual advisor.

At first she thought she would go to a young charismatic priest who would believe her. Finally she thought of one and was looking up his phone number when Our Blessed Mother said to her that God had already chosen a spiritual director for her. Little Mary asked who it was and Blessed Mother told her: "Your pastor."

Little Mary was shocked at the spiritual director God had chosen for her and exclaimed, "Oh! No! I can't go to him. He's too old and he'll never believe me!"

Little Mary decides that she would try the young priest anyway. She discovered that he was away on a mission and would not be back for three weeks. She started crying because she felt so overwhelmed with the messages. She needed an advisor soon.

On the morning when she was to meet her spiritual advisor face to face, Little Mary received the following message:

#### February 11, 1995, Saturday Like the Church, Houses Have Become Empty.

Look around at the chapels in your church. They too have become bare. Thank you for coming and praying for the sins of the world. Like the church, houses have become empty. People are anxious, sad and scared for they know no Jesus. Their tables are bare because the family no longer has any meaning. Unity is no longer a word. The devil reigns in bookstores, video stores and on TVs, so that people will come to know him instead of Jesus. The devil then reigns in their house. Because of this divorce, turmoil and fighting have ruled the house.

Love is no longer an [understood] word. People must accept Jesus in their homes for then they would see the world much easier. If a family picture is hung on the wall it will fall, if they know no Jesus. That is why the nation continues to fall. Help these people find Jesus again, so they can have the love in their homes and hearts and they will be able to give peace to each other.

Little Mary is being informed by the Mother of the Church about many who are not practicing their Catholic faith. She is told also about the crisis in the family in language at this stage of her life she can understand.

"Like the Church, houses have become empty. People are anxious, sad and scared for they know no Jesus. Their tables are bare because the family no longer has any meaning."

Here, meek and timid Little Mary, having such burdens laid upon her, is being told: "That is why the nation continues to fall. Help these people find Jesus again, so they can have the love in their homes and hearts and they will be able to give peace to each other."

Which way should be turned to, to carry out such a mission? Little Mary will say to me again and again in the years ahead as she suffers, "No one understands how I feel." It is different to hear about it, read about it, but put oneself in her shoes who hears the voice of Mary, and sometimes the voice of Jesus, and a mission to the world, how would you feel? Can we then understand why she is burdened, feels alone and says, "No one understands."

She must go to get help. Her pastor was the one to whom she went the next day.

#### February 11, 1995, Saturday You Took the Biggest Step Ever.

My daughter, you took the biggest step ever [for you]. You went to your priest and shared these messages with him. For now your church will blossom and grow, for they will come to know me as I have known you. Your family will feel my presence and through this you will see Jesus in a much deeper way.

This is a joyous day, for many people will be saved and will be protected by the Church. Your love is ever so strong and your body is becoming fuller. The blessings bestowed by your priest shall protect you for the rest of the days of your life. Your bondage is broken and you will become clean. Fold your hands and bow to Jesus for he is your real joy for eternity. Humble yourself before me and my light will guide you along your path.

# First Meeting with her Spiritual Director

Little Mary met with her pastor for the first time as mentioned, before, on February 11, 1995, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, exactly one month after she wrote her first message. She made her husband come with her for support. She read messages to her pastor for one hour. Father never said a word.

Little Mary became frantic and found herself saying over and over, "Listen to this one!"

Finally, Father looked up and told her she had read enough and that he believed her after the first message. About five years later the same priest who became her spiritual director also told the author-compiler of this book that he believed Little Mary to be authentic from the very beginning. He, of course, continued to study everything.

Little Mary had become panic-stricken at having had no reaction from father as she read the many messages. Now he tells her he believed her after the first one. It is typical of his personality. He is not a man to waste words. He is direct and decisive.

As indicated earlier in this chapter, during the very first messages, Little Mary received messages at times more than once a day.

# February 11, 1995, Saturday Oh Come, Oh My Daughter.

Oh come, Oh my daughter. Hold my hand and show Father your true brightness [of soul]. For He shall know me for I am pure. Joy to Jesus, for your messages will be made known.

A soul in the state of sanctifying grace is truly bright in light. St. Catherine of Siena saw a soul in grace and said that if she did not know there was only one God she would think she was seeing another. The Father, of course, always sees the state of the soul of each one of us.

God and the Blessed Mother obviously were pleased that Little Mary had gone to the designated priest/spiritual director.

The Blessed Mother later told Little Mary that she would need also to see the auxiliary bishop. Her pastor/spiritual director then arranged the meeting for one month later on March 11. The bishop told Little Mary that she would have to go before a commission and that one of the people on the commission was a psychiatrist who would evaluate her. Little Mary and her pastor did meet with the people on this commission.

Little Mary was not afraid this time and gave excellent answers. The pastor asked her later how she could answer like that. "It was easy. The Blessed Mother was telling me what to say."

The commission could find nothing wrong with the messages. They were spiritually sound and in harmony with Sacred Scripture and the magisterial teachings of the Church. The commission did not make a judgment or a study on the supernatural source but simply on the messages in themselves.

Again I speak as the author-compiler that in getting to know Mary, even by her own self-admittance, how well I could read her already in about two years'

time. Her great honestly and simplicity told me that from my knowledge of her character and temperament, that while she was intelligent, I judged her incapable of writing the messages on her own.

The priest/spiritual director who believed Little Mary from the first time she came to him, nonetheless would have many trials and challenges to keep Little Mary going so as not to give up. There were often difficulties to get her to show up on Monday nights when she would be under diabolical attacks. Both of them, after some years, would suffer when her spiritual director was no

longer pastor.

In the midst of all this the Blessed Mother told Little Mary that she would bring into her life twelve people who would help her. These people truly knew who the Mother is. Blessed Mother gave Little Mary their names and Little Mary gave the list to her spiritual director. Blessed Mother told her that they were to be her helpers and that she would have to ask them to help her and share with them what was happening. After that, Our Blessed Mother brought many wonderful people to her to help in many ways.

One of the first things Little Mary was told to do was to deliver five messages to the priests whom the Blessed Mother chose, for it would help their church. The

five messages were:

1. They need to pray the Rosary, either before or after Mass. This will be their protection.

2. They need a crucifix in their church to remind people what Jesus did for us and the pain Jesus endured for each one of us.

3. They must say the St. Michael prayer for protection.

4. They need Adoration so more could come to know our Lord.

5. They need a statue of Mary somewhere near the altar to remind people that she is our mother.

Little Mary obediently informed the priests.

Little Mary began recording the messages on cassette tapes. Because the earlier messages were short, Little Mary would fit 30 to 40 messages on each cassette. These tapes would then be dubbed onto blank cassettes and given to the helpers. These helpers would then form small prayer groups in their homes or churches and pray the Rosary and listen to the messages. This went on for several months.

In August, 1995 Little Mary and her pastor met with the bishop. It was decided by the commission that these tapes would not be allowed for public distribution. They found nothing wrong with the content of the messages, yet the commission had no evidence of "Divine Intervention" or miracle attached to these messages so they felt the need to be cautious. [A definitive study of divine intervention would take a long, extended time—even years—and perhaps not be given during the life time of a recipient.]

The pastor instructed Little Mary on the importance of obedience and that the greatest blessings come from God through obedience. All the tapes were returned. Little Mary remained obedient and fought constantly her desire not to publicly read these messages that continued to come from Blessed Mother. It was also very difficult for Little Mary to keep writing the messages when she could not share them. This was a tremendous suffering for her. When she

receives a message, the message stays with her throughout the day. To receive a message is a touch of heaven but for Little Mary the message brings with it

a grave responsibility.

Little Mary describes the messages as seeing them with the "eyes of my soul" and she feels the joy of heaven. Often she would say that she felt as though she was walking three feet above the ground for several hours afterwards, so immersed was she in the words given her by Our Lady.

Reality would soon hit and it would jolt her like a big thud. She was still a mother and wife and with that came responsibilities. For eight months, Little Mary endured the restrictions placed upon her. To hold these heavenly words in her heart was difficult because each message would come with its own spiritual

weight and urgency.

It was at this time, through prayer, that Little Mary started a prayer group. They would gather every Monday night. In this way the eventual Monday Night Rosary Group at the parish was born, which grew and grew. It started with about 30 people and then it often grew to 400 to 500 people. This author was there to speak at Mass on a Monday night when it was estimated 1,400 people were present. Our Blessed Mother kept bringing them in. What a wonderful Mother!

Little Mary would always share the messages with the pastor and spiritual director when there was perpetual adoration.

## February 12, 1995, Sunday Many People Will be Arriving.

Adoration is the biggest blessing of any church. Continue to keep the church doors open every day, at all times, for Jesus will reveal Himself to you and my people. Many churches do not have this and they need to know that the churches will die without this. Through time many people will be arriving and many priests at hand will be needed for these people. They will need time, time to heal due to the world and to sinful acts.

These people will need much counseling and will need to know the true Catholic faith for they have been deceived and will need much guidance. Satan will rule the earth and many people will cry and be confused as they know no God. People need to be aware of how the devil and many of them are ruling this earth. Be prepared and pray that these people only see the good, goodness of the Lord. Time is too short. We must start acting for the world has become worse.

Many Catholics throughout the country and world had indeed been deceived. Many Catholics somehow, hearing attacks and reports of the Church only from the secular media, had become confused about artificial birth control, remarriage without annulments, receiving Holy Communion while married out of the Church, missing Mass deliberately on Sunday, fornication, and impure acts, etc. As a priest journalist, a Catholic columnist for years, writing for major Catholic papers, and finally editor of a Catholic magazine published in the United States and in the Philippines, and in Catholic television for years, I have heard from people throughout the United States and beyond. Many who considered themselves Catholic do not know the basics of the faith; they do not know what a mortal sin is. Most youth had not been taught the basics of faith or prepared for the diabolical onslaught of the world, not even knowing what is sinful.

I can understand why Our Blessed Mother, the Mother of the Church, would say: "These people will need much counseling and will need to know the true Catholic faith for they have been deceived and will need much guidance. Satan will rule the earth and many people will cry and be confused as they know not God."

#### February 12, 1995, Sunday Tell the Priests of the Church.

Tell the priests of the Church, for many people will come to them. Many priests must know about me so that Jesus can be present to all. They must keep their eyes open for many things will occur. Walk in your faith and learn your faith so that my message may be made known.

The Rosary is the prayer of life, and also life for the unborn. Form groups and say the Rosary before or after all Masses, for prayer does mighty things. Continue to adapt your children for this is most important while they're in their mother's womb. This path has a light and will shine bright to be made known. Let others share, but come to me, for through Jesus all things may happen.

Little Mary was told to hold people's hands while she prayed with them and to tell them that when she was through praying, they would need to go to Adoration and tell Jesus what has been done and if in God's Will, miracles would happen.

The spiritual director has received many letters since then from people who claim both spiritual and physical healings after being prayed over at the Monday Night Rosary Group. The author of this compilation has also received such letters.

In the following years, even after he was obliged to retire as administrator of the parish in 2001, her spiritual director remained spiritually active in the parish and continued as the spiritual advisor to Little Mary. He had founded the parish approximately 40 years before this book was published.

As this book is compiled, extending well into the year 2004, Our blessed Mother comes almost every morning, except on Sundays. In the beginning years she came on Sundays but as the messages got longer she did not, as she wanted Little Mary to be able to prepare her heart for Mass and participate with her family.

The Blessed Mother repeats the first sentence until she writes it. Then she dictates the rest of the message to her, three to four words at a time while Little Mary writes very fast. When the message ends she rereads the message and often that is when she first understands what she had written.

One would not call Little Mary a visionary. She usually sees Our Blessed Mother with the eyes of her soul. When she closes her eyes she does not see darkness, but heavenly things. She has seen our heavenly Mother at different times with her eyes open. Often, Mother Mary stands by the tabernacle at church. Instead of seeing a blessed statue of her, the statue comes alive for Little Mary, as does Jesus hanging on the cross. She has seen much of heaven and finds it impossible to describe all the beauty.

Our heavenly Mother comes under different appearances. Sometimes she appears like Our Lady of Fatima, or like the traditional image of Our Mother of

Grace. Mother Mary always looks very young, has blue eyes and dark brownish hair. Jesus, Mary and Joseph each appear with a long face, but their eyes are what she most notices.

Little Mary has often felt like giving up with the trials and challenges that goes with being a messenger. Still the messages continue and Jesus and Blessed Mother encourage her to help her. Often they say: "These messages are not just for you; they are for the world." Sometimes Little Mary says she feels as though she is going to burst because so much is inside of her. The Blessed Mother says each message is embedded in her heart and that is how she is able to teach others.

When the Blessed Mother appears sad, Little Mary feels her pain and her heart becomes heavy at times. She releases some of this sadness by sharing it with her spiritual director. He helps her get out all that she sees and hears. The Blessed Mother tells her each [authentic] messenger is given an advisor.

Jesus does not come with messages as often as His Mother. Jesus tells her this is His Mother's time and we need to listen to her messages. Jesus says she is a Mother to each of us and she has been chosen by God to light and prepare the way. Jesus still occasionally guides Little Mary and gives her personal messages so that she will continue to do what Jesus and Blessed Mother asked of her.

Not only are the messages given most mornings, but Jesus and Blessed Mother talk to her throughout the day, at least in occasional brief sentences. They answer some of her questions, mainly when she least likely expects them to happen. When she prays with people, Jesus and Blessed Mother sometimes tell her things about those she is praying with. She has told people the things Jesus and Blessed Mother have told her which no one else could have known.

While I've averaged talking to Little Mary at least three times weekly the past few years during which this book was being compiled, I've often felt that it was more than the three of us in conversation, rather than simply Little Mary and myself. Our Blessed Mother has been the third party who occasionally would join the conversation. I became very much at home with the thought that Blessed Mother was hearing everything we said and nothing was insignificant to her. I would not hear any interior locutions but occasionally Little Mary would surprise me by repeating what the Blessed Mother had just said to her. Always, it seemed to me, the statements were insightful, true, with wisdom and nothing Little Mary was capable of making on her own.

While at Fatima when Little Mary prayed over me, I asked that my hearing impairment might be healed. I was told that God wills it so that my heart hears Jesus better. I made some pretty major decisions but was encouraged to pass through these doors opening for me because through Little Mary, Mother Mary told me, "God has opened these doors for you, now you must pass through them."

In the year 2000 Little Mary was invited to go on a pilgrimage cruise where part of the large ship is reserved for Catholic people, similar to a place of a retreat. The Blessed Sacrament is constantly exposed for adoration and there are two Masses daily.

During this pilgrimage Little Mary gave a talk to the pilgrims on: "The Pleasant and Difficult Aspects of Being a Messenger." It follows:

# The Pleasant and Difficult Aspects of Being a Messenger.

What I find to be pleasant is very little, although I know, one day, if I do what God and Blessed Mother are asking of me, I will be with them in heaven.

One of the most rewarding things about being a messenger is the encouragement, love and direction that Jesus and Blessed Mother give. They do this so one won't lose hope and give up. The Blessed Mother's voice is very gentle and her words are soothing like a mother. Jesus is also loving, but more firm and not as wordy. Jesus' messages are more direct. The voice of each is a living voice.

When I see them [with the eyes of the soul], there is this incredible light that glows around them. At night the whole room lights up. What I notice most is their eyes because it is as if they can see through me. When I see their eyes, Jesus' are a deep brown and Blessed Mother's are blue. Their faces are just so pure, without any blemishes. Often I see their Hearts. When I see their Hearts, I become so aware of their intense love for me. Their hearts are bright red and I can see them beating. Much light surrounds their hearts. As I see their hearts beating, I feel as though they are beating with me [in my heart]. I feel this love that I cannot describe.

When I close my eyes I don't see darkness, I see heavenly things. It is so beautiful! I see many different saints and I feel as though I'm walking down the road with them. Some of these saints I do not know but the Blessed Mother has told me who some of them are. The saints whom I see most often give me encouraging words. I feel such peace when they come. [St.] Padre Pio tells me often to suffer as much as I can for Christ. St. Bernadette tells me that through my suffering, souls are being saved. She calls me Little Mary and tells me often to pray and to love Jesus with my whole heart. St. Therese, the Little Flower, tells me to be thankful for each gift that God has given to me. She tells me to use my hands for Christ. When I call upon these saints they will intercede for what I ask.

I got to know St. Joseph when my mother was dying from cancer. He stood beside my mother and told me things I should tell my mother. I do a novena every day to him now. My mother died on St. Joseph's feast day. She lived longer than expected. She also belonged to St. Joseph's parish church. Before she found out she had cancer, I bought my dad a St. Joseph statue. I felt so drawn to this saint and I really didn't know why. St. Joseph tells me often: "I am with you and your family." St. Joseph has a long face just as does Jesus and Mary. He does not appear as old as many pictures or statues of him.

St. Michael the Archangel has come to me many times at night. He tells me that he protects me through the night. This gives me peace because many times it is hard for me to close my eyes at night. St. Michael helps me get through those nights that can be very hard.

The devil comes quite frequently but in my heart I know that I'm really being protected. Jesus and Blessed Mother tell me that this is part of my suffering and I will tell about it later because it is not so pleasant. During Mass I see much beauty and many times Jesus becomes alive on the Cross. I feel so drawn to Him and really know that Jesus is present in the Eucharist.

On my birthday two years ago, I was taken to heaven. It is something I cannot really describe, but yet it was so beautiful. I will share with you what happened on that special day. All I remember is holding onto Blessed Mother's hand. I could

not see at first, because it was too bright. Then I saw the Blessed Mother dressed in gold with a crown on her head, unlike one would see on a statue. She smiled at me every time I looked at her. The air seemed different; it was so easy to breathe and I could smell a fragrance like that of flowers. I then saw many angels and they were lined up in perfect order like a choir.

I remember the words "Rejoice!" and music like I have never heard. I then saw this big golden chair and next to it I saw a man who looked like Jesus. The Blessed Mother told me he was St. Joseph and he took my hands; we did not talk. I then saw a young man standing and he took my hands. He had a robe on and the Blessed Mother said: "This is Padre Pio" and she said, "he helps you very much." I then met others whom I did not know, and the Blessed Mother said, "They, too,

help you on this earth." They did not talk, but they touched my hand.

Then I saw a long table and it looked like it went for mile. I could see it set all in gold, but no food. There were beautiful flowers on it. I could see people sitting down and next to them were some empty chairs. I remember holding the Blessed Mother's hand as we walked alongside this table. The empty chairs, Blessed Mother said, were for those who were coming soon to heaven. The longer we walked, the brighter it became and I could see colors of a rainbow everywhere. I was amazed with all the colors and as I looked straight ahead I saw Jesus. I could see His Heart and many rays of light coming from Him. He took my hands and I knelt down and kissed His feet. He put His hands on my head. I could not talk. He said to me, "Fast and pray so more can one day see heaven." I remember those words and I will never forget them!

When Little Mary reported the above to her Rosary group there were many questions. The questions can be intimated: her answers were as follows:

- None of the saints talked to me, only Jesus and Mary. One does not have to talk in heaven, you "know" each other through your heart and soul. It's very detailed and very hard to explain all of this in words.
- Everybody looked the same age, twenty to thirty. Everybody seemed to be the same height and weight and had on the same color gown, light tan. What I noticed that was different was that Padre Pio had on a dark brown robe. He looked young and did not have the wounds in his hands.
- The floor did not seem like a floor that you would see on earth. There is so much brightness that one can't see a floor.
- The angels were different sizes and [as I saw angels] they did have wings and very beautiful faces.
- The people's faces were so pure looking, with no blemishes. Their skin was like babies' skin.
- I saw no babies, no children, but I know there is a special place in heaven for them. When babies are aborted, Mary takes them to a special place before they go to heaven. Jesus then comes to them and asks them if they want to go to heaven and they all do because of their innocence.

- It all happened very quickly and I didn't check the clock, so I don't know how long it took but it seemed like it lasted forever.
- Jesus has a beautiful face and His eyes look right through you. Jesus' hair was shoulder length, brown. He had a beard. He is very gentle. Blessed Mother's hair is a tinge darker brown than mine and I have never seen such bright blue eyes. Jesus' eyes are brown. The Blessed Mother—I have never seen such a smile on her face—has a radiant look in heaven. On earth, she seems to be much more sorrowful. She wore a beautiful golden dress and the crown had three small red jewels in it. This is the first time I've seen her with a crown. It is different from any crown I've seen on any statue.
- I believe there are different levels in heaven. We have so much to look forward to. There is nothing more beautiful! We have to work harder here on earth in order to get up there.
- A lot of people don't believe there is a purgatory; I have seen it. The people were crying with their hands up in the air asking for prayers, so we need to pray very much for them. What penance we do here will help reduce our purgatory time. I know now I have to fast and pray more. I am going to learn how to fast. Jesus was telling me that praying and fasting are really how we can save souls.
- Heaven sounded peaceful. The music was beautiful, but different from what I
  have ever heard. Now, everything here on earth doesn't seem as beautiful as it
  did before this experience.
- Where was God? I was told, we will not see God until we are there, in heaven, for good [for eternity]. [No one living on this earth can see the divine essence of Almighty God and continue to live in his/her mortal body.]
- Are there different races? I didn't notice that. Everyone seemed ro be the same.
- Colors were very vibrant and got more beautiful the closer I got to Jesus.
- Can we pray to our loved ones in heaven? [For their intercession?] Oh! yes. I am sure they hear us and pray for us.
- All I know is everyone was so happy, even the Blessed Mother [who often appears sorrowful upon sinful earth]. There is no pain in heaven. The angels don't suffer like we do on earth.

They pray for us. Be thankful for the pain we have here; it is purifying.

I just cannot put all of the beauty that I have seen of heaven into words. My description of heaven is not half as beautiful as it really is.

I am most grateful for my spiritual advisor, who has stood by my side in the last six years. Blessed Mother chose him because she knew I needed a tough advisor. Even though I tried to quit many times, my spiritual advisor would always

help me through each battle. He has been firm and I have had many sermons, but I really believe that is why I have remained obedient. On my hard days, he reminds me to look at the Cross. My priest/spiritual advisor seems to always have the right words and plenty of kleenex and chocolates. Blessed Mother knows who is the best advisor for each messenger.

I admit, I have asked for a new advisor a few times, but Blessed Mother would always say: "No. He's the best for you." He seems to always understand what I am going through and has reassured me many times that I'm not crazy. He has helped me get out the pain that I like to hide. He seems to know when I need to share more and as tough as it is, it takes a load off me. We have two other priests at my parish who have also helped me very much. They have been very supportive and helped me when my spiritual advisor is gone.

My husband Terry has been like a St. Joseph. He is very protective and also understands what I must go through. For three years in a row I have been very sick on Good Friday and my husband would help me and carry me when I would be so weak. He has knelt by the bed in the middle of night when I have been sick

and prayed for me.

When Jesus asks me to suffer, I tell Terry and he knows somewhat what I go through. Once in Florida, I got so sick he brought a priest to our hotel. No one was supposed to be around me because I had scarlet fever, but my husband and this priest helped me anyway. When I go through suffering, I feel the closest to Jesus. When I was in first grade, I missed 52 days of school because of high fevers and bronchitis, and 40-some days in second grade. Most vacations I ended up in the emergency room, but at these times is when I felt Jesus in such a personal way. If I can stay well on this trip it will be a miracle, but in my heart I will accept any suffering for Jesus.

My two boys have been such a blessing for me. They help me come back to reality. Without them I would probably sit and meditate all day thinking about heaven. But boys keep you busy, especially their laundry. They keep me laughing and make me wrestle with them. The Blessed Mother told me in the beginning that I was a mother like her and that my children will always come first.

It is very difficult hearing the sadness in Blessed Mother's voice. She cries for her children and pleads with them to repent and turn to God. Blessed Mother tells me that time is short and you really feel her pain and urgency. She weeps at times because she sees what is going on in this world. She tells me she sees behind closed doors and much evil is taking place.

In the messages, she tells me to tell her children to stop crucifying her Son. I have seen Jesus' wounds many times and they bleed profusely.

When I receive a hard message it stays with me all day. Many days I cry

because I really feel their pain and urgency.

During Lent, when I see the Blessed Mother, she looks very old and sorrowful. She asks that I meditate on our Lord's passion so that I do not forget how much pain Jesus endured for each of us. During Lent, I wake up frequently through the night and I hear the echo of nails being pounded. I see visions of nails going through Jesus' hands and feet. It is not easy to see what they show me and sometimes I feel His pain in my hands and feet.

At times, I don't hear or feel Jesus' or Mary's presence as strong and I was told that they do this so that I come to them instead of them always coming to me. It seems very hard when I don't feel their closeness. This teaches me to always rely on them and not myself.

In the beginning, I had to write in a personal notebook when I was not listening to Jesus and Mary. I had to share this with my priest/spiritual advisor and it was very embarrassing and humbling. I would get disturbed and would rip the pages out from the notebook (until my spiritual advisor found out). Jesus and Mary would give again the same personal message if I would rip them out. Their words would not leave me until I wrote them down, so I had to write down that I was ripping pages out of my notebook. My spiritual advisor's eyes would get real big and I didn't even want to look at him [when he read these things].

I now have to write in a journal all that I go through and the Blessed Mother said that one day it will be for the world. It is very difficult to write down about

the pain I feel and the battles I have to go through.

I meet with my priest/spiritual advisor weekly and that is not always easy. He is firm with me, especially when I don't write the messages that are relayed to me. I don't always faithfully write because it's very difficult to carry a hard message with me all day. At times I feel like I'm going to explode, yet it is hard to share all that I go through. I feel like I'm going crazy and that no one will believe me, but that is why every messenger is given an advisor, so they can listen and give direction.

If I don't feel like seeing my spiritual advisor because I don't want to share, he always shows up at my house. I [then] feel bad inside when I don't listen to my advisor. He gives me a Monday off, even when I plead with him [or get others to plead to him for me so I don't have to show up on Monday nights]. He tells me God will give me the grace needed to get up in front of people and read the messages. The devil tries to cause division between me and my spiritual advisor, so that is why Father insists on my seeing him weekly and being obedient. At times I like to go shopping or do something else, but I can't let those feelings get the best of me.

The author-compiler remembers riding in a van with Little Mary and her husband Terry on the way to Rochester, Minnesota, in July, 2001 to see my sister. When we prayed the Rosary and especially when we prayed the Chaplet of Divine Mercy I could see Little Mary getting very sad, and her hands suffering pain. I've noticed different times her hands slightly swelling, turning red with warmth.

During that trip the devil would tell her, "He [Fr.Fox] does not believe in you." Our Blessed Mother would then say: "He's trying to help you."

Little Mary in describing her trials says: "It's hard to take the punches when people say mean things about me, but that is when I need to rely on God and need my priest/spiritual advisor to help me. Many priests and people who don't know me say mean things, but I just have to pray for them and not judge them. I have to be willing to pick up my Cross every day.

Many times I have given my husband the silent treatment because it's my way

to hide my pain.

She said: "Twice, I drove right by the parish church on a Monday night

because of fear to get up in front of so many people."

Little Mary would receive diabolical attacks especially beginning on Sunday afternoons and through Mondays, as the evil one did not want her to show up for the hundreds who would come to the church Monday night. She called the author of this book on occasion within a half hour before she was due at the

church and say, "I'm not going. I can't go. . . . "I would talk to her to calm her, convince her that once there God's grace would suffice and she'd receive strength.

Little Mary would say: "The devil attacks me all weekend, so by the time Monday comes around, I am physically exhausted. It is very difficult to go on a Monday night. The devil's voice is loud and clear and he tells me awful things, especially about my advisor. I have to pray a lot when the devil comes. Jesus and Mary say this is part of the suffering I must go through. Wherever there is good, the evil one tries to destroy it."

On February 25, 2003, I had a long conversation with Little Mary. The weight of the Cross was heavy upon her that day and she found it very difficult to talk. She had also prayed over people until 11:00 on the evening before; praying over people with problems, sickness, etc., always drains her physically and it takes usually some days to recover her normal strength. She, of course, was then no longer praying over people at the church on Monday evenings. It is explained elsewhere in this book how the Monday night sessions at the church with Little Mary were stopped.

By February 25 Little Mary had been able to watch the one hour video I had made in New Orleans for FOCUS and which I had sent her some weeks before. The video, which had shown on television in various parts of the United States and beyond, was titled, *A Man Called Francis*. It had been filmed in the New Orleans FOCUS studios set up by Archbishop Hannan (ret.). I had written the book on this man who had the wound marks on his hands since Good Friday, 1993. He undergoes the sufferings of Jesus every night between midnight and 3:00 for the conversion of sinners.

The book titled *Francis* had helped win even greater favor to Francis' mission. There have been written endorsements by his bishop. The film was touching many thousands of souls.

I had wanted Little Mary to watch *A Man Called Francis* for I felt it would be an immense help to her. Francis has suffered so much. I know him well, as I wrote the book on his life.

Francis would make the retreats which I conducted at Casa Maria in Birmingham. On Saturday nights of retreats I gave, when the events of the retreat for the day had concluded, he would pray over all who so desired it. Francis had even flown with me repeatedly to New Orleans where I offered Masses with thousands coming forth to be prayed over after the Masses and hundreds of confessions would take place, especially after Francis prayed over people. Many would come back to the Church after 5, 10, 25 and some after even more than 35 years. They'd make beautiful confessions of sorrow and I spent hours in the confessional. He has prayed individually over about 100,000 people by the time this book goes to press.

The television video, *A Man Called Francis*, in which I was interviewed on Francis for one hour, caught the essence of his life of suffering, showed his wounded hands which have bled since 1993, and are usually open with no protective covering and which have never become infected. The film showed Francis praying over hundreds of people and close-ups of the faces of people deeply touched, some in tears. The original filming was carried over television in various parts of the country.

Little Mary found it impossible to share with me her deep reaction in watching this film. I asked, "why?" Her response indicated that seeing Francis, with the endorsement of his bishop able to pray over so many people in a church, renewed

the wounds in her heart as to what had transpired for eight years at her parish and then had suddenly been officially silenced there. That is, she was not able to pray over people at the church as she previously had for eight years. She cried while watching the film.

I reminded Little Mary of the sufferings and difficulties Francis too had endured, even from priests. A certain priest even threatened to destroy him when he would not permit that priest to use him for his own advantage. The priest himself, however, ended up having to give up the practice of the priesthood before his time because of problems and was removed from parish administration. Francis,

however, continued to fulfill Christ's command, "Touch my people."

The book *Francis* assisted his bishop, who had digested what was written, and he called Francis to the chancery one day and said, "I've read *Francis* from cover to cover. I want you to know you have my support." His bishop then wrote a positive letter to me as the author which I used as a preface when the book was reprinted. This bishop even sent me a letter of endorsement to be shown to an archbishop where I'd have Masses after which Francis would pray over hundreds present again and again. Francis' bishop has knelt and had Francis pray over him.

"Who knows?" I said to Little Mary. "When I've finished the book on the mission given you, authorities of the Church in your area may also read it."

At that moment Little Mary heard Mother Mary say: "They will read it."

Little Mary has suffered for years in ways even most people who know her quite well do not imagine. How can this suffering be when she has been lifted up to be given some very intimate glimpses of heaven?

As indicated various times in this book, personal experiences, sufferings, in body and soul, anxieties which Little Mary has often shared with the author-compiler of this book, have also and often reminded me of what I read in the book about Sr. Josefa. *The Way of Divine Love* tells how Our Blessed Mother revealed to Sr. Josefa how as Mother of the Savior she suffered upon earth too. Limited quotes are given below:

"So Josefa threw off the burden of her personal preoccupations to rejoice in the bliss of her heavenly Mother, of whom the whole world was celebrating the Assumption into heaven.

"A trill of joy transfused the face of Our Lady, as she called the beatitude of the eternal present she now possessed.

"Today,' she said, 'in very truth, there began for me a beatitude which was perfect and unalloyed, for during the whole of my life in this world my soul was transpierced by the sword of grief.'

"I asked her,' wrote Josefa naively, 'if the presence of the Child Jesus, so small

and so lovely, had not been the basis of consolations?'

"Listen, child,' Our Lady went on, 'from childhood I knew of divine things and the hopes centered in the coming of the Messiah. So when the angel declared the mystery of the Incarnation to me, and I found myself chosen as the Mother of the Redeemer of mankind, though my heart adhered to the divine will with entire submission, it was drowned in a sea of bitterness and woe. For I knew all that this tender and heavenly Child was destined to endure, and Simeon's prophecy only confirmed the anguish of my mother's heart.'

"Can you, then, imagine how I felt while contemplating My Son's charms, His heavenly countenance, His hands and feet which I knew were to be so cruelly ill-treated?'

"I kissed those little hands, and felt my lips already stained with the Precious Blood that one day would gush from their wounds at a martyrdom!'

"I kissed His feet, and already saw them nailed to the Cross."

"And as I carefully tended His hair, I pictured it clotted with Blood and entangled in the cruel thorns."

"And when at Nazareth, He first ventured on a few steps hastening with outstretched arms to meet me, my tears fell. I pictured them extended on the Cross on which He was to die.'

"When He reached boyhood, He was so divinely beautiful that none could contemplate Him unmoved.... Yet in my heart, the heart of a mother, the sword was turned at the thought of the tortures that were to be inflicted on Him, of which I felt beforehand the savage recoil.'

"Then he left me for three years during His apostolic life, and there followed the terrible hours of His Passion and Death. What a martyrdom!'

"When after three days I saw Him in the glory of His risen life the trial changed, for I knew that He could suffer no more. . . . But oh! how sad it was to part from Him! My sole relief then lay in consoling Him, by repairing for the sins of men. And my long exile began. . . . How I sighed for the hour of everlasting union. . . . What was life without Him? . . . How dim was my light! How ardent my desires! How long, long, He was in coming!"

"I was about to enter my seventy-third year, when my soul passed like a flash from earth to heaven. At the end of three days the angels fetched my body and brought it in triumph and jubilation to reunite it to my soul. . . . What admiration! . . . What sweetness, when at long last my eyes beheld in glory His Majesty surrounded by the angelic choirs . . . my Son . . . my God!'

"And how, daughter, can I express the amazement of my lowliness when I was crowned with such gifts and overwhelmed with jubilations and rejoicing? . . . Sorrow had indeed passed away, never to return. . . . For all eternity, glory, sweetness and love were mine."

#### Chapter 9

# Our Blessed Mother Asks for Many Prayer Groups

February 21, 2003, Friday Seek the Kingdom of Heaven and I promise you your desires will change.

My daughter,

Make daily sacrifices for the salvation of souls. Do all that you can to make these messages known. Work hard each new day so more come to know our dear Lord Jesus. All my children must be an example of holiness so more turn to God before it's too late.

In order to bear fruit you must each be true servants for Christ. You must be willing to live a pure and holy life. You must stay strong when you are being tempted to take the easier road. Please, dear children, remain faithful to prayer, fasting, sacrifices and recita-

tion of the Rosary.

Prayer and good deeds are your protection to keep evil away. Pray to the Holy Spirit each new day and ask, ask for guidance. Do nothing on your own. Always seek God in all that you say and do. Please take part in healing Jesus' wounds. Do all that I am teaching you so you live as my Son desires. Seek the Kingdom of Heaven and I promise you your desires will change.

This is a time of growth, so be wise and listen and respond with your whole heart.

Unite in prayer and encourage each other to live a pure and holy life.

Now please go forward and keep your hearts close to Jesus and me. Remain faithful and joyful and believe that you are each being directed toward heaven. Amen.

We are not able to imagine the love that God has, in Jesus, for each soul. Jesus died on the Cross for all of us. Jesus' Mystical Body is wounded. That is to say, many members of the Church are living in the darkness of sin. Mary is Mother of the Mystical Body of Christ and we are her spiritual children. Thus her great concern when she says: "Please take part in healing Jesus' wounds."

How can we heal the wounds of Jesus, of His Church? We are told: "Make daily sacrifices for the salvation of souls. Do all that you can to make these messages known. Work hard each new day so more come to know our dear Lord Jesus. All my children must be an example of holiness so more turn to God before it's too late."

A life of prayer will protect us and in making the call of heaven known, as contained in these messages, will bring people to the Gospel, to the Church, and to the Sacraments.

## February 24, 2003, Monday Keep your hearts open to the graces which are pouring forth from my Immaculate Heart.

My daughter,

Those who speak the truth must also live it. They must be an example to all their brothers and sisters. They must be patient, kind, and loving and treat others with respect. It is time now to truly live the Gospel. It is time now to go forth and be a witness for Christ. It is truly time now to go forth and be a witness for Christ.

All that I am teaching you, must flow, flow from your hearts. In order for these messages to be spread, love and joy must shine through you. So today I ask that you begin to live, live these messages. This is a time of mercy and peace so please be merciful and allow God's love and peace to be a reflection from the way you are living your lives.

Lead holy lives and keep your souls focused on my Son Jesus. Keep praying, fasting and turning your hearts to my Son. Pray the Rosary often and meditate on each mys-

tery. Pray, pray from your hearts and allow my grace to transform your lives.

Please keep your hearts open to the graces which are pouring forth from my Immaculate Heart. Please keep your hearts open so you can begin today to live all that I am teaching you. Each message is so important and through prayer and receiving the sacraments they will become embedded in your hearts.

It is out of pure love and concern that I turn my Heart to each of you. Feel my love and concern today and do all that I am asking of you. I truly am with you and if you do what I ask many more souls will be saved here. Many more will turn to God and they will come to know our love, our peace, and our joy. Amen.

The Second Vatican Council in the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, chapter 8, described Mary as Mediatrix of Grace. We know that Jesus Christ, her Son Incarnate, is the one essential Mediator and Source of all grace. Yet, in the economy of salvation, Mary as Mother of Jesus Christ and Mother of the Church, has a most important intercessory role with her Son, Jesus Christ. She has graces from Jesus Christ to bestow, but we must ask for them.

The mind and intellect desire to know the truth. The Catholic Church alone is the fullness of true faith, with its deposit of faith received from Jesus Christ. We must seek this truth, not simply to know, but to respond in love, to live the truth.

To be effective instruments to evangelize, to draw other souls to Christ, to His Church, we must be worthy vessels and reflect the joy of possessing the truth by the way we live. "In order for these messages to be spread, love and joy must shine through you."

# February 26, 2003, Wednesday I pour my tears of blood over this world.

My daughter,

I desire to protect all my children but many today are refusing my assistance. Many are not taking heed to the Gospel. Many are not praying because they question whether God exists. So many are walking alone and are truly, truly on the wrong path.

What will man do when God shakes this earth? What will man do when they see their souls? Many will try to hide behind closed doors. Many will be severely punished

for refusing to obey God's commandments. Many priests will suffer because they did not believe in my Son's words of mercy to mankind. Yes, many will suffer if they do not repent and turn their lives around.

I pour my tears of blood over this world. So many youth and children do not know where the truth lies. Many are not being fed and many priests are not teaching my children the truth. Sin has become widespread, yet my priests remain silent.

Parents are behaving like children and they are not making time for their children. Children no longer have respect for authority. Days of darkness will cover the earth and how, how this world will tremble. It will tremble because sin has become widespread. God's justice will prevail and all will need to be in a state of grace.

I am asking each of you to pray, pray more. I am asking everyone to pray and atone for the sins of this world. I am asking for a response so more souls are saved. With tears in my heart I plead, plead with you today. Unite yourselves to Jesus' suffering Heart. Unite and gather in those groups that I have formed. Pray and implore mercy for mankind. Spend time, time with Jesus', and then keep your hearts open to those God sends to you. Do not turn others away, welcome all my children. Invite them to Mass and Rosary and share all that I am teaching you. Share my words of love and let all your brothers and sisters know that I am truly here in a special way.

Take part in spreading these messages across the world. Take part so the Gospel can be made known. Pray and do penance each new day to appease God's wrath. Pray and fast and get down, down on your knees.

I speak today with tears in my Heart because I truly see what is happening behind closed doors. Much evil is taking place and this world, dear children, is in danger. Many weapons are being prepared and soldiers are being trained in the wrong way. So many innocent children are armed and ready to attack.

Satan truly loves war and many leaders are listening to the evil one. Many leaders are blind and they truly, truly need your prayers. My daughter, do not hide what I tell you. Tell all my children to pray more or many nations will disappear off the face of the earth. There is no time to hide these messages for they are truly for the world.

Now please continue to write and relay my messages to the world. Through your suffering more souls will be saved. My daughter, pray, pray with me today. Pray and be willing to be persecuted for sharing the truth. Pray, pray for the Church. Pray that more will take heed to the messages that are given you. God's mercy is great, but mankind must repent. Pray, pray with me each new day. Amen.

If the words of Our Blessed Mother above sound extreme, be assured, from my own experience in Catholic journalism for over 40 years, and more than 48 years as a pastor, that what is said above is exactly as it is. There is widespread ignorance among many youth and Catholic adults because priests have not been teaching as they should. Many pastors have not paid sufficient attention to the content of catechetics in their parish where the fullness of true faith was not taught, and even false teaching was presented in some cases. Morals have been going down and many priests say nothing about it from the pulpit. Too often people are treated to vague generalities of love; "be kind and nice to others," etc.

Thus the Mother of the Church says: "I pour my tears of blood over this world. So many youth and children do not know where the truth lies. Many are not being fed and many priests are not teaching my children the truth. Sin has become widespread, yet my priests remain silent."

Not only are individuals endangered, not only family life, but nations as well.

The family is the basic cell of society. Many families make up a nation. Various nations have not been standing up in their government for what is right, what is moral, what is true. The time of mercy will end and if there is not repentance, God's justice must fall.

#### March 5, 2003, Wednesday Offer your pain and suffering to our Lord.

My daughter,

I am with you, so be at peace. As Lent begins I ask that you offer your pain and suffering to our Lord. I ask that you stay very close to Jesus' most Sacred Heart. It is only God who can truly comfort you on those days when you feel alone. Silence is what I am asking of you, so please, do not let others distract you.

Turn to God each new day and give your entire self to Him. Surrender yourself completely to God and keep, keep your heart open to all that He is asking of you. Listen to the

truth and respond with love and joy in your heart.

This is the time to grow in holiness and to move closer, closer to my Son Jesus. This is the time to be strengthened so you can carry the Cross and embrace it. Through your example and humility others will come to know our dear Lord Jesus. Now please allow Jesus to bring you closer to His most Sacred Heart.

Through your faithfulness and obedience souls will be saved. Glorify my Son now through prayer, sacrifice, and acts of love. Glorify my Son and follow Him in His pas-

sion. Amen.

We must love the Cross. That does not mean only admiring the cross we see hanging in our homes and churches. But to love the Cross is to do penance, accept whatever suffering come into our lives and offer them up in reparation to God for the sins of mankind. Do we love the personal cross that comes our way in the form of persecution and sufferings, and do we desire with love in our hearts to do penance?

During each Lent, even each Friday of every week, we should do special penance. It will strengthen us against temptation and to be able to carry even large crosses that may come eventually into our lives.

#### March 6, 2003, Thursday All who will listen to my heavenly words will grow in holiness.

My daughter,

Please continue to write and relay my words, for many are starving and they need to hear the truth. The truth must be made known and all must awake from their slumber. Those who are hungry will be fed for I will truly lead them closer to my Son Jesus. They will come to know that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. They will come back, back to Church and they will come to know the importance of receiving the Sacraments.

Yes, all who will listen to my heavenly words will grow in holiness. I am truly here now to make the Gospel known for so many are sleeping. Many are taking the easier road which is pulling them away from God. Many are choosing to live in sin because of

selfishness and pride. I say to all my children, do not allow self-deceit to pull you away from my Son. Do not allow Satan to rule your lives. Do not listen to Satan's lies; do the opposite of what he is telling you.

Protect yourselves with prayer and come to Mass more often. Confess your sins regularly so you have the grace needed to live a pure and holy life. Be willing to take the first step and forgive, forgive those who have hurt you. Examine your actions and be more

loving and forgiving to those around you.

Use this time of grace wisely and begin today and change your ways so you are more pleasing to God. Now please accept God's love that He has for each of you. Accept this love by truly, truly responding to all God is asking of you. Surrender all to Him and allow God to be first in your lives. Give to Him your hearts and ask for guidance each new day. Now please trust in God and follow, follow His way. Amen.

Through the movement to prayer and the sacraments with many good Catholics giving example by word and deed, eventually many will come back to the faith, back to Jesus through repentance and the reception of the sacraments. Many have grown careless through gradual identification with the world, forgetfulness, and finally living in sin. The day of return will come. Let us pray and sacrifice that great calamities will not be needed to bring souls back to God.

During Easter Week, April 22, 2003, Little Mary told me that one morning immediately after she received the message from Our Blessed Mother she closed her eyes. Then St. Michael the Archangel appeared with much light around him. He appeared very large, his face tanned. His wings were hardly visible as he looked on. His breast armor also contained a slanted silver shining band across his chest. This time the voice of St. Michael was deeper and more serious than at previous appearances. He put up his hand and said in a deep strong voice: "Behold! The time is near."

The Blessed Mother then said: "All must put on their armor as Satan is furious and has become more powerful."

Then a few days later St. Padre Pio appeared to her and spoke to her. To appreciate what St. Padre Pio said we must go back seven years previously.

Dr. George Spencer, a dentist, spoke to Little Mary as he was dubious of her authenticity. He wanted to find out if she was real. He said to her: "Little Mary, I want you to ask Padre Pio the name of the man who had a great devotion to Padre Pio who was in the army with me."

Later, when Little Mary went to adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, Padre Pio spoke to her, gave her the name of the soldier and added: "Tell George not to test God."

When George was given the name and heard what Padre Pio had said, he replied, "Little Mary, I'll never again test God like that."

In April, 2003, the same doctor was scheduled for surgery. Little Mary did not know the day when he was having the surgery, yet when Padre Pio came to her at the very time he was having surgery she received a message for George: "George, you should have no fear as you are right with God. Suffering is what brings you closer to God. Offer your sufferings and littleness to God."

Calling the family, thinking the surgery was on another day and desiring to give the message to George, Little Mary reached a family member who said, "He is having surgery right now."

On April 24, 2003, the 48th anniversary of ordination for my cousin Fr.

Leonard Fox and myself, as we were classmates and ordained together on this very day in 1955, Little Mary prayed to Our Blessed Mother for us on our anniversary. She then heard Our Holy Mother say:

"A priest is a priest forever. For God has truly blessed them in a special way. One must always be open to God. A priest must never choose the easier road. A mother can never give up on her children. A priest can never quit praying or serving his flock."

The words touched me for the very next day I was to have an appointment

with my bishop to discuss my retirement and my future.

Mother Catherine, Vicar of Our Lady of the Angels Monastery at Hanceville, Alabama, had requested that I offer Masses at the Temple Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament which also honored the Child Jesus.

The move from the parish where I had served over 18 years, and the diocese where I had served as a priest for over 48 years in eastern South Dakota was difficult. Moving over one thousand miles to the south among people unknown to me at the age of 75 was not easy.

That August after retiring I directed a pilgrimage retreat group to Fatima as I had perhaps more than 50 times over the years, especially to youth. I met the administering Bishop Serafim of Leiria-Fatima who had been in my parish in South Dakota at a Fatima Congress. I also met the retired Bishop Alberto Amaral of Leiria-Fatima who had been to my parish in Alexandria, South Dakota, and Fatima Family Apostolate Congresses on two occasions. Both bishops appeared exceedingly surprised that I no longer lived in South Dakota or in the parish where I had built the shrine from proceeds of my many books, lectures and articles.

Bishop Amaral asked me if it was difficult. I answered honestly, "Yes." He replied that an individual bishop is not infallible but one follows the best path when he obeys the bishop. My prayer for you is that you become holy. And when you hear that I have gone to my heavenly Father, offer suffrages for me and I shall pray for you."

# On April 24, 2003, Thursday, 7:25 A.M. Little Mary had received the following message:

My daughter,

A time will come when many, many will long to hear these messages. When the earth shakes many will awake from their slumber. Many will turn to God because in their heart they will know God exists. Many will not be prepared because they did not take time to come to know God.

Dear children, this is why it is so important to reach out to all your brothers and sisters. Reach out and rescue those who are sleeping. Reach out in love and share, share your faith. Do not wait for storms to arise, help your neighbor now. Teach others how to pray the Rosary and share all that I am teaching you.

Share God's love to all mankind and live, live the Gospel. It is truly by your example that more will awake before it's too late. I do not want my children to suffer but if one continues to live in sin one will suffer, suffer tremendously. One will not know what to do when God shakes this earth if they relied on their wealth for happiness.

Yes. many today are living their lives alone. Many are dependent on their wealth

and are not making time to be with God. Many say they pray at home but their prayers are not from their hearts. Many are only asking for more wealth and this does not please God.

Many today are searching for happiness but they are not turning to God. I say to all my children, prepare, prepare now. Get your life in order and live, live more simply.

Get off your throne and become servants for our Lord. Turn to God and ask Him to help you be more humble. Turn to God and depend on Him and not the world. Turn to God and ask Him for the strength needed to live a pure and holy life. Turn to God so you have the grace needed to make better choices on this earth.

God will truly assist those who seek His counsel and guidance. God will truly touch you in a special way if you accept, accept His love and guidance. Each of you needs God's assistance for it is impossible to walk alone. You need God's protection for so much evil roams this earth.

Many terrorists will seek revenge [the final stages of the 2003 war with Iraq was just ending] and you need to be armored in the proper way. Many hands will be needed, so please prepare your soul now. Nourish and cleanse your soul so you have peace when storms arise.

Please wake up now and ask God to be in control of your life. Ask God to increase your faith so you do not give in to the evil one. The time, dear children, is NOW, so please stay awake and respond and listen to my motherly advice. Time is becoming shorter, so please build your relationship with Jesus and pray, pray, pray more. Amen.

The messages given Little Mary by Our Blessed Mother and those of others, such as Our Lady of Akita, have been warning us of great punishments to befall mankind on this earth because of the many sins and separation of many from God. As a loving and merciful Mother, Mother Mary comes alerting us to turn to Jesus through more intense prayer.

"I say to all my children, prepare, prepare now. Get your life in order and live, live more simply."

# April 28, 2003, Monday, 7:35 A.M. Allow each new message to become embedded in your hearts.

My daughter,

Pray today for those who are suffering in any way for many do not have peace in their hearts or in their homes. Many, many struggle today because of their refusal to come to know Jesus. My dear children, this earth is only temporary but heaven is forever. So please, please, let go of your worldly ways and turn to God. Let go of your desires and make room for God. Only God can bring you true happiness. Only God can turn your sorrow into joy. God is the one you must adore, not your material possessions.

I am here today to assist you so that your lives can change. I am here now, so please accept my love for you. Please take my hand so that I can lead you closer to my Son Jesus. It is never too late to turn your lives around. Each day that God gives you is so precious. Each day God is truly there for you, so please, do not delay. Come to know God's love and mercy that He has for each of you.

Decide today and believe, believe in Almighty God. Believe in God and obey His laws. Believe in God and accept His grace. Believe and pray and ask God to increase your

faith. You cannot be true believers if you do not pray and turn to God each new day. You cannot be true believers if you do not make time for God. Surrender yourselves to God and allow Him to heal you so that you can live a holy life.

Today I plead with my children because you are each so special to me. Allow me today to draw you closer to the heart of my Son. Allow me to assist you for I truly am your heavenly Mother. Begin today and fill your hearts with prayer for this is how you will come to know God's love and mercy. Through prayer and a true desire to come to know God it will truly happen.

Now please, not only listen but respond to all that I am teaching you. Respond and allow these messages to transform your life. A response is a must, so that conversion can happen. So please decide today and allow each new message to become embedded in your hearts. I am truly with you each time you gather and pray. I am truly here to prepare the way, for the time, dear children, is drawing near.

Listen and obey now and make time, quality time to be with Almighty God. Amen.

Does this message not say in the simplest terms what Pope John Paul II has said so often. Mankind is growing weaker in the faith. Some have lost faith altogether. A spirit of consumerism, desire for wealth, many material things have become the god for many. It will not lead to heaven. The things of this earth are but for a short time. Life after death is eternal. We all have an immortal soul that ultimately will live eternally in heaven or hell.

"Decide today and believe, believe in Almighty God. Believe in God and obey His laws. Believe in God and accept His grace. Believe and pray and ask God to increase your faith." Our Blessed Mother is pleading with us to change, to grow in faith and grace.

Over and over again we are told, one should say "warned," of things to come when punishments will befall those without faith, without grace.

If we have a living faith we pray. If there is little prayer in our lives it is because there is little faith and therefore little response.

# April 30, 2003, Wednesday, 7:25 A.M.

My daughter,

Tell my children to be patient and not give up on prayer. Through prayer lives will change and conversion will happen. Through prayer miracles will happen.

Many today want their prayers and petitions answered instantly. This is not God's way for he knows what is best for your soul. God knows the most perfect timing, so please be patient and trust, trust in Almighty God. Be patient and persevere through all trials so you never lose hope.

Today I ask that you pray more and trust, trust in God's merciful love. I ask that you persevere in prayer and live a holy life. I ask that you turn to God each new day so that doubt and fear do not enter. It is truly time now to have complete trust and confidence in our Lord. It is time now, for you each has a conscience and you know how to pray.

Please, dear children, trust in God's divine mercy and love. Seek to please God and be patient, humble children. Do what is good and turn away from evil. Allow God's peace and joy to reign, reign in your hearts. Be dependent on God's love and believe that He will not forsake you. Believe with all your heart, for God is love and He truly cares for each of you.

Now let us pray and join hands so more hearts open to God's love and goodness. Let us pray so more will devote time to pray, so they truly come to know almighty God. Pray, pray with me today and take time to reflect on what I am teaching you. Have hope and pray and be patient, humble loving children. Amen.

Again and again the Mother of the Church pleads for her children to respond to their faith with lives of prayer. Many go through each day with little thought of God, with perhaps only a brief prayer said with distraction, not with full attention. They are not in possession of a living faith. One with a living faith prays attentively, devotedly.

Many pray simply for things they desire or need but do not pray to glorify God, to worship and adore Him, to love Him for His infinite goodness. We should often pray simply because we love God who is Love itself. He is the Almighty Creator who keeps each one of us in existence at every moment. If God were to cease to think about any one of us for one instant we would cease to exist. This will never happen to an all-knowing and loving God who is omnipotent and omniscient.

Some pray for things and want almost instant response from God. But God knows what is best for our souls. If we got all we desired it could mean the loss of our souls. Our Blessed Mother stresses patience and trust in God.

# May 1st, 2003, Thursday, 7:40 A.M. Work together and become a holy family. Work together and light the way for others.

God is truly watching over His children but many today are neglecting their souls. Many are choosing darkness which truly offends God. So many today are not prepared to meet Almighty God. I say to all my children, do not be fooled by the enemy. Turn away from sin and amend your ways. Turn away from sin and convert now so you are ready when it is your time to leave this earth.

This time is so special, so please, please accept God's grace. Accept the many graces that are flowing from your heavenly Father. Accept and believe and prepare your hearts now. Sincere prayer from your hearts is how you will come to know Jesus. A true desire to change is how you will be led on the right path.

Daily Mass and frequent confession is how your armor will become strong. I urge each of you to strengthen your faith through prayer and fasting. I urge each of you to take my hand so that I can help you relearn your ways.

Time on this earth is shorter than you think, so please do not delay. I am truly here to direct and guide you for so much darkness surrounds this world. Please be more attentive and take heed to the Gospel. Stand firm in your faith and do the opposite of what Satan is telling you. Love your enemies and pray daily for those who are choosing darkness.

Many angels and saints surround you, so please, ask for their assistance. Honor St. Joseph and he will truly protect you. Work together and become a holy family. Work together and light the way for others. Continue to fill the church and pray, pray from your hearts. You are each God's child, so please obey and convert now. Be a shining example of God's unconditional love. So many have lost their way and they need your help. So please join hands and work together.

Pray every day as a family and I promise you your faith will become strong. I am

truly reaching out to those who pray for many workers are needed to rescue those souls who are in danger.

Live the Fatima message and encourage others to do the same. Live each day for Jesus and live a life that is united with God.

Go now with love in your hearts and be an example for those who do not believe in God. Amen.

"Death comes as a thief in the night." Each one of us must always be prepared. Time on earth is very, very short. Life after death is eternal. Where we will spend eternity depends on our lives upon earth.

"Daily Mass and frequent confession is how your armor will become strong. I urge each of you to strengthen your faith through prayer and fasting. I urge each

of you to take my hand so that I can help you relearn your ways."

Every Friday of the year is a day of penance. When the bishops changed the law of abstinence from meat on Fridays outside of Lent they also said that Friday, the day Jesus died on the Cross for our redemption, remains a day of penance. A first choice of penance should be voluntary abstinence from meat. If we eat meat on Friday then we should do another form of penance. Surely fasting on the Fridays of the year would not be too much for the average healthy person.

"Live the Fatima message." The Fatima message is Trinitarian, Christological, Ecclesial, Marian and Contemplative. It is a balanced spirituality. I have written multiple articles and books on Fatima for its message has such depth. Each pope since 1930 in one way or another has said: "Fatima is a

reaffirmation of the Gospel."

Consider here what is contained in the very first apparition at Fatima which Our Lady is again asking us to live as she speaks to Little Mary.

The angel of the Holy Eucharist had prepared the three little shepherds of Fatima for the coming of God's Mother who would lead them and us to Jesus.

On May 13, 1917, Mary appeared to Jacinta, seven years of age, Francisco nine and Lucia ten while they were herding sheep in the Cova da Iria near Fatima, Portugal. Appearing brighter than the sun the Mother of God announced she was from heaven. She said all three children would go to heaven but Francisco must first say many Rosaries.

Every time she appeared on the 13th of the month, May through October 1917, the Lady said: "Say the Rosary every day. . . ." She said they were to pray the

Rosary properly while meditating on the Mysteries.

The first time the Mother of the Church appeared it was during the month that the Church dedicates to Mary. May 13 is the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Eucharist. The Fatima message begins with the Eucharist; it ends with the Eucharist.

When Our Lady opened her hands for the first time at the words "the grace of God . . . ," she shed a light so intense that it penetrated to the inmost recesses of their hearts, making them see themselves in God, who was that Light, more clearly than they could ever see themselves in a mirror.

Our Lady manifested herself from that first apparition as Mediatrix of Grace and as Our Lady of the Eucharist. With the Light communicated from Mary, penetrating their spirits, it gave them an interior impulse to fall to their knees, repeating: "Oh, most Holy Trinity, I adore You! My God, my God, I love You in the Most Blessed Sacrament!"

What is the significance for us today of this first apparition at Fatima? Mary already then was calling us to her Eucharistic Son. We must remember that same Light still flows from Mary to us if we are open to her. More than ever do we need to reaffirm our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

Pope John Paul II, the great Marian and Fatima Pope, on April 17, 2003, issued the encyclical *Ecclesia de Eucaristica (Church of the Eucharist*). For October 2-29, 2005, he has called for a worldwide Synod of Bishops to reflect on the

Eucharist, to bring light to this admirable sacrament.

Mary is our Mother and Model, she is the Queen of heaven. Her Immaculate Heart desires to lead us closer to the Eucharistic Heart of her Son Jesus as food for eternal life. Thus we will find happiness for today and for eternity. We should most frequently adore Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament and participate in the Sacrifice of the Mass even daily whenever possible. Thus we will find happiness for today and for eternity.

# May 5, 2003, Monday, 7:40 A.M. In time, each person will see their soul and they will truly know.

My daughter,

No matter how dark it becomes my children must go forth with love, joy and peace in their hearts. They must not give up or give in to the enemy. They must be brave warriors for Christ and be willing to be persecuted for speaking and living the truth. The

enemy wants each of you to give up, so please, please stay close to Jesus.

Stay prayerful and pray for those who are refusing to live the Gospel life. Stay humble and do not judge those who are refusing to accept my motherly assistance. Just how many wounds they have added to Jesus' most precious body. Yes, each person will one day have to answer to God. Woe to those who are living in sin and who are leading others astray. Woe to those who are removing the goodness from their church. Woe to those priests who are not shepherding their flock. Woe to those who seek control and who are not listening to God. A day will come and many will suffer for not living their vocation.

A day will come, so please dear children pray for those who are choosing the wrong path. Pray for those who are not obeying God's Commandments. Pray and do not seek revenge for those who are living in darkness. Spend time adoring our Lord so that peace and joy do not leave your hearts. Spend time, time with Jesus and I promise you, you will

have peace through each new battle.

Jesus is your protection, so please keep your focus on him. Let go of all anger and ask God to help you be more loving towards one another. Now please remain hopeful and trust, trust in God. Remain prayerful and stay close to Jesus and you will then be able to live pure, holy and joy filled lives. Amen.

Each one of us will be judged by God one day for the way we respond to and live the Gospel. Some are not obeying God's Ten Commandments. We must pray for these rather than judge them. God is the Judge.

Some priests are not shepherding their flocks as they should. They are not feeding the flock but rather seek control for personal prestige. These lack the spirit of an apostle. Woe to them. Woe to parents who do not act as spiritual heads in forming and teaching their children.

On May 5th Helen Obermiller of the Minneapolis, Minnesota, area informed me that she had just returned from a funeral in Colorado. Her niece, Kelsey Rose Kohrbaugh, 17 years old, had been killed in a car accident. She was the daughter of Kevin and Darlene Kohrbaugh. Adding to the tragedy was that Kelsey Rose was an only child. Naturally the parents were devastated.

Helen asked Little Mary if any message would come from our Blessed

Mother to comfort the parents. This message was received:

"She was but a child. But she truly embraced our Lord. In time, they will all be together, so tell them not to lose hope and confidence in our Lord. [Tell them:]

Instead, offer your pain and suffering for the salvation of souls."

Helen had the message artistically prepared for a picture to be presented to the parents. Kevin, the father, appeared with a stone face when Helen arrived to comfort the parents. When they received the message, the parents' hearts softened. They asked that the artistic presentation of the message be placed in her coffin for all to see who viewed the body.

# May 7, 2003, Wednesday, 7:39 A.M. Begin today for again I say to you time moves quickly.

Those who turn to God must also trust, trust in Him. They must not doubt in God's love, mercy and grace. They must depend on God for all their needs and rely on Him each new day.

Dear children, do you truly trust in God? Do you turn to God and truly believe that God exists? If so, then you must love God with your whole heart. You must love God more than your desires and increase your time to be with Him. You must be confident in God's promise and come to Him as hungry children. You will be nourished and comforted if you truly take heed to all that I am teaching you. Your love for Jesus will grow and you will rest in His peace.

It is time now to truly trust and submit to God's holy will. Begin today by truly living these messages. Begin today for again I say to you time moves quickly. Be humble, loving children and live each day for Jesus. Work hard to be more loving towards all your brothers and sisters. Live in peace and harmony and join hands with one another. Love and care for all people so that unity can be restored.

Do penance each new day and work on those areas where you are weak. Serve God by truly picking up your cross. Do all that you can for Jesus so more come to know His love and mercy.

Now please, move forward and be confident in God's love and mercy. Move forward with love in your hearts and be willing to follow my Son in His passion. Embrace your cross each new day and believe that God is with you. Reform your ways and choose now to live a life free from sin. Choose now to be prayerful and move forward with love, joy and courage in your hearts. Amen.

It is not always easy to do the will of God. But God knows what is best for our souls. Crosses come into our lives. When we accept the Cross as it comes, pray with trust in Jesus that things go easier. As Jesus said: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me: for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:28-30).

When we accept the will of God we carry our cross in union and trust with

Jesus. Then the burden is lighter. Jesus tells us to "take up your cross daily and follow me." In carrying our cross each day we must be loving, kind, and gentle toward others so as to bring them to Jesus, His Church, and the sacraments.

At this particular time in life I [the author-compiler of this book] was having a very heavy cross placed on me. Little Mary then received a message for me. It was as follows:

# May 8, 2003, Wednesday, 8:30 A.M.

My son, prayer is what will change hearts. Pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament and pour your heart unto God. Rely on God during this time, not on man. I am with you, so do not lose hope.

Peace and joy must reign, reign from your heart so others see Christ's love in you. Now please increase your time to be with God and listen as He speaks to you."

When Little Mary called me on the morning of May 8th shortly after receiving the message, she said several times, "Father, it is serious. . . . If I were you I'd go at once before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament." As we were in conversation the Blessed Mother gave an additional short message for me as follows: "You have done your part here. Now they must live it."

I did go immediately before Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament repeatedly. While my decision to move to another state upon retirement was *not* based on the above message, I did move to the area near Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament at the worldwide known Shrine of the Poor Clare Nuns of Perpetual Adoration, Monastery of Our Lady of the Angels, Hanceville, Alabama, founded by Mother Angelica. There I offer daily Mass and pray.

# May 20, 2003, Tuesday, 8:30 A.M.

My daughter,

Trials will come and go so please stay strong and prayerful. Stay close to Jesus and turn to Him for answers. God will truly light the way, so please seek His counsel so you do not become discouraged.

Satan loves war and he is truly trying to destroy the family. Satan knows his time is up soon so he is doing all that he can to pull my children away from God. Satan will succeed if you give up on prayer and confidence in God. So I say to my children, pray more. Pray together as a family and receive the sacraments often. Use the protection God has given you and armor yourselves each new day.

Be kind and loving, do not fight with those who have turned their back on God. Fighting will only cause much more division and turmoil in your home. It is time now to rely on God so that He can teach, guide and protect you. It is time now to truly live all that I am teaching you. Give your entire self to Jesus and trust, trust in His merciful love. Give all of your hearts in prayer to Him and you will be given the strength to persevere through all storms.

Take courage now and allow Jesus' love to warm your hearts. Take courage, pray fervently and trust, trust, dear children, in God's mercy and love. Amen.

After the May 20 message Our Lord Jesus spoke to Little Mary. His words are found in chapter 6, dedicated to the messages from Jesus.

# May 21, 2003, Wednesday, 8 A.M.

My daughter,

It is time for Catholics to relearn their faith. It is time, for many do not know the truth. Many today have been misled and they are not living their Catholic faith. Catholics must believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. They must believe with their whole heart so they truly know who they are receiving when they go to Communion.

Dear children, there are rules to follow and if you don't obey them you cannot receive God's grace. If you are living in mortal sin you must repent and cleanse your soul. You must do penance for your sins and be truly, truly sorry. You must live the Gospel and obey God's laws. You must come to know the true meaning of the sacraments in order to understand God's love for you. You must pray and study Scripture in order to grow and blossom for our Lord. You must believe in the Blessed Trinity and allow God to dwell in you. You must be true believers in order to live your Catholic faith. You must be hungry, hungry children so that God can teach you and nourish your souls. God cannot teach you if you are not willing to learn. God cannot mold and purify you if you are choosing to live in sin. Without sacrifice on your part, nothing can be accomplished.

Please, dear children, do not allow the world to feed you lies. Listen to your most holy Pope and obey Church teachings. Obey God's laws and do not live lukewarm lives. Obey God now and relearn your faith if you are making up your own rules to fit your lifestyle.

There is no longer time, dear children, to be denying the truth. You must wake up, wake up now for the time is running out. The Gospel must be spread and this cannot happen if you are denying the truth.

This world is in danger and you must each do your part. You must live your Catholic faith in order to receive God's grace. How one will suffer if they are neglecting their soul. I need your assistance so I am asking each of you to respond today. I am asking that you turn your lives around and obey, obey, obey now. The warning will soon come and each person will see their soul. You will have but little time to change, so please, please, dear children, cleanse and nourish your soul. Please obey God and make the necessary changes in your life now. I am here to assist you, so please take my hand and open your hearts to Almighty God. Amen.

The messages received by Little Mary have become stronger with the passing years since it all began. What Our Blessed Mother is saying above is what I have worked for in Catholic journalism for the previous 45 years. Statements by our Holy Father, the Pope, and more recently by our bishops indicate their awareness of the lack of Catholic faith knowledge among many Catholics.

Surveys have indicated a lack of basic faith knowledge among many Catholics regarding the Holy Eucharist. To see the lack of reverence in some parish churches is indicative of the lack of awareness and also of pastoral neglect on the part of the priest.

So Our Blessed Mother speaks from her Immaculate Heart in saying: "It is time for Catholics to relearn their faith. It is time, for many do not know the truth. Many today have been misled and they are not living their Catholic faith.

Catholics must believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. They must believe with their whole heart so they truly know who they are receiving when they go to Communion."

Anyone who has committed a mortal sin since their last good confession must first repent and make a humble and complete confession to an ordained Catholic priest with faculties to hear confessions. To receive Jesus in Holy Communion in

the state of mortal sin is the mortal sin of sacrilege.

The author-compiler has been in Catholic education on parish levels for over 50 years, beginning teaching catechetics before ordination. He taught religion classes in the classroom after ordination during  $48^{1}/_{2}$  years as a parish priest. If anyone says the above message from Our Blessed Mother is an exaggeration, they are not informed and are part of the problem.

# On the morning of May 27, 2003, Monday

Little Mary phoned me to share with me some of her crosses. Her oldest son of 15, reaching toward 16, had appeared to be for some time a typical young adolescent sorting out issues. The teen years, especially in our present times, are a time of crisis. A crisis is used here in a good sense. When deep challenges are met and new answers for new problems are posed, it is a time of crisis and the result can be good, very good if dealt with wisely with guidance accepted.

All good parents go through a time of young developing adolescents, reaching toward adulthood, challenging their parents. I tell parents, if they did not challenge you, you would smother them with love and over-protection and not permit them to mature into independent loving adults. When they get it all sorted out, with your guidance and good example, patience and consistency, they will talk

to you in a loving adult manner that will be a joy to you.

It seems the oldest son with peer pressures and his own developments had begun to wonder about his mother being different. It is not every teenager who has a mystic for a mother. He challenged his mother with why she had to be different. Little Mary tried to explain to him that it was not easy, that she did not ask for it, that she had to obey God's will, that she'd rather not have such a mission.

"Why can't you just stop it?" he asked. "Like just not taking messages anymore. I've seen you write [when taking messages]. People just don't write that fast. You write so fast. . . ." Little Mary explained to her son that she had to keep up with the message being dictated to her.

"Why don't you tell me more about the messages and what happens?" he wanted to know. "They are there, you can read them if you like," she explained to her son.

I explained to Little Mary that for the past couple years I was wondering when the developing son would present such conversations to her as I had met him more than once. I felt it a great plus that he had come to her and was open with her. I continued: "I was told years ago that if you win the confidence of a teenager, treasure it greatly. It is a great compliment that he brought these subjects up to you." Little Mary mentioned that her older son had always been open with her.

I replied, "Remember, he is still a boy. He does not have the maturity or

experience of his parents. His openness and challenges are good and it seems to me he is developing well, in spite of what failures may be his."

Little Mary had often phoned me and she would share problems, attacks even from the evil spirits trying to disrupt her peace and harmony. I would try to listen well and when she seemed to be at greater peace I would present a few challenges of my own.

On this particular day I was concerned a little about my having reached the age of 75, required by my bishop to retire, and scheduled to move to Hanceville, Alabama, in July 2003. That would be near Mother Angelica's Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Poor Clare Nuns of Perpetual Adoration at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery. Mother Catherine, Mother Vicar, since Mother Angelica had had a serious stroke, had already requested that on occasion I offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the shrine or temple, as it was often called. The Child Jesus had asked Mother Angelica some years previously to "build a temple for Me."

I told Little Mary that some people in the parish seemed to desire that when my time came, since I was into my 19th year as pastor at St. Mary of Mercy parish in Alexandria, South Dakota, that I should be buried in its cemetery since there are already six priests buried there including former pastors and priest-sons of the parish.

About 15 minutes after we had hung up our phones Little Mary was calling me again. "Is that place *Hanceville* where you will be living in Alabama?" "Yes," I replied, "not far from the temple."

"Well! After we were through talking I asked Our Blessed Mother, 'Where should Fr. Fox be buried?' Our Blessed Mother answered for you, 'Hanceville will be your new home. All that matters is that you will be in heaven with your father and mother."

I replied, "Did Our Blessed Mother mention my father too, and say 'father' first?"

"Yes. See! Your father is in heaven."

"Well! I was only one year and less than one month old when he died. It seems that Our Blessed Mother is saying, 'It is not important where you be buried but that you be in heaven."

When St. Monica, mother of St. Augustine, was dying, she told her son that it mattered not where her body be buried but that he remember her at the altar. When my mother was dying, I remembered that account from their lives and told my mother, Susan Emma, that I'd remember her at the altar of God. As a matter of fact, before I left Alexandria, South Dakota, it was arranged that my eventual burial place be before the Marian Shrine in the local Catholic cemetery.

The early part of June, 2003, Little Mary phoned me various times because she had received such "hard messages." On Friday, June 6, Little Mary spoke to me and was sad because Our Blessed Mother had spoken to her shortly before and was weeping and had a sad voice. She could see Our Mother with her head bowed low, weeping, striving to get her children to listen. Many do not listen, but live in sin. Our Mother wants to bring all her children to her Son, Jesus Christ, but many do not listen and do not live in the state of sanctifying grace.

# June 3, 2003, Tuesday, 7:35 A.M.

My daughter,

Purity, purity is needed in order to live a holy life. So please tell my children to be pure and to keep their focus on Jesus. Please tell my children not to offend my Son by giv-

ing in to worldly ways.

Each child must be an example for others and dress more modestly. When you come to Mass please dress more appropriately. Keep you skin covered and teach your children to do the same. Keep your focus on Jesus and I promise you, you will know in your heart what is wrong and what is right. You must always be on guard so that you do not lead one another into temptation to sin. Be on guard for Satan is sly and he will truly, truly tempt you.

Be prayerful children and live pure, holy lives, consecrated to God. Be prayerful children and obey, obey God's laws. Focus on Jesus in the Eucharist and ask my Son to heal you in those areas where you are weak. Ask, ask my Son for guidance and then trust in

the direction He is giving you.

Adore my Son in the Most Blessed Sacrament and ask Him to help you turn away from your sinful ways. Ask and then believe that my Son will truly, truly help you.

Please be little children and simplify your lives and live for God. Please reflect on this message so you stay strong for Jesus. Let us pray now and trust, trust in God's wisdom and most tender love. Amen.

There is so much sexual promiscuity today. The media is saturated with it. Young people and people of all ages witness such immorality almost daily in many cases, especially on television screens. Many do not even recognize mortal sin in personal acts of impurity; sometimes not even in fornication or adultery. "Mankind has lost its sense of sin," said Pope John Paul II.

Many have no sense of modesty in the way they dress. Once I placed at the church entrance a sign that people should enter this temple of God modestly dressed. Someone said to me, "That will offend some people." But what about offending God? What about occasions of sin to others? What about disrespect and lack of reverence before the Most Blessed Sacrament?

# June 5, 2003, Thursday, 7:45 A.M. Please respond by taking part in forming groups throughout the world.

My daughter,

Make your day a prayer and offer your suffering to Our Lord. Healings will then occur and many will turn their lives around. Many today do not understand the importance of prayer. If they truly understood they would pray, pray more. They would spend time with Jesus and pray, pray from their hearts. This is why I am asking my children to form groups all around this world.

So many are in need of prayer for they are falling farther away from God. With the help of my faithful children souls will be saved. With the help of my children, priests will not give up and they will use their hands and voice for Christ.

Prayer is what will keep evil away, so please, please dear children, pray more. Pray for all vocations so more turn to God for guidance.

Dear children, you must light the way through prayer, fasting, penance and sacrifice. Through commitment on your part souls will see light instead of darkness. God has allowed this time for more prayer, so please assist me before it's too late. Please assist me in bringing souls out of darkness. Assist me now or darker days will come. Storms will arise, so prepare, prepare, prepare now. Make room for God in your lives and invite others to those groups that you are now forming. Trust in God when you pray and you shall have peace through all darkness, trials, and storms.

I am truly with you now, so be faithful to me and my Son. Be faithful, receive the

sacraments, receive my Son. Amen.

There is power in prayer. Many do not realize that. There is even great power when people with pure and sincere hearts pray together. This is why Our Blessed Mother is calling for the formation of prayer-groups. It is why the Fatima Family Apostolate International was founded to study our faith from reliable sources that are truly Catholic and for people to meet in groups for prayer.

Our Blessed Mother, seeing so much lukewarmness and indifference to the practice and living of the faith in love says: "So many are in need of prayer for they are falling farther away from God. With the help of my faithful children souls will be saved. With the help of my children, priests will not give up and they will use

their hands and voice for Christ."

We must believe in the power of prayer. We must believe that our prayers, penance, and sacrifices can win souls back to Jesus Christ and His holy Church. Even some priests have been swept up into the world of secularism and look upon their work, not as apostles representing Jesus Christ for the glory of God and the salvation of souls, but as a functionary job for their personal living. Good Catholics in prayer-study groups can do much that such priests reform their ways and become more like unto Christ in their faith, work, and in their shepherding.

# June 6, 2003, Friday, 7:40 A.M.

My daughter,

Jesus' Heart is overflowing with love and mercy for each and every soul. So please tell my children to accept His love and His mercy. Tell my children to seek refuge in my Son's Most Sacred Heart. Tell my children that the world is no longer safe and that it is impossible to walk alone.

All must turn to God if they truly want to be protected on this earth. All must turn to God if they truly want to be led in the right direction.

My daughter, listen to my weeping for my heart is full of sorrow for my children. My heart bleeds for those who are refusing to wake from their slumber. What will it take to wake those who are choosing darkness? So many are choosing hell because of their refusal to repent and amend their ways. This is the time of divine mercy, yet so many are living in mortal sin. My daughter, the time is drawing near so do not grow tired.

Listen to those whom God has sent to you and write and relay my words. Write each time I come to you so these messages can be spread across this world. There is no longer time to ignore God's warning. All must repent and turn their life around. All must pray more and cleanse their soul if they are living in sin. Those who are not obeying God's Commandments will suffer tremendously. They will have but little time to amend their

ways when they see their soul. Many will not be ready if they don't begin now. I pour my tears over mankind because you are each so special to me.

My beloved priests must no longer be silent. They must live the Gospel and be an example for their flock. They must speak the truth and use their hands and voice for Christ. They must be willing to take the front line. They must be willing to spend more time in the confessional so more can cleanse their souls. They must teach their flock the importance of receiving the Sacraments.

Priests must do their job and truly live their vocation. They must be willing to suffer so the truth can be made known. They must say the St. Michael prayer for evil has

become widespread. Priests must do their part in order to be true shepherds.

Please, I ask each of you, respond. Respond now so more souls can see heaven instead of hell. I am truly by your side and I am here now for each of you. Mankind must truly wake up in order to avoid catastrophes.

If prayers and penance are not offered evil will continue to grasp souls. So please take heed to my words for I do not want to see souls perish.

This is the time of divine mercy, so please pray and atone and live, live your consecration. Pray and be willing to suffer for the salvation of souls. Amen.

Our Blessed Mother is pleading ever and again and more strongly. The time of punishment is drawing near for many who continue to live in mortal sin, apart from Jesus. There is frequently mention of seeing one's soul. Surely those who die in mortal sin will see the ugliness of their soul and that it deserves damnation. In fact, then they will eternally be incapable of ever having love in their souls or any desire to repent.

The Mother of the Church repeatedly mentions the need for priests to speak out the truth. They should not fear criticism. They are not responsible for negative responses to the truth but if they speak the truth about faith and morals in love, they will be rewarded. Many souls will be converted. Those who attack them for speaking the truth can hurt them but they can offer that hurt, that sacrifice, up to God for the conversion of those who so react.

After this June 6th message which made Little Mary so sad that she called me, as she seemed to often phone when the message for her was so hard and made her sad and she needed to talk, she had a comment and question for me.

"I have a hard time believing that many souls go to hell, do you? Hell is so terrible. How could many souls fall into such a terrible place? Don't you think God will reach down and save them?"

My response was: "Why then is Our Blessed Mother so sad? Why is she weeping so profusely? Why is her head bowed and she ponders as to what more she can do to turn her children around? Why were the little children of Fatima shown that terrible vision of hell (July 13, 1917), after which Our Blessed Mother said: 'You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. In order to save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. . . .' Why did Jesus say: 'Enter through the narrow gate. The gate that leads to damnation is wide, the road is clear, and many choose to travel it. But how narrow is the gate that leads to life, how rough the road, and how few there are who find it!" (Matt. 7:13-14).

"Yes. Many can be saved by our prayers and sacrifices. But many are being lost. That is why Jesus and Mary are so sad.

"Sr. Lucia of Fatima wrote in her memoirs that she would never forget the sad

tone of voice with which Our Lady spoke in August: 'Yes, I will cure some of them during the year,' she answered to Lucia's request, 'I wish to ask you to cure some sick persons.' And then with a sad expression she said: 'Pray, pray very much and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to hell because they have nobody to pray and make sacrifices for them."

On Pentecost Sunday when I was talking to Little Mary about the subject of hell, as described above, Our Blessed Mother said to her: "Today, many more go

to hell."

Once the devil showed little Mary hell. The devil said, "I have an altar too. I

am going to sacrifice you on that altar. I want your soul."

Little Mary explained: "When the devil comes it is so fearful. When I saw hell I saw a pit full of snakes. I've felt like the devil was trying to pull me by my hair into hell. But the Blessed Mother has said: 'He cannot touch you because many angels and saints guard you through the night.' This happens often, especially when I've done something good for other souls. When I go to pray over people with my spiritual advisor, I know then I'm going to get more attacks afterwards. That is why it is so hard for me when he wants me to pray over people so often.

"When I'm greatly attacked by the devil is when St. Padre Pio helps me. He talks to me, comforts me, telling me that I must continue to suffer for Christ and saying that 'the devil cannot harm you. You have to think of Jesus in the monstrance; visualize Jesus in the monstrance.' When I am under such attacks and think of Jesus in the monstrance the devil then goes backwards like he is running from me. He can't stand to think or be reminded of Jesus in the monstrance."

After the message of June 5 I spoke a little more frankly to Little Mary about prayer groups. I had been somewhat hesitant in suggesting that these groups might be Fatima Family Apostolate prayer groups which have the recognition of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for the Family. Any timidity on my part was because I might appear to be an opportunist. Now Little Mary was suggesting that she and others were becoming anxious that Fatima Family prayer groups be formed and that there should be no more delay.

It was already into the third year since I had come to Little Mary's parish and to which I had first been invited while her spiritual advisor was still pastor, although his term as pastor, because of age, was up shortly after the invitation came. He found it difficult to give up his role as pastor, as he told me, "I find administration easy." While still pastor, he had invited me so that I could assist in a two-day celebration of the shrine to Our Lady of Fatima which had been built by parishioners to honor his 50 years as a faithful priest of Jesus Christ. He was still in residence when I first went to the parish and a new pastor was not due to arrive for some months.

I explained to Little Mary, "You know, Little Mary, our Blessed Mother, more and more, is speaking to you in the plural about small prayer groups. For some years it was a big prayer group of hundreds. You would meet each Monday night at the parish with Mass, Rosary, the messages and an explanation of them by a priest, especially by the spiritual advisor. That was good. For years that went on. Normally 500 to 600 showed up. I was there when hundreds were present. One Monday night when I was there up to 1,400 were present.

"But do you know that, as your spiritual advisor has said himself, some came out of curiosity and were seeking the sensational, wanting to discover what the latest message might be. Some, perhaps many, were like blotters. Other than the

effort to get themselves there, little commitment was made and the question was: with such a large group, was it really penetrating into the souls of those present and were they changing their lives in a profound and needed way and reaching out to others in a spirit of evangelization? Were many only receiving and not giving?"

"Now that large Rosary prayer group for years had its purpose and was pleasing to Jesus and the Mother of God. Our Blessed Mother had a plan, it seems, all along. She permitted the big Monday night Rosary group meetings to come to an end for a purpose. Is Our Blessed Mother not now moving you and all those people beyond that stage of former spiritual development? Why more and more does

the Mother of God now emphasize small prayer groups?

"You know when small groups meet together, say a maximum of five or six couples, then each one has to do more thinking. Often it is difficult to get the men to talk. But when they talk, it counts. And gradually they come to participate more and more. When one speaks up, in front of others, in addition to praying, it penetrates one's soul so that the prayers and truths of faith become a fundamental part of one's make-up, one's personality, one's inner heart and soul. It helps transform one so that one is more ready and willing to evangelize those met in everyday life.

"The Fatima Family Apostolate is already recognized by the Pontifical Council for the Family. The present and former Cardinal Prefect wrote prefaces for the Charter of the Fatima Family Apostolate. There is a reason why, when formerly you did not know me, and I was invited to speak by the pastor in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, that it was the occasion for my becoming aware and involved in your mission."

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## Chapter 10

# A Time of Crisis – A Time of Growth and Purification

# Testimonials to the Powerful Intercession of Our Blessed Mother Mary

June 11, 2003, Wednesday, 7:30 A.M.

My daughter,

Say many prayers so that peace and unity can be restored all around this world. Pray, pray each new day for there is much division taking place on this earth. Many are not listening to God and many sins are committed each new day. The forces of evil are strong due to lack of prayer and true devotion to Our Lord.

Today I am also asking priests to pray, pray for their flock. I am asking priests to join hands and pray, pray with one another. I am asking for more prayer, so please tell my

beloved sons that they too must join hands and pray, pray with one another.

The time is drawing near and you will each need to be strong, strong for Christ. Many signs will occur as a warning to wake those who are sleeping. Those who deny God and who refuse to take heed to His warning, will suffer, suffer tremendously.

Earthquakes will shake this earth and they will cause much destruction, especially in those areas where much sin is taking place. Man will no longer be able to hide and much will be taken away. God's justice will be felt all around this world for sin has become widespread. This world will suffer if man does not listen and amend their ways. Darker days will come if man does not change and repent of his wicked ways.

Yes, many, many will suffer if they don't wake up soon. Everyone must pray and do penance. All must repent and turn to God before it's too late. God's mercy will be great

to those who repent.

My chosen sons must not delay. They must gather their flock and pray, pray more. They must rescue those who have been led astray. I say to each of you, listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and then do your part to save souls. Do all that you can now, for many souls are in danger.

A great punishment will truly happen if you do not pray more and live, live the Gospel. There is no longer time to be silent. You must witness in love, you must teach others to pray, for it is through prayer that they will come to know Jesus.

Please take heed now to my motherly request for I do not want to see souls perish for all eternity. Pick up your cross, pick up your sword and go forth now and live the eternal Word. Go forth in love, pray and atone and be true servants for Our Lord. Amen.

The warning from Our Blessed Mother of earthly punishments to come if mankind does not repent, if so many living lives of mortal sin do not change, is nothing new in the history of apparitions. These warnings have been given more and more frequently. Already back to June 12, 1973, through Our Lady of Akita, Japan, the messenger being Sr. Agnes, such warnings were given. They received recognition by the bishop of her diocese and even Cardinal Ratzinger of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The message of Our Lady of Fatima contained the warning of World War II while World War I was still in progress. Can we say the world is less sinful today and the warnings of Our Blessed Mother are not so needed?

Consider these words of Mother Mary seriously:

"Yes, many, many will suffer if they don't wake up soon. Everyone must pray and do penance. All must repent and turn to God before it's too late. God's mercy

will be great to those who repent.

"My chosen sons [priests] must not delay. They must gather their flock and pray, pray more. They must rescue those who have been led astray. I say to each of you, listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and then do your part to save souls. Do all that you can now for many souls are in danger."

# June 17, 2003, Tuesday, 7:30 A.M.

My daughter,

I am here, so please write and relay my messages so more come to know our dear Lord Jesus. Many today need to hear the truth, so please do not delay. Set time aside to pray more so your focus is on Jesus and not the world. The world will pull you away from Jesus if you don't pray, pray more. All my children must do the same if they truly want to build their relationship with our Lord.

Each child must make time to pray and honor God. Without prayer and sacrifice you cannot stay strong, strong for Jesus. Today I must remind my children to pray, pray more.

Respond so that more can be accomplished on this earth. Respond and be confident that God knows what is best for you. Respond by truly using those gifts God has given you.

Trust in God and be dependent on His love, mercy, and direction. A response is truly needed in order to take part in saving souls. So please take quiet time and listen, listen to God. Take quiet time and I promise you God will fulfill His divine plan in your lives. God will touch you in a special way if you make time, quality time to be with Him.

Now please obey and do your part so more souls can be saved. Through prayer and mercy conversions will happen. Through prayer and true devotion to Our Lord you will be led in the right direction.

Now please keep your focus on Our Lord so you grow and blossom. Keep your focus on Jesus and devote more time for prayer so you are true servants for Our Lord. Amen.

It is to be noted in the messages that never are they designed to lead souls to Mary, or replace Jesus with Mary, but it is always our loving Mother Mary leading souls to Jesus, to the Church, to the Sacraments through sincere prayer.

Those who hear only superficially or indirectly of such messages, and are preoccupied with many busy things, can too easily conclude that they are not balanced and is a case of trying to replace Mary for Jesus. But listen to the words: "If you allow yourselves to become too busy, then your focus will not be on Our Lord. Please take time to be with Jesus each new day. Please pray and then surrender your lives to God. Listen to the direction God is giving to you and then respond with your whole heart."

Many fear to respond. Many fear to get involved. These messages are in harmony with Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. When one develops the habit of having quiet time daily for prayer then courage will come to respond. Listen to Our Blessed Mother as she says: "Trust in God and be dependent on His love, mercy and direction. A response is truly needed in order to take part in saving souls. So please take quiet time and listen, listen to God. Take quiet time and I promise you God will fulfill His divine plan in your lives. God will touch you in a special way if you make time, quality time, to be with Him."

# June 18, 2003, Wednesday, 7:40 A.M.

My daughter,

Trust in God's loving care for He will protect you and your family. God is love and He will truly help you through each new battle.

Those who turn to God must also trust in His mercy and guidance. They must not doubt when trials come their way. They must turn to God with an open heart and trust, trust in His divine mercy. They must be confident in God's promise and trust, trust in His love.

Dear children, you must believe that when you turn to God you are never alone. You must believe in God's love for you and be dependent on His care. You must turn to God throughout the day and be truly submissive to His will. When you trust and turn to God you will be given the strength and courage needed to persevere. Now please seek to follow Jesus no matter what trials come your way. Seek to follow Jesus, and embrace your cross with love and joy in your hearts.

Reform your ways and do not live lukewarm lives. Believe in God at all times and allow Him to guide you on this earth. Believe and pray and do not lose hope. It is time now to move forward with joy and love, love in your hearts.

I am with you, dear children, so please move forward now and be joy-filled, humble, and loving. Seek to imitate Christ and carry Jesus with you wherever you go. Amen.

We must not be fair-weather Catholics. Some Christians can think they have strong faith when everything is going their way—no special trials or problems. But when the cross looms up, they wonder "where is God?" God permits trials to strengthen us and knows what is best for our souls.

God is Love. He is the essence of infinite love. The Apostle John quotes our Lord Jesus Christ frequently about love. In the 15th chapter of his Gospel Jesus is quoted saying: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine dresser. . . . Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. . . . As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you, abide in my love. If you keep my Commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's Commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full" (John 6:1-11).

God lives in us as in a temple when we are in the state of sanctifying grace. God loves us so much that He became man and died on the Cross for us. If Jesus, the God-Man had missed a single person in His redeeming death, He would gladly come back to earth, go through His entire life of 33 years with all its sufferings, for that one soul. This He would do even if that one soul were you, the reader.

#### Fr. Fox is transferred to Alabama

During the month of July, 2003, when a great transition was taking place in the author's life (Fr. Fox), Little Mary was also having special trials. After more than 18 years as pastor at St. Mary of Mercy parish in Alexandria, South Dakota, where I had built Mid-America's Fatima Family Shrine and for 17 of those years conducted annual Fatima Family Congresses with participants coming from all the states, except Hawaii, the bishop decided I should retire.

My Fatima Family Apostolate had donated the land and basic building for the first contemplative women's Order in the state of South Dakota which was located in the Alexandria parish where I was pastor and whom I had invited with the subsequent endorsement of the bishop. The Alexandria Carmel is located directly across from the parish property and shrine. I personally had built the Fatima Family Shrine which cost hundreds of thousands—financed from the many books I had written and from various apostolic works. I did not accept any resulting income from these things for myself.

While doors seemed to be closing to continue parish work after 48<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years of priestly service in the Diocese of Sioux Falls, they were opening up in Alabama. I was made to feel welcome to locate near the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament attached to Mother Angelica's Poor Clare "Our Lady of the Angels" Monastery. Mother Angelica, as millions know, was the founder of Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN).

While my transfer to such a location seemed glorious to good Catholics who learned of it, because I'd be near this nationally known Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, at the age of 75 it was somewhat of a traumatic experience for me, requiring great adjustments.

During this same month Little Mary went through, what seemed like, above ordinary sufferings for her. And as already indicated in this book she suffers much more than even people who know her well realize. This suffering includes unusual and frequent diabolical attacks, in visible ways, voices, and threats. These attacks can go on through the night, preventing sleep. This takes a toll on her health. While desiring to be spared of such attacks, the Blessed Mother told her she could help souls much by resisting these temptations and attacks. At times such attacks have a depressing effect.

Added to the above, Little Mary picks up illnesses easily and it seems they too are allowed as sufferings for souls. While her spiritual advisor understood the reality of it, some other priests did not. Because Little Mary chose to share much of this with me, with the priest's knowledge, I gained at least some kind of appreciation and concern for what Little Mary was going through. She has often felt alone. I've wondered if I would have had the courage to transfer to Alabama as a senior priest if I had not frequently been comforted and strengthened with

messages Little Mary received from Our Blessed Mother and even Our Lord Jesus Christ during the previous two years (2002-2003). One can feel very much alone when moving into new areas of life.

In July Little Mary picked up a severe rash on her body, supposedly caused from great stress, affecting the blood. Her legs had to be packed in ice to relieve severe itching and the desire to scratch was forbidden by the doctor lest serious infection result. It went internal in her mouth also. This went on for weeks.

Little Mary stressed with me that people must understand that they too must offer their sufferings for the conversion of sinners. When, on July 28, 2003, I was talking to her from Alabama by phone, the Blessed Mother said that she would guide me in preparing this book.

About my own challenges of adjustments in a new area the Blessed Mother said: "There is a reason for everything and in time you will understand."

The above notes are verbatim as I wrote them down in July, 2003. Since then I have understood much better.

During July, 2003, among the messages received were the following:

# July 18, 2003, Friday, 7:45 A.M.

My daughter,

Tell my children to live their lives in full union with God. Tell my children to turn

away from sin so that I can truly help them on this earth.

Those who are living lukewarm lives cannot advance. Their hearts must be open in order to receive the direction needed to live holy lives. All must be dependent on God so that change can occur, occur in one's life.

Many today close their hearts when God is asking them to turn their life around. Many do not want to give up their worldly ways. Many today do not have peace in their hearts because they are refusing to allow God to be in control of their lives.

Please, dear children, repent and turn your lives around. Repent and seek God so you are not walking alone. Turn to God so that He can help you in those areas where you are weak. Turn to God so you have the grace needed to do what is right. Without God in complete control of your lives it is impossible to keep moving forward.

There is no longer time to be living lukewarm lives. You must obey all of God's commandments. You must prepare your soul now for the warning will come. You will each need to be in a state of grace or it will be very difficult for you. You will have but little

time to amend your ways, so that is why it is so important to begin now.

Change takes time, so please do not abuse this time of God's great mercy. Examine your conscience daily and then strive to do what is pleasing to God. Pray the Rosary for peace in this world and for peace in your homes. Pray and do not abuse any gift you have received. Take part in harvesting souls for Jesus. Honor the most Blessed Trinity and witness, witness your faith. Keep your doors open and assist those whom God sends to you. Spread your faith all around this world. Wear my scapular and armor, armor yourselves with the protection God has provided for you.

The devil will surely flee if you respond and truly do what I am asking of you.

Please listen to my heavenly pleas. Listen and respond and allow God to be first in your lives. The way to heaven is forward, so please obey, return to God and amend, amend, amend your ways. Amen.

God respects the free will of each one of us. Therefore the holy Mother of God, the Mother of the Church, eminently respects the free will of each one of us. There our holy Mother Mary says: "Tell my children to turn away from sin so that I can truly help them on this earth." Mary can help us only when we open our hearts and minds to want to be helped. We must recognize our needs, our lukewarmness, our sins, and then desire to change. Only then can the power of Mary's intercession help us.

It takes time to change. Millions are in need of repenting of lives of serious sin, recognizing their sad state and desiring to repent and come to God. Thus God's Mother says: "You must prepare your soul now for the warning will come. You will each need to be in a state of grace or it will be very difficult for you. You will have but little time to amend your ways, so that is why it is so

important to begin now."

Our Blessed Mother reminds us that we cannot delay, thinking, "Oh yes, probably some year way off God will let something happen to wake up the world but in the meantime I'll drift along." Rather, says our heavenly Mother: "Change takes time, so please do not abuse this time of God's great mercy. Examine your conscience daily and then strive to do what is pleasing to God. Pray the Rosary for peace in this world and for peace in your homes. Pray and do not abuse any gift you have received."

Jesus said that death comes like a thief in the night.

# July 21, 2003, Monday, 7:40 A.M.

My daughter,

Cherish this time in which God has allowed so [that] more souls come to know Jesus. Do all that you can to make the Gospel known. This time is so special, so please continue to write and use your hands and voice for Christ.

The devil is furious and he will continue to torment you as he knows his time is short. Offer your suffering for the salvation of souls, for in the end there will be victory. Keep your focus on Jesus so you do not lose hope. Keep your focus on Jesus and we will truly help you endure all trials and suffering.

Time is short for saving souls, so please accept each new cross and pray, pray for this world. Pray for priests for this is whom Satan wants to devour. Pray so more priests wake their flock before it's too late. If priests do not speak the truth more souls will be lost. So many children are living in sin because priests are unwilling to speak the truth.

How I weep when I see so many children running in the wrong direction. Many souls are living in darkness and they need to be fed the truth. God's mercy will be followed by justice so please each of you do your part. Live your faith and do not make excuses for being lazy. Do penance and implore mercy for mankind. Join hands and pray together and live, live all that I am teaching you. Unite your hearts to my tears which I shed all around this world.

Do what Jesus is asking of you and pray, pray the Rosary each new day. Pray and fast and form holy groups so more join hands and pray. Through prayer, conversion will happen. Through prayer and willingness to be persecuted souls will be saved. God's mercy is great for those who repent, so please, please, dear children, go forth and make the Gospel known. Go forth as true believers and share God's love with those in darkness.

Now please, help my Son in His mission of mercy. Help my Son by truth doing what He is asking of you. Turn, turn to Jesus and trust in His love, mercy and guidance. Amen.

Practicing Catholics are well aware how priests today need encouragement. They need our prayers and occasionally an expression of gratitude because they are human. There is much anti-clericalism and anti-Catholicism brought on by the scandals of a relatively few. And yet, among many priests who are reasonably good there are many who are fearful to speak out the truth in our secular world. They know many Catholics have been brainwashed by the entertainment and lopsided news media especially as it pertains to morals and religion in general. Therefore they give generic sermons that don't disturb anyone. Thus Mother Mary says: "Pray for priests for this is whom Satan wants to devour. Pray so more priests wake their flocks before it's too late. If priests do not speak the truth more souls will be lost. So many children are living in sin because priests are unwilling to speak the truth."

In the meantime, ignorance of the faith grows because people are not fed spiritually. But the secular world keeps dishing out its poisonous food.

# July 23, 2003, Wednesday, 7:30 A.M.

My daughter,

God hears your prayers, so continue to pray and offer your suffering to Our Lord. Continue to pray and suffer joyfully for there are many who truly need prayer. When you feel alone pray, pray more so you stay strong for Jesus. Jesus longs to hear from you each new day, so continue to turn to Him no matter how you feel. Turn to Him and rely on God to give you the strength to do what He is asking of you.

Strength comes through prayer so tell all my children to pray throughout the day. Tell my children to focus on God and their relationship with Him. God will fulfill His divine plan in your lives if you truly seek His assistance. God will heal you and give you peace

if you give your life to Him.

Trust, trust in His love and be confident in His mercy. Trust so that God's love and peace may enter your soul. Now please devote more time to prayer so that you build your relationship with Our Lord. Devote more time to prayer and trust, trust, dear children, in His loving care. Remain dependent on God and please, please trust in His divine will. Amen.

It is so easy to think that God really does not hear our prayers. The truth is that God hears every word, every thought, every sentiment that comes from our intellects, our wills, our souls. Nothing escapes God.

God knows our most secret thoughts, words and actions. No sin can be hidden from God. But no good deed, no good thought, no prayer is so insignificant that God doesn't know all about it in every detail.

But what do I gain by prayer if God truly hears the most insignificant prayer? First, no prayer of the heart is insignificant to God. We find calmness, peace of heart and strength to go on, carry our cross, reach out to others when we pray. Blessed Mother Mary says: "Strength comes through prayer so tell all my children to pray throughout the day. Tell my children to focus on God and their relationship with Him. God will fulfill His divine plan in your lives if you truly seek His assistance.

God will heal you and give you peace if you give your life to Him."

If we develop a daily spiritual program we will build a personal relationship with Jesus and Mary. One of the things I learned in having spiritual conversations several times a week, sometimes daily, in recent years with Little Mary, is how we indeed can have a personal relationship with the Mother of God. She is the spiritual Mother in a special way of every child of the Church for she is Mother of the Church. As we would discuss spiritual matters, sometimes matters that did not seem all that important, Little Mary would surprise me by sharing with me what the Blessed Mother had just said to her. As mentioned elsewhere, it was like a three-way conversation—the Blessed Mother being the third party, or perhaps best to say, the first.

If Mother Mary takes a personal interest in all the details, even small details, of our daily life, then surely Jesus Christ our Savior who lived and died for us, does the same. I became aware that God, that Jesus and Mary, are informed and know all the details of our lives. They love for us to come to them, and consciously share all our concerns, all our acts of love expressly to them. We must trust that they care and know and hear us.

Our all holy Mother tells us: "Jesus longs to hear from you each new day, so continue to turn to Him no matter how you feel. Turn to Him and rely on God to give you the strength to do what He is asking of you."

# July 25, 2003, Friday 7:45 A.M.

My daughter,

These messages are for all my children, so please continue to write and relay my words. Continue to serve Jesus so more see light instead of darkness. Continue, continue forth and I shall help you through all trials, persecution and suffering.

Jesus will be by your side so do not be afraid of those who do not understand my role on this earth. This time is so important, for many will suffer if they refuse to repent and amend their ways. The way is forward, so please, please, dear children, be brave soldiers for Christ. Witness your faith and your love for Jesus wherever you go.

God is asking each of you to live the heatitudes and to obey each Commandment. God is asking each of you to pray and forgive and to be kind and loving towards each other. Those who refuse to do this are not true followers of Jesus. Those who do not have peace in their hearts are relying on themselves instead of God.

Today each of you must ask yourself, is there true peace and happiness in your life. Each of you must examine your conscience and then turn to God.

You must be truthful if you truly want to be happy. You must be willing to let go of your ways and give your life completely to God. You must truly understand that it is impossible for change to occur on its own. You need God's assistance and a true desire to change.

Each of you has areas to work on, so be honest humble children. Be honest so that I can assist you on this earth. Be honest now for in time you will each see your soul. Woe to those who are trying to change others but are refusing to change themselves. Woe to those who are hiding their sins for how they will suffer. Woe to those who are living in sin and who are hiding behind closed doors. These doors will be opened when God's justice prevails. Man will no longer be able to deny that sin exists.

I am here, your heavenly Mother, to prepare the way so you are ready for times to come. I am here now, so please accept my motherly assistance. Accept my love and concern

that I have for you. Take hold of your lives and amend your ways now. Allow my Son to transform your lives. Allow Jesus to bring you closer, closer to His most Sacred Heart.

Take time to be with Jesus so that you truly come to know His mercy and His love. Receive my Son. Do you have the grace needed to move forward? Again, I say to you, respond, respond now. Return back to my Son through the Sacraments and give your life totally, totally to Him.

This time that I can be with you is moving quickly, so begin now and do not wait to convert your lives. Do not wait for man's approval. Live these messages, live them now. Do all that you can to make the Gospel known. Do all that you can and seek, seek the kingdom of God. Amen.

There are many who do not understand the role of Mary in the Church and in the spiritual lives of each one of us. Unfortunately, this is true of some priests. Younger priests coming out of our seminaries—reports on this come from throughout the country—seem orthodox, loyal to the Holy Father, deeply in love with Jesus and Mary. This is not surprising. What young man would want to give up his life to live a life of celibacy in imitation of Jesus Christ if what he lived and taught did not form people in the Truth who is Jesus Christ? Those who answer the call to the priesthood in the modern world must be idealistic and resist the call of the world and its desires. There must be a certain spirit of heroism and spirit of martyrdom. Seminarians have told me that the bad publicity given priests by the secular media made them more determined than ever to become holy priests.

All must come to know, love and be identified with Jesus Christ. He asks us to abide in His love and to abide in Him. When we are in the state of sanctifying grace Jesus is, by His grace and His Person with the entire Blessed Trinity, dwelling within us. When we receive Jesus worthily in Holy Communion we also receive the human nature of Jesus Christ. His Body, Blood and Soul as well as His divinity, come to us and dwell in us in Holy Communion. The Holy Eucharist thus increases grace and our union in Jesus Christ.

# September 12, 2003, Friday Messages Saving Souls.

My daughter,

Be faithful to my Son and write each time I come to you. These messages are important, for they are truly saving souls. These messages are for the world, so please do not keep them hidden in your heart. Conversion cannot happen if my children are unwilling to spread the Gospel. All must do their part so more turn to God in this time which is being allowed.

The time will not last forever, so please, please continue to write and relay my messages for all my children. Many have been chosen in these times so that more will return to God before it's too late. In times to come, your hands will be needed, so listen and take heed to my motherly requests. Listen and be willing to teach others all that is embedded in your heart. Listen and do not be afraid of the evil one, for many angels and saints surround you. Wherever there is truth, the evil one cannot survive. Wherever there is love, the enemy will flee.

Prayer is your protection, so pray, pray more and stay close to Jesus' Most Sacred Heart. Pray and prepare, for this time is a time of God's great mercy and grace. Be loyal

to Jesus and serve Him with love, love in your hearts. Desire to truly please Him so you stay strong, strong for Our Lord. Through your loyalty and fidelity to my Son, you will receive the grace needed to do God's will.

So please join hands and pray today so you are not tempted to give in to worldly ways. Pray and fast and go forth now and live and spread the Gospel. Amen.

One notices again in the message how the Blessed Mother keeps urging Little Mary to keep writing. She had been under severe attacks and with serious temptations to give up her mission of writing the messages for others.

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Due to my required retirement at the age of 75 from being a pastor and the trauma of moving and duties of conducting novenas, retreats, etc., in various parts of the country, including leading pilgrimages to Fatima and Poland's Shrine, I was not able to follow the messages as closely as previously for several months. Two days after the feast of St. Padre Pio, however, I made the following notes:

September 23, 2003, Tuesday—Feast of St. Padre Pio. [Note from Fr. Robert J. Fox.] On this day I went to the lower chapel of the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament associated with Mother Angelica's Poor Clare Nuns of Perpetual Adoration to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. I had not realized what feast day it was. Br. Quinn, who was to serve the Holy Mass, told me shortly before leaving the sacristy that today's feast was that of St. Padre Pio.

I had prepared a homily for the Mass of the day from the universal liturgical calendar of the Church and thus would not use the prepared sermon. I could easily improvise one on St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina for this saintly priest had been my inspiration since boyhood when I would think, "We belong to the true Church because we've got Padre Pio." I knew that St. Padre Pio from time to time would appear to Little Mary and so, thinking she may not realize whose feast day it is, I E-mailed her that this day was his feast day. But she had already had unusual encounters with St. Padre Pio that day.

On September 25 Little Mary shared with me her experiences of September 23, 2003, concerning St. Padre Pio. She was finding it very difficult to share it with her spiritual advisor. I assured her that she must do so. She should not fear.

Little Mary had gone for three and one-half hours to a man's house with her priest/spiritual advisor on September 23 to pray over a doctor who had two brain tumors and had been reconciled to the Church only two weeks before. When she saw him she said, "You look like Padre Pio." He pointed to a picture of St. Padre Pio someone had given him earlier in the day. Little Mary said: "You two could be twins." The doctor had his staff present when the priest/spiritual advisor

brought Little Mary to pray over him. He cried afterwards.

Upon returning home Little Mary prayed to St. Padre Pio saying, "St. Padre Pio, I know you were in that man." Then Padre Pio appeared to Little Mary, like in an intellectual vision. She heard the saint speak: "I have been appointed by God to assist you. Because of the souls you have saved much protection is needed. Each time you pray with those in need I shall place my hands upon your hands." He then said to Little Mary, "The pain you feel is real. It will become deeper." (People had been noticing her hands swollen, her not being able to get off her ring. Her hands had been very painful at the time she prayed over people. It takes half an hour after a praying session for it to go away. It happens often at Mass so she can't wear her ring anymore as it hurts because of swelling.)

Padre Pio then called her "Little One" and told her to continue to suffer for Christ for the reward was great. "You shall continue to see me with your soul." He added, "I am ever so near to you. Call me by name and I will assist you."

Later I asked Padre Pio if that doctor got healed (two days later) and he said,

"Leave it to God. This is part of his purification."

The Thursday before, Jesus asked Little Mary, "Will you suffer more for me?" She answered, "The Lord knows how much I can endure. I will do what I can for you."

I had been gone from the United States from late August until September 18, 2003, inclusive, as I was leading pilgrimages in Fatima and to the shrines of Poland.

A close friend of Little Mary, whom I knew well, shared with me that during the time I was away, Little Mary found it difficult and wished she could talk to me.

On the day of my return (September 18), she felt the need to pray for me. That was indeed appropriate, for I was in the air for more than 24 hours from Warsaw to Paris to New York to Atlanta to Birmingham and hours of waiting at various airports and scarcely meeting final connections because of a hurricane settling in the East that proved disastrous for many with millions of dollars in damages.

# September 18, 2003, Thursday Live the Messages.

I am here today to remind my children to live a simple, peaceful, holy life. I am here to manifest my love to all my children. I am here to teach my children so that you choose the right path.

Those who listen to these heavenly messages must begin today to live them.

Conversion will happen if you listen, respond and obey, obey God.

Conversion will happen if you let go of your desires and surrender your will to God. My heart is sorrowful when I see so many children living in sin. My heart is sorrowful when one chooses to have an abortion. It brings tears to my eyes, for each soul is so precious to God.

Each child is so loved and God has a special plan for each and every soul. Man does not have the right to decide who should live and who should die.

God is the Creator and one must trust in His love, mercy and guidance. God is merciful and He knows what is best for each child. Until you truly open your hearts and trust in His Divine Wisdom, you cannot comprehend His love, mercy and compassion.

If you truly want to imitate Christ, then you must be merciful, kind and compassionate. You must love your enemies and console those in need. You must receive Jesus often and spend time adoring Our Lord. You must be faithful to your responsibilities and ask, ask my Son for guidance. You must support your most holy pope and obey God's commandments. You must be loving, humble children and avoid sin and march, march in unison. You must not allow pride or disobedience to darken your soul.

The enemy is sly so you must stay close to Jesus' Most Sacred Heart. You must not let a day go by without prayer. You must never depend on yourselves, for this is dangerous. You must trust in God wholeheartedly. You must trust in God and be humble, humble servants.

You must try your best each new day to live, live the Beatitudes. Now, please

examine your heart carefully and then do what God is asking of you. Call upon the Holy Spirit and then work on those areas that are pressing on your heart. The climb, dear children, is not easy, but if you obey God and live the Gospel, you will have joy and peace in your lives.

Now, please keep your focus on Jesus and be simple, loving, humble children. Desire to do the Will of God and embrace, embrace, embrace His love. Amen.

There have been many reported healings of people over whom Little Mary has prayed. Her hands seem to have increased in redness and swelling. The warmth, redness, and swelling is so great at this time that she cannot wear her wedding ring as the finger too swells greatly. It is not always easy to get people to write their testimonials; they seem to prefer just to speak about them to others. Here is one:

September 22, 2003 Chisago City, Minnesota

My name is Denise Osgood and I am writing this letter to inform and thank "Little Mary" for her hands of healing. [The thanks in reality goes to God and the intercession of His Mother; to Little Mary only for cooperating.] I was first diagnosed with melanoma cancer in November of 2000—it was a stage II cancer and is categorized as a "rare" cancer. I attended my first healing with Mary and immediately I could "feel" inside of me that I was healed from this awful disease. I remember going home and telling my family about my amazing spiritual experience with Mary and told them that I was confident that I had been healed. Their first reaction was that of concern . . . because they were afraid that I would not follow through with my scheduled surgery. I assured them that I would follow through with the surgery but noted that I did not believe the doctors would find any cancer during the operation. This turned out to be a true statement; there was no cancer found during the surgery and I was pronounced "cancer free."

In May, 2003, I was diagnosed with melanoma cancer once again. This diagnosis happened to come on the same night as a scheduled healing by Little Mary and I attended this healing with my parents, my significant other, and friend, Sheri. Again, this was such a moving experience for me—just being in the same room with "Little Mary" is spiritually overwhelming. Her love, caring and healing can be felt the moment she enters a room. A few days prior to my surgery for this cancer, I had a private healing with Mary, family and friends, and again I felt absolutely certain that I was healed from cancer. Those around me felt it as well and my family talked about feeling so spiritually calm themselves after participating in my healing experience. I had surgery and once again the doctors found me to be cancer free.

In July, 2003, I felt that God had given me a message to bring a friend who was dying of lymphoma cancer to a healing with "Little Mary." This was a woman who had already been through cancer treatments for the past two years and nothing was working. Her doctor told her to make sure that she had her legal papers in order and to enjoy what time she had left; he did not feel there was anything more the medical field could offer her. I brought her to a healing and Mary prayed over this woman. About a week and a half later, this woman came to me and stated that she could no longer feel any of her tumors and stated that the skin cancer she was also

struggling with was suddenly gone. She had been to her physician and he took all kinds of tests and told her he did not know what had happened; but whatever it was, "keep it up." He could not find any tumors or cancer in her body. I had felt this woman's tumors and seen them protruding all over her body and now she is healed, looking really good and her essence is that of living rather than that of dying. She simply glows and states that she has never felt better.

I know that Little Mary's gift of healing is through God and His Son Jesus, but I also know that she takes the brunt of what it means to be a healer. I know that she suffers and is often faced with non-believers, and I have witnessed the physical changes in her over these past three years. I pray for Mary and thank God for her and for giving her the ability to heal through His love for all of us. I know that it has to be a struggle for Mary to keep going some days and to keep her faith strong; but I have never known her to falter in kindness and love.... This is something that radiates from her like a soft glowing light. I believe with every ounce of my being that Mary has been gifted with the ability to heal others through God and His Son Jesus—for I have been witness to it on a very personal level twice and have witnessed it with my friend. I am so very grateful for Mary and her very presence in this world, and I thank her for the love and calmness that she so readily spreads like a ripple in a pond. Through her role modeling, I have found an inner peace in my life with more spiritual strength than ever and I know that my God is at the helm of my ship.

God bless Little Mary.

In Love and Gratitude, Denise Osgood

# September 25, 2003, Thursday "The day will come and all will see their soul."

*My daughter*,

Persevere, for many are hungry and they need to be fed, fed the truth. Teach my children the importance of receiving the Sacraments. Teach my children all that God and I are teaching you.

In time, all will have to wake from their slumber, so please assist me so all are ready and prepared. The day will come and all will see their soul. The day will come and each child will know how many wounds they have added to Jesus' Most Precious Body.

If you are living in mortal sin, repent now. Turn to God and do penance for your sins. Turn to God for guidance, for He truly, truly loves all His children. Do not wait to see your soul, cleanse it now. Work on those areas where you are weak and be truly sorry for your sins.

Be honest with yourselves so that change can occur, occur in you. Do not judge or blame others for the way you are behaving; take a look at yourself. When it is time to see your soul, you will not see your neighbor's soul. You will see your soul and you will be accountable for your actions. You will feel tremendous pain if you were living in darkness. You will have but little time to amend your ways. You will have only a short time to do penance for your sins.

This is why I am telling you to repent now and turn to God for guidance. If you have fallen away from true teaching, return now. If you are living a lifestyle that is morally

wrong, repent, repent, repent now. Take hold of your life and obey God.

Dear children, there is no longer time to be living in sin. You must each do your part so you are ready to see your soul. You must begin now to live pure and holy lives. You must believe in the sacraments and receive them properly.

In order to do good, you need God's grace. You need a true relationship with Jesus. You need to live your consecration and take heed to the Gospel You need to trust in Jesus and take refuge in His Most Sacred Heart. Your willingness and commitment to do what is right is essential if you truly want to grow, grow in holiness.

Now, please rebuke all evil and have confidence in God's love for you. Look to Jesus and imitate His ways so that change can occur in your lives. This time to amend your ways is so precious, so please, please respond and do not abuse this time. Amen.

The healings reported are not only of bodily physical ailments but also of the soul, as testified below. This letter came to me on February 12, 2004, as I was proofreading the letter above:

#### Dear Fr. Fox:

I have been reading the messages given to Little Mary and my heart feels that she is truly an instrument of God's grace. I am trying to take these petitions from Our Lady to heart. I have just terminated a same-sex relationship I have been in for seven years and am in a lot of pain over it, but I feel so called to live a life according to the Church and the Gospel. . . .

I ask you and Little Mary to keep me and my ex-partner in your prayers. She has decided to go "church shopping" for a place that will not confront her regarding her continued lifestyle choice. As far as I am concerned, I could lie to myself, but no one can lie to God. I know I have to give this up in order to live His divine Will. Please pray for me for strength and perseverance in the face of so many gay-friendly advances in these past few years. I have been to confession with Fr. Harvey from the COURAGE Apostolate.

May God's Precious Blood cover you both,

A humble sinner,

Marisol

I wrote to Marisol to assure her we would pray for her and she replied with gratitude.

# September 29, 2008, Monday, 7:30 A.M.

My daughter,

God's work must continue for time is short for saving souls. Time is short and all must do their part so more turn to God in this time of mercy. Dear children, are you sharing God's love? Are you sharing your faith with love and joy in your hearts? Are you being an example by truly living the Gospel? Do you witness to those whom God sends to you? Are you joining hands with the enemy or are you living a holy and productive life?

Please take time to reflect on this message and then do what God is asking of you. Do all that you can for Christ now so more come to know our dear Lord Jesus. Do not allow fear to enter your hearts. Believe that God will protect you. Believe in all the heavenly angels and saints for they too will assist you.

St. Michael and all the archangels are truly here to protect you. Call them by name and ask, ask for their assistance. Please, dear children, embrace the archangels and believe that God has assigned them to protect you. They are truly at your side when you ask for their assistance. They will defend you against the continuous attacks of Satan and all his followers. Pray and trust, trust in their protection.

This is a time of great tribulation because so much evil has entered this world. You will see much more violence and bloodshed if you don't pray and use the protection God

has provided for you.

Today I ask that you protect your children through your prayers. I ask that you teach others the St. Michael prayer. I ask that you call upon all the heavenly angels and saints and take them with you wherever you go. Satan is very powerful at this time and this world needs much prayer and much protection. Pray together every day and pray and meditate on the Mysteries of the Rosary.

Bless yourselves often with holy water and stay close, close to Jesus' most Sacred Heart. The enemy will flee if you truly respond to what I am teaching you.

It is time now to assist me so that God's plans may be fulfilled. It is time now to accept God's grace and to be light to this darkened world.

I am truly here today with St. Michael and all the archangels. So accept our assistance so you stay strong, strong for Christ. Accept and believe that when you do God's will you are truly protected on this earth.

Go now with peace in your hearts and be loving, humble children. Amen.

The above message is especially interesting to the author-compiler of this book and hopefully to all who read it. For years I was associated with the Santa Cruz Fathers in Fatima, whose motherhouse is located in Austria. This religious community was commissioned by Pope Paul VI to preach the angels doctrinally and scripturally. I spent much time with them and consequently wrote the book, *World and Work of the Holy Angels*, which they have recommended. [Available from Fatima Family Apostolate order department.]

The angels always precede the coming of the Lord. The four works of the good holy angel are: 1. To lead us to faith in God, the Blessed Trinity. 2. To lead us to faith in Jesus, the incarnation of God the Son, the Word made Flesh. 3. To lead us to the Church—the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ. 4. To lead us to venerate Mary, Mother of the Church, Queen of heaven and earth. Mary is Queen of the angels as she is our Mother and Queen.

The good holy angel, in particular our Guardian Angel, cannot do his work in our regard if we are not open to him. We must be aware of all the holy angels and our Guardian Angel in particular. We would be amazed if we could see the angels who surround us daily, wanting to help us in their work. The good holy Guardian Angel loves it when we go before Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Guardian Angel, who is always with us at our side, then adores the Real Presence of the God-Man with us.

While we should call upon all the holy angels, we should especially call upon the Archangel Michael, prince of the heavenly host, and our own Guardian Angel who is special and unique just for each one of us.

# October 1, 2003, Wednesday, 7:40 A.M.

My daughter,

Satan loves war, war amongst my children and he will try to destroy all that is good. So please tell my children not to fight back; tell my children to be loving towards those around them. Prayer and true devotion to Our Lord is what will destroy evil.

Today I ask that my children continue to pray and live these messages. I ask that you join hands and work together for then you will continue to bear much fruit all around this world. I ask that you pray for those who are unwilling to join hands and who are refusing to live the beatitudes. I ask that you each go forth and live, live the Gospel.

In time all will see their soul, and those who are trying to destroy those groups that I have formed will have to answer to God. They will have to repent of their wicked ways or they will suffer more. Those who seek control will be accountable for their actions. Those who are leading others astray will suffer tremendously for God will not have mercy on them.

No one can stop prayer, prayer from one's heart, so please continue to gather and pray. Pray the Rosary for nonbelievers and for peace in this world. Pray the Rosary and give praise and honor to God.

Pray and ask God each new day to give you the courage needed to live these messages. Ask God to guide you so you never step ahead of Almighty God. Ask and you shall receive the strength needed to live a holy life.

Please, dear children, trust in my intercession and take refuge in my Immaculate Heart. Trust and pray to the Holy Spirit and you will receive the guidance needed to live God's holy will. Trust and believe that God will be with you through all trials and persecution. Trust and believe in the power of prayer.

This time is a time of trial but with God's grace you will stay strong, strong for Jesus. Now please understand that I am with you. Please understand and be willing now to be persecuted for living your faith.

In time there will be no more suffering. In time there will be peace, peace in this world. Amen.

Satan loses ground whenever we pray the Rosary. The power of Satan and his devils, who are so active in the world today, cannot survive where people pray fervently and frequently. Why is the devil so successful today? Because there is weak faith among so many and consequently little or no prayer among many. When this is the case Satan and his followers become strong and mankind weak.

Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J., the holy and scholarly theologian priest, who worked closely with the Vatican and was theological advisor to the Fatima Family Apostolate until his death in January, 2000, would often say: "We must be willing to be martyrs for the true faith. Only heroic Catholic families will survive. Only those willing to suffer martyrdom will survive." Listen then to what our heavenly Mother says:

"This time is a time of trial but with God's grace you will stay strong, strong for Jesus. Now please understand that I am with you. Please understand and be willing now to be persecuted for living your faith."

Jesus and Our Blessed Mother are never far from us. When we pray—they come to us.

# October 3, 2003, Friday, 7:25 A.M. I am truly here for all my priests.

*My daughter,* 

It is time now for my children to prepare their heart and soul. All must be ready and in a state of grace when it is their time to leave this earth. This time has been allowed so more amend their ways and turn to God. This time is your time to build your relationship with Jesus. Time moves quickly, so please, please dear children, use this time wisely. Fast and pray and spend time with Jesus. Obey God, obey each Commandment. Stay close to my Son and allow your prayers to purify you so that change can occur in your life.

Dear chosen sons, I am asking for more prayer from you. I am asking that you spend more time in adoration and pray for holiness and purity of heart. I am asking that you be an example to my children as many look to you for guidance. I am asking that you trust in my motherly intercession.

This time is a time of trial but with God's grace you will stay strong, strong for Jesus. Now please understand that I am with you. Please understand and be willing now to be persecuted for living your faith, for guidance. I am asking that you trust in my motherly intercession.

Pray the Rosary each new day. Pray, pray for your flock. Live these messages and share them with those who do not understand my role on this earth. Share all that I am teaching you so more turn to God before it's too late.

Many today are on the wrong path because they are choosing to live in sin. Many are still sleeping so I ask that you let go of fear and speak the truth. Your homilies must come from your heart and they must be true teaching. Your flock needs to be taught that they must obey all of God's Commandments. They must understand that their soul must be cleansed and nourished. They need to know God's love for them so they turn to him instead of the world.

Dear sons, in order to teach the truth you must also live the Gospel. You must not turn others away by your actions. You must be loving and welcome all who come to church. You must not just reach out to your friends, you must love and guide all your brothers and sisters.

There is no longer time to be silent for change is about to happen soon. You must prepare your flock now by truly living and speaking the truth. You must pray more during this time for I am warning you Satan is strong. Without more prayer and time with God you will be tempted to take the easier road. Your job for Christ is full-time, so please live your vocation and be a role model to those around you.

You each have a special place in my heart, so please keep it open and I will truly, truly assist you. Now please, trust in my motherly intercession for I am truly here for all my priests. I am truly here because of God's love for each of you. Amen.

Heavenly Mother Mary, Mother of the Church, loves all of her children. This Mother and Queen has a special love for priests whom she calls her "beloved sons." St. Therese of Avila, the Little Flower, said, "Mary is more a Mother than a Queen." This expresses Mary's desire to be close to each one of us, and priests in particular. The validly ordained Catholic priest has imprinted upon his soul the special indelible mark or character of Jesus Christ the Priest. This priest character identifies him closely with Jesus Christ, gives him the power in the Person of Jesus Christ to perpetuate the Sacrifice of the Cross, change bread and wine into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to forgive

sin, administer the various sacraments and to preach the truth, the Gospel with effectiveness when he is open to Jesus as "another Christ."

One day I was telling Little Mary about a certain lay evangelist who was knowledgeable, did much good work, but was also very outspoken in being very critical. He was critical about all priests, even those who tried to fulfill their vocation. The Blessed Mother then said to Little Mary: "He should talk less about priests and pray more for priests."

One time I stood within the Capelinha in the Cova da Iria at Fatima, where the Blessed Mother appeared to the three little shepherds of Fatima. A priest was saying Mass. He was doing all right but the tone of the delivery of his sermon seemed a little superficial and patronizing. About the Rosary he said, "The Rosary is for lay people. We priests have the Divine Office to pray."

As this priest was making such statements, I could not help but recollect and hear contrary statements in my heart. As to his statement that the Rosary was for lay people, not priests, I heard the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, say, "The Rosary is my favorite prayer."

I prayed for this priest, who obviously was drawn to Fatima by Our Blessed Mother and perhaps prodded to come by some lay people who were there participating in the Mass. Was he justifying himself to them for not leading the Rosary, for not being seen saying the Rosary? Whatever the reason, I prayed that Our Lady would touch him deeply before he left Fatima. This has often happened to priests at Fatima. Once another priest was similarly praying, speaking rather superficially, but before he left the altar he broke down in tears before all, immediately before the spot where the Blessed Mother stood at Fatima and called for the daily Rosary for all and said that God desired that devotion to her Immaculate Heart be established in the world.

# October 6, 2003, Monday, 7:30 A.M.

My daughter,

Strength will be given to those who pray and persevere. So please tell my children to stay strong, strong for Jesus. Tell my children to pray more when they feel weak and tired. Through prayer one will be given the strength needed for each new battle. Many battles will arise due to the sins of this world. Each battle will be won if you pray and stay close to Jesus' most Sacred Heart. Each battle will be won if you persevere and do God's will. With proper armor and willingness to live your faith the enemy will flee.

Each time you pray the Rosary Satan loses ground. Satan cannot survive wherever there is prayer, prayer from one's heart. So please remember each time you are tempted to take the easier road, pray more. Each time you feel like giving up, turn to Jesus. Jesus will truly help you if you turn to Him and ask, ask for guidance.

Look to Jesus and you will be given much peace. Look to Jesus and you will be given the grace and strength needed to persevere. Cooperate and keep your hearts open to God's mercy and love. Cooperate and return to the Sacraments if you have fallen away.

Believe in God's goodness and grace. Believe and turn to Him and give Him your life. This is the time to believe in God and to trust, trust in His loving care. This is the time to go forth and live, live God's word. Amen.

Our prayer life flows from our faith. This is true of each one of us personally. It is also true of the Church. The official prayers of the Church flow from its faith which Jesus promised would never fail. If our personal prayer life is weak it is because our faith is weak. If our faith is weak it is because we have not been nourishing it with a solid prayer life and meditating on the Gospel.

Pope St. Celestine I (422-32) said: "Legem credendi statuit lex orandi" (The rule of prayer determines the rule of faith). By this is meant that the divine liturgy of the Church is the most effective means of preserving and interpreting the

true faith. It is often quoted simply, "Lex credendi, lex orandi."

I have studied the messages Little Mary has received well, knowing her simplicity, and because of her active nature and then sufferings, there is little reading she has been able to do in her life. She would be emotionally and intellectually incapable of making up the messages. Even one trained in scholastic philosophy and theology and experienced in writing would hardly be able to sit down each day and write very quickly, without hesitation or labored thought, what she had written almost daily for years. Then she is usually unaware that what she writes is also, not infrequently, to be found in Sacred Scripture.

St. Clement's "The rule of prayer determines the rule of faith" is found in the Blessed Mother's words in this book where again and again she stresses faith and prayer, the reading of the Gospels, the Sacraments. "Strength will be given to those who pray and persevere. So please tell my children to stay strong, strong for Jesus. Tell my children to pray more when they feel weak and tired. Through

prayer one will be given the strength needed for each new battle."

# October 8, 2003, Wednesday

My daughter,

Continue to pray for world peace so more turn to God and repent of their wicked ways. Much fighting is taking place all around this world because many do not carry love in their hearts. The Gospel must be spread or man will see much more bloodshed. The Gospel must be spread or man will see even a greater war. Conversion cannot happen if my children don't take heed to the Gospel.

Today, you must each go forth and share your faith. You must reach out to all your brothers and sisters. You must love one another and be true servants for Our Lord. You must each do your part in order to make a difference in this darkened world. Prayer,

prayers from your heart will draw others closer to Our Lord.

Family prayer will strengthen you and it will truly help those children who are living a lukewarm faith. Prayer is your protection, so please gather your children and take heed to my motherly requests. Gather our children and make time for family prayer. Peace must first begin in your homes before it can be spread across this world. Peace cannot happen if families don't join hands and pray. This is the time to take hold of your family, so do not delay.

My chosen sons must wake their flock. They must stress the importance of praying together as a family. They must teach their flock that the Rosary is a powerful weapon when prayed as a family. Please, please make it known to pray and meditate on the mysteries of the Rosary.

Each time my children gather and pray, I will truly intercede for you. I will unite my prayers with yours and I will truly protect you. This world is in need of prayer, prayers

from one's heart. Now, let us join hands and pray today so more gather for family prayer. Let us pray for all cardinals, bishops and priests so they teach their flock the importance of praying, praying the Rosary.

Now, please pray with me and take refuge in my Immaculate Heart. Pray with me and recite your Rosary, for this will help heal the world. Go now as prayerful children and give thanks to God for allowing more time to pray for the sins of this world. Amen.

"Many do not carry love in their hearts." That is why our Blessed Mother came to Fatima with her Immaculate Heart, I was told by Bishop John Venancio, which goes back to the third last bishop of Fatima at the time of the publication of this book. In the 17th century when mankind had grown cold to love of God, the Sacred Heart of Jesus came to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, His apostle of the love of God for us. In 1917, toward the beginning of the 20th century, not only had love for God grown cold but love for fellow man as well. Thus there were two World Wars in the 20th century and many other wars because of lack of love for fellow man. We hear our Blessed Mother say here: "The Gospel must be spread or man will see even a greater war." Obviously, we must foster the Gospel of life and Gospel of love.

"You must each go forth and share your faith." Each one of us must have the spirit of evangelization. Even with the limited number of testimonials in this book of people affected by the messages given to Little Mary, you will discover how they picked up a spirit of evangelism to reach out to others. "You must each do your part in order to make a difference in this darkened world." Our active efforts to reach out must always be accompanied by prayer.

Then heavenly Mother Mary emphasizes "family prayer." We just must "make time for family prayer." Excuses come easily. Would parents rather have their children falling for drugs, permissive sex, dropping out of Church and away from the Sacraments? So "Make time for family prayer." If you want peace in your family—"make time."

And now for priests, "my chosen sons." How often has the author-compiler heard complaints that sermons are insipid, generic, say little and hardly ever challenge? As a young 27-year-old man said to me: "Just once I would like to hear a priest say that fornication, artificial birth control, and missing Mass on Sunday are mortal sins. I did not know any of this until I was 21 years old and something motivated me to study my faith on my own."

Is it surprising that the Mother of the Church here is calling upon "all cardinals, bishops and priests so they teach their flock the importance of praying, praying the Rosary? October to October, 2002-2003, was the Year of the Rosary. Some dioceses made some effort, especially toward the end of the Year of the Rosary. Why did not the bishops' conference take it up at their very first meeting after the Pope dedicated that year to the Rosary? We must pray for our shepherds.

# October 9, 2003, Thursday

My daughter,

Spend time with Jesus, for He longs to hear from you each new day. Spend time in adoration and give thanks to God for the many blessings He has bestowed on you and your family.

Today, I want all my children to be grateful for all that God has done in our lives. Be grateful and give thanks to God, for He truly, truly loves each of you. America has been truly blessed, but all can be taken away if my children deny that God exists. This is why I am telling each of you to turn to God and be a more thankful people.

I have been telling you to pray more and to cleanse your soul. Those who are truly doing what I ask are truly pleasing God. Those who are coming to Mass as often as they can are on the right path. The foolish are those who have allowed their lives to become too busy for God. They are not praying or using their time wisely to prepare their souls.

Dear children, you must change your ways and be more appreciative for this time in which God has allowed. You must let go of your desires and spend more time with Jesus. You must not neglect your soul. You must be truly sorry for your sins. How can God forgive you if you do not ask for forgiveness? How can God strengthen you if you refuse to receive the Sacraments?

God cannot teach you if you refuse to listen, listen to Him. God is not happy when He sees so many children living in sin. It is time now to trust in God and to ask, ask for His assistance. It is time now to obey, obey all of God's Commandments. There is no longer time to be living in sin. Begin today and take heed to the Gospel. Begin today and examine your conscience. Be truly sorry for your sins and do penance every day.

Be truly grateful each time you can come to Mass and receive Jesus. Don't take this time for granted. Be a more thankful people. Thank God each time you are able to share those gifts God has blessed you with. Thank God by truly giving all honor and glory to Him. Thank God by truly kneeling more and praying, praying from your heart. Today, I must remind my children to be more thankful for each new day.

Now, please let go of pride and be more humble. Let go of your ways and spend more time with Jesus. Imitate Christ by truly picking up your cross and being vessels of love. Live the Gospel and love, love one another. Live the Gospel and allow my Son to dwell, dwell in you.

This message is for all my children, so please take heed and go forth and live God's Word. Amen.

We know from the Gospel how important it is with God that we thank Him for blessings. The ungrateful nine of the ten lepers speak loudly. "Were not ten made clean? Where are the other nine?"

America has been singularly blessed. But how ungrateful we are when the land is permeated with pornography of the media; when the internet offers pornography that poisons even the minds of mature men and ruins their marriages. Many young people, ten years of age and younger, are logging into this poison. Then legislatures debate and approve of same sex "marriages." Civilization is endangered and God's wrath could easily fall on our country. In February, 2004, many hundreds of same-sex partners were lining up to obtain marriage licenses and the media showed some being "married." In truth what they were doing defies the very basic meaning of marriage and calls down the curse given Sodom and Gomorrah.

How can God forgive us if we do not ask for forgiveness?" How can God forgive the sins of many who do not even recognize that they are sinning because they have lost the sense of sin? Many do not listen to God's Word or the teachings of His Church. Their hearts are closed.

The crosses that come into our life should be accepted and offered for the conversion of such sinners. When we are in the state of grace we have the very Person of Jesus Christ dwelling in us.

## October 13, 2003, Monday

My daughter,

Just as the Fatima children suffered, so too will you, for you have been chosen by God. You have been chosen to suffer for the conversion of those souls who are choosing darkness. Your suffering will be manifested in different ways, but God shall give you the grace needed to carry your cross. My Son and I will always be with you through all trials, suffering and persecution.

God is asking all His children to suffer for sharing their faith. God is asking each child to pick up their cross and follow Jesus. God is asking each of you to turn to Him when you feel alone or afraid. God shall be your strength and you will be given much joy no matter how others treat you. All the saints in heaven suffered for living their faith, so be willing, dear children, to do all that you can for Christ. Be willing to go forth and live the Gospel so more convert before it's too late.

In order to bear fruit, you must be willing to do your part for the salvation of souls. You must be true servants and use your hands and voice for Christ. You must pray and fast and obey all of God's commandments. You must live, live the Beatitudes. By your example, much fruit shall be produced all around this world. Those who do not understand my role on this earth do not look at the fruit that is being produced through prayer and recitation of the Rosary. They fail to see the goodness when my children gather and pray. Their hearts are closed to those who have been healed by Almighty God.

Many today are testing God, instead of being a thankful people. Many are denying that God truly exists. Many doubt that I, your heavenly Mother, am here because of God's love for you. Many are not listening to God's warnings because they are not taking heed to the Gospel. They fail to see the evil that is taking place in this world.

Dear children, Satan wants you to doubt and deny Christ. Satan does not want prayer and he is truly trying to destroy those groups that I have formed. Satan will do all that he can to pull you away from your heavenly Father and Mother. Satan will not quit until his time is up, so please take refuge in Jesus' Heart. Take refuge in my Immaculate Heart and believe, believe in God's plan. Believe in God's love and mercy and accept my role on this earth. Accept all that I am teaching you, for it is truly, truly the Gospel.

In time, all will see their soul and many, many will have a change of heart. Many will feel much pain when they see Jesus' wounded Heart. Many will come running back to Church and they will laugh no more at those groups that I have formed. So, continue on, my children, and do what God and I are asking of you. Do all that you can now, for the time is drawing near. God's Justice will prevail, so stay strong and live a holy life.

Live each moment for Jesus. Live all that I am teaching you now. Each day is truly a gift to you, so respond, prepare and do your part for the salvation of souls.

I am your heavenly Mother; I am truly here for each of you. I love, love all my children and today I am with you in a very special way. Amen.

I can appreciate what Mother Mary is saying here about "the Fatima children suffering," for I spent at least 20 years studying their lives. I wrote the book *Blessed Jacinta and Blessed Francisco of Fatima* as a result. Also I was able to publish the book, translated from the Portuguese: *The Intimate Life of Sister Lucia*—the rights to this book given me by Fr. Antonio Martins, S.J., the priest who first had published in three languages the memoirs of Sr. Lucia, now largely known and distributed as *Fatima in Lucia's Own Words*.

The sufferings of each of the three little shepherd children were intense and for Sr. Lucia even into the convent. People imagine that when one is chosen as a messenger they have a glorious heavenly life already on earth. The truth is their sufferings are intense. Their faith and love are sorely tried.

"We must be heroic and willing to suffer martyrdom to preserve our faith." I say this often to members of the Fatima Family Apostolate. In the above message Blessed Mother says: "God is asking all His children to suffer for sharing their faith. God is asking each child to pick up their cross and follow Jesus. . . ."

"You must live, live the Beatitudes. By your example, much fruit shall be produced all around this world." From time to time the Mother of the Church reminds us to live the Beatitudes in these messages. They exemplify the ideal Christian life and mean more than obeying the Ten Commandments.

When I personally talked to Pope John Paul II on July 25, 1980, and asked him for advice for my work with youth and the Fatima Apostolate, he said: "You must make your work in the spirit of the first sermon on the Mount"

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The Catechism of the Catholic Church says the Beatitudes depict the countenance of Jesus Christ and portray his charity. The Beatitudes express the charity of all Christians as we relate to the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

- Blessed are the poor in spirit. Don't be attached to material things. Resist a spirit of consumerism. Sanctifying grace and the attitudes of our soul is all we take with us to determine our place in heaven.
- Blessed are those who mourn.... Accept sufferings, unite them to the sufferings of Jesus Christ for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for sinners, then you'll be happy forever in heaven.
- Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth. The proud and envious don't go to heaven without repentance. The humble do. The proud, those who seek power, control, ultimately end their lives in disaster.
- Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Are we really hungry for truth and do we live rightly, wanting others to know and live the truth? No one goes to heaven alone.
- Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy. St. Maria Faustina, the Apostle of Mercy taught us not only to trust in Jesus but that we must be merciful to others. Then we will receive God's mercy.
- Blessed are the pure of heart, they shall see God. Sacred Scripture tells us that no one can see God and live upon this earth. Our heart could not take it. But in heaven we shall see God face to face and our hearts will be full of happiness. We must be pure in thought, word and deed to attain heaven.
- Blessed are the peacemakers, they shall be called children of God. Do we make peace with those around us. Or do we cause turmoil, suspicions?
- Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Consider the lives of the saints. They suffered and were persecuted in many cases. A good sign one is right with God is if you are attacked for standing up for the truth.

"Woe to you when all men speak well of you. Blessed are you when men revile you on my account. Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven" (Luke and Matt.).

#### October 15, 2003, Wednesday

My daughter,

Please continue to write and relay my messages, for they are the truth. They will touch the hearts of those who are open to hearing the truth. They will help those who truly want to live a holy life.

I am asking my children today to join hands, for the enemy is strong. I am asking that you continue forward with love and hope in your hearts. I am asking that you stay strong, strong for Jesus. My Son will truly assist those who desire to seek His Kingdom and live, live His holiness.

God is your strength, so please turn to Him instead of the world. Turn to God and you shall be given the grace needed to be loving, humble children. Turn to God and you will be given the grace needed to persevere. Turn to God and be dependent on His love and mercy. There is no time to turn away from God, so please, please remain close to Him.

Remain childlike and embrace each cross that is given to you. Remain loving towards those who dislike you. Remain strong and do not be bothered by those who are living in darkness. Remain faithful to daily Mass and pray and meditate on the mysteries of the Rosary. This is how you will obtain peace through all trials, suffering and persecution.

Work together and never stop loving Jesus. Pray with one another and continue to gather in those groups that I have formed. Continue to gather and love, love one another. This is the time to move forward, so please respond and do your part with love and joy in your hearts. Amen.

One must be open to the truth to be touched by the messages from the Heart of our Mother. All the help, all the strength we need in today's secular world will be given us if we turn to God with an attitude of dependency on Him and His mercy.

Remain childlike.... "Unless you be converted and become like little children, you shall not inherit the kingdom of heaven."

The Blessed Mother wants everyone who can possibly participate in daily Mass to do so and also pray the meditated Rosary daily. They we will then have peace through all trials, sufferings, and persecution.

# October 17, 2003, Friday

My daughter,

There is much evil taking place all around this world, so be on guard and stay close, close to Jesus' Most Sacred Heart. Remain prayerful and keep your heart open to what God is asking you to do. Do not allow fear to pull you away from God. Ask for God's loving assistance when you feel weak and tired. God will be your strength, so remember, trust, trust in His loving guidance. Have confidence in His love and trust in His assistance to help you each new day. The more confident and trusting you are in God, you will have peace, peace in your heart.

Today, I must remind my children that you are weak without God. You must look to God for knowledge and truth. You must desire God's Will. You must be patient, patient people and never step ahead of God. You must rely on God and obey His laws. You must

be loyal to Him and trust in His love and mercy for you. Your focus needs to to be fully on God, not on this world. You must take Jesus with you wherever you go.

Please, dear children, strive to be like Jesus. Let go of any pride that you are harboring in your heart. Let go of your worldly ways and be loving, humble children. Let go now so that change can begin in you. Change cannot happen until you let go and truly turn to God. God gives you the freedom to choose, but it is up to you to be wise and to live saintly lives.

You are each called to live a holy life, so begin today. Begin and surrender your will to God. Pray and keep close to Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Come to Mass often and be attentive to the Gospel. Be attentive and then live, live all that God is teaching you.

Now, please accept God's love and assistance and be joyful, loving children. Be joyful and accept your cross and do what God is asking of you. God knows what is best for your soul, so please allow my Son to assist you so peace and love dwell in you.

I am here to bring you closer to Jesus, so please respond, live your faith and I will truly, truly protect you. A response is needed in order for evil to be destroyed, so please do your part by truly relying on God. Amen.

Many are so gradually desensitized that they do not even realize the great increase in evil all around them. They begin to accept evil as normal and even fall into it themselves. Our Blessed Mother does not want this to happen to her children. If we stay close to Jesus' Most Sacred Heart by developing a personal relationship with Jesus and Mary's Immaculate Heart we will then not become desensitized to evil. We will then remain strong in Jesus.

We must look to God and His holy Church for knowledge and truth, especially the constant teachings of our holy father, the pope. If in our particular parish the truth is not proclaimed strongly, but only generic sermons and catechetical courses are given, then we especially need to be reading good and strong Catholic publications which are loyal to the pope and the magisterium of the church. We must teach our children in the home ourselves. We must teach our children at home even when the parish has a good catechetical program. Take nothing for granted.

We are all called to holiness. There is no excuse. If we come to Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, to the Sacrifice of the Mass and be attentive to the Real Presence, the Real Sacrifice of the Cross perpetuated, and listen to God's Word in the Gospel, then we will be able to live all that God is teaching us.

# October 21, 2003, Tuesday

My daughter,

How I weep for those souls who continue to reject God's mercy and grace. I weep for those who are choosing darkness, for darker days await them. Many will suffer if they do not repent and amend their ways. Many will suffer because they will not know who to turn to when God shakes this earth.

The time will come, so please continue to gather and pray. Pray for those who are refusing to come to know Jesus. Pray for those who have allowed themselves to become dependent on their wealth. Pray from your hearts and welcome each child who comes, comes to this Church. Welcome each person and be kind and loving to those around you. Your love and prayers will help those who are suffering in any way. Your love and prayers will help them convert before it's too late.

There is much work that needs to be accomplished, so please put on your armor and be true soldiers of Christ. Be true to God and allow Him to use you in these times. Be patient and loving and put on your armor of love. Keep your focus on Jesus and do not allow the world to pull you away from Him. Do not allow the enemy to advance. Be on guard and remain prayerful. Look to God and pray, pray throughout the day.

Pray for those who are speaking the truth. Pray for my chosen sons. Their job is not easy and it will become harder in days to come. Many will suffer for living their Catholic faith. It is time now to join hands and pray, so please work together and light the way for others. Do all that you can now, so more come to know our dear Lord Jesus. I am truly with you each time you pray, so be not afraid. Be not be afraid to live, live your Catholic faith.

God will strengthen you each new day if you trust and turn to Him, so begin today and abandon yourself to His Will. Begin today so you are ready and prepared for each new battle. Go now with peace in your hearts and be a loving people. Amen

The Immaculate Heart of Mary sheds tears of sorrow, even of blood, for souls who live in the darkness of sin and do not avail themselves of this time of mercy

and grace. Their souls are ugly beyond one's imagination.

Various statues of Mary, actually analyzed after miraculous occurrences, in various parts of the world, have been known to shed tears, even blood. When the big trial comes those souls living in constant darkness will not know what to do, where to turn. Our Blessed Mother reminds us that the "time will come, so please continue to gather and pray." Warnings of punishments to befall the earth because of the sins of mankind have been frequent. We can continue to pray that conversions will stop this from happening. It is difficult to be optimistic that the punishment will not come when we know ourselves of the sinfulness around us and in the world.

Many who suffer and are lonely need not only our prayers but for us to reach out and encourage and welcome them to our prayer groups. Be patient and loving. Put on your armor of love, Blessed Mother tells us. Keep your focus on Jesus. Do not get distracted by the world, the media, all trying to pull us away.

Why would the Blessed Mother say: "Pray for those who are speaking the truth. Pray for my chosen sons"? She tells us why. "Their job is not easy and it will become harder in days to come. As a priest-author and for  $48^{1}/_{2}$  years working as a parish priest, who has tried to hold the line on true faith and morals, I can tell you it is not easy. How seldom have people bothered to offer encouragement and say "Thank you, Father." It has happened occasionally when thoughtful people have reached out to encourage the priest. It is greatly encouraging and makes a priest want to continue and try harder.

# October 22, 2003, Wednesday

My daughter,

God cannot heal those who have no faith or who refuse to pray, so tell my children to believe in God's love and mercy. Tell my children to pray and turn to God so that conversion can happen. A repentant heart is how conversion will happen. A repentant heart is how you will be drawn closer to my Son, Jesus. Repent and believe in the Gospel. Repent and let go of all evil. Repent so that God can heal you and nourish, nourish your soul.

My daughter, this world is in need of much repentance, for many are living in darkness. Many have fallen away from the Sacraments and are ignoring God. Many do not realize that time is short on this earth. Time is short, yet many are sleeping and ignoring God's warnings to mankind. I have but little time to wake those who are sleeping, so please continue to write and relay my messages. Continue to use those gifts God has given you so more repent and turn to God.

With the help of my children, more souls can be saved. With the help of my priests, my children will cleanse their soul. My children will come to know the truth. My children will understand that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Yes, more will take heed to the Gospel with the help of my children and chosen sons. Please let go of fear and allow God's love to pour forth from your hearts. Let go of all fear and be willing to be persecuted for sharing and living, living your faith.

Pray and live your faith so your hearts shine, shine for my Son. Through prayer and obedience to God, souls can be saved.

Now, please carry hope in your hearts so you go forth as God's chosen children. Offer your prayers and penance in reparation for the world. Offer your suffering and sacrifices for the salvation of souls. This is what God is asking of each of you, so wonder no more. Do your part. Be true servants for our Lord. Amen.

We see a continuation of what we explained in the previous message: "Legem credendi statuit lex orandi" (The rule of prayer determines the rule of faith). Here our holy Mother Mary says: "Pray and live your faith so your hearts shine, shine for my Son. Through prayer and obedience to God, souls can be saved."

When Little Mary received the message of October 30, 2003, although she had already suffered much, physically and in her soul, she did not realize what laid ahead of her for the month of November. I had received the message for October 30 about Little Mary being a "victim soul" before the developments of November, 2003, although it was known that the new pastor had already told the spiritual advisor that he wanted him to go with him to see the bishop. No indications were given as to why.

# October 30, 2003, Thursday, 7:50 A.M. "You are a Victim Soul."

My Daughter,

I am with you so be at peace and know that you are not alone. God shall be your strength so please, please stay hopeful. God knows how much you can endure, so please

carry each new cross with joy and offer your suffering for the salvation of souls.

You are a Victim Soul, so be grateful for each new cross. Many saints suffered tremendously, yet they stayed faithful to God. They stayed faithful to God because they were given the grace and strength needed to endure suffering and persecution. Much strength will be given to those who are willed to be persecuted for sharing their faith. Much strength will be given to those who obey God and who live, live his Commandments. So today I ask that my children be brave and loyal to Our Lord. I ask that you each pick up your cross no matter how difficult it may seem. I ask that you rely on God to help you so that you do not try to carry your cross alone.

Each time you ask for assistance believe that God hears your prayers. Believe that God is with you and that you never have to carry your cross alone. Believe and turn to

him and trust in his love and mercy. Ask for guidance in everything that you do. Ask and I promise you peace and joy will be given, given to you.

God's mercy is endless so believe now in God's love that he has for each of you. There is hope for those who trust in Jesus so be confident, persevere and trust in his unending love. Amen.

A victim soul is a person especially chosen by God to suffer more than most people during their life. A victim soul generously accepts the suffering in union with Jesus Christ.

Since for several years I have had communication with Little Mary each week, often even daily, and she found it somehow easy to communicate with me as I would strive to keep up her sense of humor, I became well aware of her state of victimhood. The spiritual advisor too was well aware of the sufferings. I do not think that any church pastor or diocesan official has had any knowledge of this.

There have been physical sufferings—at times prolonged and extremely painful. But the sufferings of the soul have been equally—even more—painful. She would offer these up for the conversion of sinners to heal the wounds of Jesus in His Mystical Body.

## November 3, 2003, Monday

My daughter,

Many souls need prayers, so continue to pray for those who are living and deceased. Pray each new day for then many souls will be saved and more will repent before it is too late. Prayer is so important, so never give up on prayer. Never give up on prayer for this is what Satan wants so more turn away from God.

God is asking all of his children to pray, so please obey and make more time for prayer. Make time to pray from your hearts for then I will intercede for you. I will lead you closer to my Son, but you in turn must pray and build your relationship with him. You must fast and pray and converse with God. You must spend quiet time with our Lord and then respond to what he is telling you. You must not let others distract you. You must keep your focus on Jesus. You must keep your hearts open to God's love and mercy that he has for each of you.

You must not carry doubt in your hearts. You must believe that God truly hears your prayers. All things are possible with God so trust, trust dear children, in his loving care. Trust in his guidance and ask, ask for assistance. Now please honor my Son and carry Jesus with you wherever you go. Amen.

St. Luke the Evangelist begins the 18th chapter of his Gospel with: "And he told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart." The parable ends this way: "And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

St. Luke began this account as praying always and ends with the question whether "When the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?" There is this direct connection between prayer and faith and holy Mother Mary keeps pleading for prayer. "You must believe that God truly hears your prayers."

## November 4, 2003, Tuesday, 7:30 A.M.

My daughter,

Satan is attacking the youth and all must join hands and pray, pray for them. Many are on the wrong road and they are leading others astray. Many are caught in the serpent's tail and they need to be rescued before it's too late. How I weep when I see so many youth living in sin. I weep because many are not prepared to see their soul.

Many more cult groups are forming all around this world. Today I am asking parents to pray more for their children. I am asking each of you including Religious to get down on your knees and pray more. Only through prayer and by your example will evil

be destroyed. You are each called to pray, so please, please, pray more.

Satan's venom is poisonous and he is grasping those children who are choosing darkness. The youth need to understand that Satan exists and that he is their enemy. The youth need to be taught how to armor themselves so they are protected on this earth. Many children today are not being taught at home. Many children are not hearing the truth from the pulpit. Many children are not being cared for in the proper way.

Dear chosen sons, please wake your flock. Let the world know that evil exists and that without prayer and the proper armor many will sink deeper, deeper into the pit. Many will fall further away from God if they don't repent and give their life to him.

Dear chosen sons, your voice is needed so do not deny the truth. Speak from your heart and share all that I am teaching you. Tell your flock the importance of praying the Rosary. Tell your flock that evil can be destroyed through family prayer. Tell your flock that much more evil will enter this world if families don't join hands and pray, pray more.

Don't allow Satan to become even more powerful. Use your hands and voice for Christ. Use the knowledge God has given you and be strong soldiers for Christ. Come out of hiding and assist the youth. Allow my Son to use you in these times. Strive to be like Jesus and imitate his ways. Don't allow fear to rule your life. Assist me, assist me now for time is running out. Assist my children by truly speaking the truth. All must wake in this time period in which God has so graciously allowed. All must do their part so more souls see heaven instead of hell. Hell is not where I want my children to go but I am warning you Satan is grasping souls. Satan is doing all that he can to turn my children away from God.

Now please join hands and work together. Join hands and pray and allow the Holy Spirit to guide you each new day. I will truly, truly assist you so be willing to do what God is asking of you. Be willing to be persecuted for sharing and living your faith. The time is now, so respond with love, love in your hearts. Amen.

Our Blessed Mother seems to indicate with greater urgency in the various messages that time is running out. God may have to permit great punishments to befall the earth, therefore to mankind, to awaken people. At various times the expression is used that people will see their souls. What they see, for many, will be horrible.

There is a true account of a priest in the United States, and he testified to this live on the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) some years ago, that whereas the people of his parish did not know it, he was in fact living in mortal sin. He had had warnings by accidents before. but did not repent. One day he was in a fatal collision with a truck. He described in detailed the condition of his body in that car that was crushed.

He heard himself judged. The priest heard Jesus Christ announce that he was

destined for hell. He heard Jesus say he was sentenced to hell. He knew such was justice and had no excuse for thinking otherwise as he knew he was in mortal sin. Then he heard a woman's voice. It was the voice of the Mother of Jesus pleading with her Son Jesus to give him another chance. Jesus at first said "No. His sentence is hell." His Blessed Mother kept pleading for her beloved son.

Finally Jesus agreed with His Mother that the priest of that horrible accident could be permitted to return to earth for another last chance. When he awoke in a hospital he wore so many kinds of braces and headgear that he could not move any part of his body for many months. He was, as it were, racked out bodily like in a hell. Thus he suffered for many months with much time to think and repent.

When finally he was able to return to active life he was deeply repentant and

doing all he could to call souls, priests in particular, to a holy life.

You can be sure that priest can appreciate these words of our Blessed Mother: "Dear chosen sons, your voice is needed so do not deny the truth. Speak from your heart and share all that I am teaching you. Tell your flock the importance of praying the Rosary. Tell your flock that evil can be destroyed through family prayer. Tell your flock that much more evil will enter this world if families don't join hands and pray, pray more."

There are multiple thousands of lay people who do not pray. There are some priests who pray little, even omitting their daily Divine Office (Liturgy of the Hours) and not say daily Mass every day if not assigned or if it is their day off.

Our Blessed Mother is not only telling priests in these messages to live a prayerful life but by example and word to lead their people: "Dear chosen sons, your voice is needed so do not deny the truth. Speak from your heart and share all that I am teaching you. Tell your flock the importance of praying the Rosary. Tell your flock that evil can be destroyed through family prayer. Tell your flock that much more evil will enter this world if families don't join hands and pray, pray more."

# November 10, 2003, Monday, 7:40 A.M.

My daughter,

Groups must continue to form all around this world for much prayer is needed. Prayer is needed because many are not doing their part and they are not living a life that is pleasing to God. Many today are on the wrong path because they are not being fed the truth.

The truth, dear children, is you cannot have a personal relationship with Jesus if you are choosing to live in mortal sin. You cannot grow if you are living a lukewarm life. Each new day you must hunger for truth and allow God to guide you. You must be willing to follow Jesus and imitate his ways. You must let go of your ways and be humble servants for our Lord. You must detach yourself from all that is worldly in order to embrace God's love for you.

Your material wealth is not what will get you to heaven. It is your love and true devotion for Jesus and your desire to truly please my Son. It is not pleasing to God when you are dependent on your wealth. It is not pleasing to God when you are choosing to go your separate way. You must be like Christ and live, live a holy life. You must live the Gospel and obey God. You must cleanse your soul and be truly sorry for your sins. You must be hungry children and receive the Sacraments.

You must not reject God's love. You must accept his words and allow God to dwell in

you. You must not abuse the freedom God has given you.

Now please do the will of God and do as I ask. Do all that you can and be true apostles for Christ. Avoid temptation and stay close to Jesus' Most Sacred Heart. Be clean and pure in your words, thoughts and actions. Let go of pride and remember you are weak without God's assistance.

Now please practice all that I am teaching you and be role models to each other. Be loving, humble and compassionate and seek God's direction in your lives. The road will not seem as difficult if you turn to God with trust in your hearts. Now go forth and be fruitful and live each day for Jesus Christ. Amen.

In the message above the Mother of the Church is speaking plainly to her children to live lives of prayer and purity, to repent and receive the Sacraments frequently and worthily. Purity must exist in thoughts, words and actions. By a life of prayer one will become hungry for Jesus, to receive Him in the Sacraments.

Our Blessed Mother occasionally expresses her delight at the formation of many small prayer-groups. In the area where Little Mary lives many Fatima Family Apostolate prayer-groups have formed. Our Blessed Mother wants this to continue on a much wider scale for so many are hungry, not being fed. They need such associations and encouragement of others as prayer-study groups.

People must overcome the modern tendency to consumerism, wanting more of the things of this world. Wealth will not bring happiness. A life of prayer and developing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ will bring happiness in this life and for eternity.

# November 14, 2003, Friday, 7:30 A.M.

My daughter,

These messages are given for a reason and my children must respond now. My children must take shelter in Jesus' Most Sacred Heart. My children must repent and prepare now.

The United States will suffer, suffer greatly if man continues to choose darkness. Darker days will come and all will need to be in a state of grace. Many terrorists roam this earth and they have plans to attack. God is warning his children now, yet many are not listening. God is warning his children now, so please wake your neighbor. Rescue those who are living in sin and go forth and speak the truth in love. Go forth in love and share my words so more turn to Jesus.

Be an example and live your faith so more come to know God's love and mercy. There is no longer time to be doubting in the many messages that are being given across this world. All must take heed and do their part so more repent and amend their ways. All must come to know Jesus now so they are prepared for God's mercy and justice.

Your mission, dear children, is to spread your faith and be light to this world. Your mission is to live your vocation and to live saintly lives. Your mission cannot be fulfilled

if you are unwilling to pick up your cross.

Please live out your apostolic mission and share your faith wherever you go. Share your love of knowing Jesus and invite others to those groups that I have formed. Live, live the Gospel and be true apostles in these times. Appreciate the gifts God has given you by truly using them.

Now please, dear children, stay awake. Stay on the path that will lead you to heaven. Stay strong in your faith and be open to God's will in your lives. The path will soon become more difficult, so stay close to my Son so he can guide you.

Receive Jesus as often as you can for then this peace of knowing my Son will not leave you. Much strength will be given to you and you will see light no matter how

dark it becomes.

Now please pray for your country. Pray for courage so you never give up or give in to the enemy. Prayer is the answer. Prayer and sacrifice is what I am asking of each one of you. Please, please respond, Amen.

Little did Little Mary know that before the day was up a very heavy cross would be laid upon her whereby she indeed would be tempted to give up. It would be a part of the "Victim Soul" our Lady mentioned on October 30.

It was the privilege of the author who compiled this book to be away on missions a good portion of the month of October, 2003. It was the concluding month for the "Year of the Rosary." I had been asked to speak at a Rosary Rally for Brooklyn-Queens in New York City. From there I went on to the new contemplative Benedictine monastery of the Solesmes founded out of Fontgombault, France, in the Dom Gueranger tradition. Begun in 1997, it is located about 50 miles from Tulsa, Oklahoma. I spent close to 10 days with these monks during which time I was a retreatmaster for their annual retreat. The Solesmes are famous for their Gregorian Chant.

The Solesmes monks are in their chapel for choir by 5:15 a.m. to chant the Divine Office. Seven times a day they file into the choir stalls of their chapel to render praises to God in the most beautiful Gregorian Chant. The entire Divine Office of the Hours of the Liturgy is chanted throughout the day concluding with Compline or evening prayer at 8:30.

The Solesmes monks are always in their habit, even when they do physical hard labor about the monastery, tending the farm, etc. I was able to witness the beginning of the foundation of their new church. It was being built to last a thousand years with its thick two-and-half-foot concrete walls. Without funds but with much faith and trust in God, one can believe the miracle beginning to take place will come to pass.

The name of the new Solesmes foundation in Oklahoma is Our Lady of the Annunciation of Clear Creek (Humbert, Oklahoma), sometimes shorted to "Our Lady of Clear Creek."

I took the occasion while giving these Solesmes monks the retreat to phone Little Mary, just in case our Blessed Mother would say something through Little Mary as we talked by phone. This has often happened and it did again.

When I described for Little Mary the intense and sacrificial prayer life and daily schedule of these Solesmes monks and the beauty of their Gregorian Chant our Blessed Mother said: "That is their mission.... Tell them that by their prayers

they are saving many souls."

When I described their obvious great devotion to the Mother of God our Lady intervened again. I had noticed that near the entrance to the chapel was a statue a little less than a meter in height with Mary holding the Christ Child. Many times each day I'd see monks kneeling in prayer before this image of Mary which had been brought from the Solesmes monastery of Fontgombault where it

was venerated for some decades. At times in procession they would go with incense to venerate the image of our Mother of Grace in their modest courtyard for they were still living in temporary quarters. The chapel where people could participate in the divine liturgy and the monks, choir area had once been a barn which they had converted. When I described their obvious love for the Mother of God the Blessed Mother said, through Little Mary, "The reason I am there is because they welcome me."

As a result of my accepting the invitation to give the retreat to the Solesmes Monks in Oklahoma, the Solesmes Sisters in Westfield, Vermont, invited me to give them a retreat in November 2003. Thus I also spent a full ten days in Vermont with these delightful contemplative nuns and was very edified as I had been with the Solesmes monks.

A few weeks after giving the retreat to the Solesmes monks in the Diocese of Tulsa, Oklahoma, I spent a week with "Francis," the man who bears the wound marks in his hands and undergoes the sufferings of Jesus Christ each night between 12:00 and 3:00. [Detailed history of Francis is found in the book titled *Francis*.] As of November, 2003, he had prayed individually over more than 100,000 persons. Healings and many spiritual conversions have happened when Francis has prayed over people. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, have returned to the Sacraments after years.

During the week I spent with "Francis" in November, 2003, he prayed over thousands of people. I offered healing Masses and heard multiple confessions, as did other priests, with many people returning to the Sacraments after years away. When I shared with Francis things Little Mary had shared with me that I felt she could not know or say on her own, Francis admitted that he had not received any interior locutions or messages for years. The last time was some years before when he was with me at Fatima where we stayed in prayer and a retreat for a few weeks. Since he no longer received interior locutions he said, "I am now on my own."

When I talked to Little Mary on November 13, 2003, I mentioned to her that Francis had said that he is now on his own. Almost immediately Little Mary reported to me that Our Lady replied to this by saying: "Tell him, he is not alone." "But" I said, "Francis wonders why he no longer received interior messages."

The next day, November 14, 2003, Little Mary shared with me the response she got from Our Lady as to why Francis no longer receives messages, although he continues to bear the wound marks and suffers extra each Friday and every night between 12:00 and 3:00. He suffers intensely throughout Lent.

Of Francis not receiving messages in recent years Our Lady said: "Through his suffering he is saving many more souls. Tell him the Gospel is embedded in his heart."

Late that same day, November 14, there was shared with me a letter which had been written regarding Little Mary by the auxiliary bishop Paul to the priest/spiritual advisor.

The letter to the spiritual advisor from the bishop was not favorable to Little Mary and mentioned that "confusion and controversy" continue to surround Little Mary's activity and the reading of her "messages." The messages in fact were not being read at the parish, ever since the request not to read them at the parish was made. People met only once a month, first Sunday of the month, at the "Y" building which was rented. The auxiliary bishop was concerned also, at least as expressed in his letter, at claims of physical healings obtained through the agency

of Mary's prayers. Many had written the bishop of the diocese. No explanation

was given as to why there was concern.

The auxiliary bishop said that this situation has been "unsettling" both to parishioners of the parish and to many outside the parish. The "confusion and controversy" and the "unsettling" had not existed so long as the spiritual advisor had been pastor. Indeed, the parish was so large, involving thousands of people, that many parishioners were not even aware of a "Messenger" in their midst or Monday night gatherings at the parish church of hundreds of people each Monday evening for some years.

Little Mary understandably felt devastated after reading the bishop's letter. The spiritual advisor gave her a copy of the letter only on November 14, although

the letter had been written on November 5, 2003.

Now the message of October 30, 2003, about Little Mary being a victim soul became more meaningful. At the same time the weeks before the normally scheduled public meeting for Sunday evening, December 7, 2003, were perhaps the most difficult weeks of Little Mary's life up until that time. She found it most difficult, often impossible, to talk even to close friends. The suffering was intense.

Some time before November 5, 2003, the new pastor had informed the spiritual advisor that both of them would be going to see the bishop. It would seem the concerns expressed by the bishop were more those of the new pastor. The spiritual advisor, a man of few words, did not mention anything to Little Mary or her husband about the contents of the meeting afterwards.

Then on November 14 the spiritual advisor shared with Little Mary and her husband the letter asking him "to urge Mary to forego entirely any further reading of her messages or offering prayers for healing over individual supplicants."

It would seem everyone has the right to pray for others, even for others' healings. It is noted that the bishop did not tell the spiritual advisor to command her to stop praying over people, but that he "urge" her. It would hardly be right for any priest or bishop to command that one not pray for or over others. Prayer from the heart is always in order. It is God who heals, when healings take place. Still, there would be the problem of appearing to disobey and the various interpretations some were giving to the letter.

Little Mary asked me if this meant she could not even pray over her father who was having health problems or the spiritual advisor should either become seriously sick. My response was that I felt it meant meeting with groups of people publicly for the purpose of praying over them individually, not directed to individuals where there was a personal relationship. We can and should always pray for others, especially those near and dear to us. I also thought that the messages should not be read by Little Mary publicly to conform to the letter.

It seemed evident that the contents of the letter were to appease the new pastor who almost from the beginning of his term as pastor was troubled by Little Mary. He had not hesitated to say, "I don't believe you." It seemed to people well acquainted with Little Mary and her mission that the "confusion and controversy" which the bishop saw continuing "to surround Mary's activity and the readings of her 'messages" was rather expressing the new pastor's concerns and activities. It hardly represented the average parishioner in the judgment of many.

If it was held that the messages "do not appear to be of divine origin but rather to result from personal experience and interpretation" it must be said that no scientific or earnest study by authorities had ever been made to conclude that. It was a statement made without evidence or research either way. Early on when he

arrived as the new pastor, the new pastor made it clear he did not believe in Little Mary. Coming to a definitive conclusion would require careful study and investigation over a long period of time, consultations, checking on reports of healings from reliable medical sources, etc. These could take not only months but perhaps years. No effort for such a definitive study or scientific conclusion had ever been made. These statements are not made to criticize but to state as objectively as possible the situation.

On the other hand, those, including the author who compiled this book, and had been in very frequent contact with Little Mary, held that knowledge of Little Mary and her simplicity and natural dispositions would make it impossible for her to have made up and written such frequent messages which continued to be in harmony with the earlier evaluation, however fast paced. It was one meeting of a few hours, of a diocesan commission years before, which concluded that nothing in the messages were contrary to Sacred Scripture or the Magisterial teachings of the Church. The messages were permitted to be read actually within the parish Church for years before the new pastor arrived.

Likewise, there were credible reports of healings, even endangered lives spared. There had been no official investigation into any of these. I am not suggesting that there should have been.

The author recalls Little Mary sharing with him some years ago what the Blessed Mother had revealed to her about some souls which contained information I knew only through the Sacrament of Reconciliation but could not mention, or advert to even indirectly, in listening to her report.

The almost immediate reaction and opinion of those who first saw the November 5, 2003, letter of the bishop was that it had been written to appease the new pastor and reflected the new pastor's personal position and not the parish at large. The bishop was doing his duty.

# November 17, 2003, Monday, 7:30 A.M.

My daughter,

Stay hopeful for I am with you. Each message that you write is truly, truly embedded in your heart. This is why it is so important to write all that I am telling you. My words shall flow from your heart so that you in turn can teach others. This time shall pass, so please stay strong for Jesus. Through your suffering many more souls will be saved. Through your obedience new doors will open. Conversion happens through prayer so continue to pray and offer your suffering for the salvation of souls. Continue to intercede for those who are in need of prayer for then healing shall continue to happen.

No one can stop God, so pray, pray every day. Pray and ask God to heal those who are in need of prayer. Today I urge my children to continue to pray and gather in those groups that I have formed. I ask that you continue to form groups, for you will need each other in times to come. I ask that you come to Mass so you receive the grace needed to stay strong through all trials and persecution. I ask that you bind your Rosaries around this world. I ask that you join hands and work, work together.

Through your response the enemy will flee. Through your response man will see that God's work never ends. Now please be grateful for each new trial and test, for in the end God will be the judge. Now please gather today and be joyful children for God is truly, truly with you.

My daughter, please give this message to your bishop for this message is also for him. Go now with love in your heart and give thanks and glory to God. Amen.

# November 18, 2003, Tuesday, 7:40 A.M.

My daughter,

God's love must continue to shine no matter how dark it becomes. Light will be present around those who have love and joy in their hearts. So be loving, be joyful and live, live your faith. Live each day for Christ and peace shall reign in your hearts.

I am here today to remind you to love, love one another. I am here to remind you that love will bring warmth to a cold heart. Love is the answer. Love is what God is commanding of each of you. Lack of love will only cause much more division. Lack of love is why there is so much turmoil in this world.

So today turn to God and ask him to help you be a more loving people. Turn to God and allow him to remove any hate that is harboring in your hearts. God will touch you in a special way if you turn to him with an open heart. God will show you the way if you have complete trust in him.

Now please follow the example of my Son and be prayerful, humble, loving children. I give you my blessing of love. Accept my love that I have for each of you. Amen.

## November 19, 2003, Wednesday, 7:40 A.M.

My daughter,

My children must not give up for this is what Satan wants all around this world. So today I ask that you do the opposite of what Satan is telling you. I ask that you continue to gather and pray, pray from your hearts. I ask that you keep your focus on Jesus so you have peace through all trials and persecution.

Dear children, do not give in to the ways of the world. Do not give in to those who are attacking those groups that I have formed. Do not give in to compromise; follow Jesus and listen, listen to your most holy Pope. Obey God's Commandments and live, live your faith. Do not listen to those who are making up their own rules to fit their lifestyle.

Abortion is on the rise because many are not obeying all of God's Commandments. Much evil is taking place all around this world because many are giving in to temptation. Many do not want to pick up their cross and follow Jesus. Many today preach the truth but do not live it.

This world is in danger because many are disobeying God's laws. Many are choosing to live in sin because they do not want to repent and amend their ways. What will man do when God shakes this earth? The earth is trembling now. Many earthly changes are happening due to sin and disobedience to Almighty God. God is truly warning his children, yet so many are still sleeping.

Many today are ignoring the signs of these times. Many messages are being given but man is refusing to give their life to God. This time of mercy will not last so do not be fooled by those who are refusing to take heed to the Gospel. Do not be fooled by those who are making up their own rules. Do not be fooled by those who are refusing to live all of God's Commandments. Be not foolish, children, respond to my Motherly requests.

Pray the Rosary and come to Mass as often as you can. Pray, fast and make reparation for sin. Do penance and be truly sorry for your sins. Stay close to Jesus' Most Sacred

Heart so you are not tempted to take the easier road. Keep your souls focused on my Son and not on the ways of the world.

Make daily sacrifices and do all that you can to make the Gospel known. Do not grow lax in serving my Son. Reach out to all your brothers and sisters. Pray for my priests daily for many are being attacked. Many souls need prayer, so gather and pray, pray together.

Each time you pray I will truly be with you. I will be with you through all trials

and storms, so stay calm and continue to do what God and I are asking of you.

Now please be humble, trusting children and go forth in harmony and in love. The way is truly forward, so persevere and remain strong, strong for Jesus. Amen.

In spite of obstacles and difficulties Our Blessed Mother is telling people they must always persevere in faith and prayer. Prayer is an expression of one's faith. The devil works to discourage people, take away all hope, to give up so that they stop praying. If people do not pray they will not have union with God in Jesus Christ.

A response to obstacles and difficulties should never be hatred or any kind of uncharitable response. The devil divides this way and we walk into his trap. If people continue to pray the meditated Rosary, turn to Jesus frequently during each day, participate in the holy Sacrifice of the Mass, receive our Lord devoutly in Holy Communion, then peace and harmony will come.

#### November 26, 2003, Wednesday, 7:40 A.M.

My daughter,

I am truly with you, so feel my presence today. Feel my love that I am pouring down upon you. I truly love all my children, even those who do not understand my role on this earth. My love will continue to pour down upon those who welcome me in their hearts and in their homes.

Those priests who welcome me in their hearts will truly, truly feel my presence. I will assist them if they accept my motherly love and guidance. I will protect them from the evil one if they pray and meditate on the Mysteries of the Rosary.

I invite all of you, my children, to accept my motherly assistance so that I can lead you closer to my Son Jesus. Accept, accept my love and grace. Accept these messages and live them with joy in your hearts. Live them and keep a joyful spirit so more come to know Jesus during this time of mercy.

Through your prayers, sacrifice and fasting, more will come to know my love for

them. More will awake from their slumber if you truly live, live the Gospel.

Hearts will soften if you live in peace and harmony. By your loving example more will gather in those groups that I have formed. Now please fill the church and give praise and glory to my Son. Amen.

On November 26, 2003, Little Mary also received another message which followed the morning message of that day and was given as a personal directive to Little Mary in light of the great sufferings she was going through after the letter from the bishop.

#### November 26, 2003, Wednesday Personal directive.

My daughter,

Your hands are truly needed, so please continue to write and pray with those in need. Continue to go forth for this is truly God's Will. Now please keep this notebook open for these messages are truly for the world. All that you write will be made known, so please write my words without delay. Write each time I come to you so I do not have to repeat myself.

Your spiritual advisor has been chosen for you, so trust, trust in his guidance. TRUST, trust in his guidance and be obedient to God's holy Will. Through obedience and direction God's plans will continue to be fulfilled. Amen.

#### December 1, 2003, Monday, 7:40 A.M.

My daughter,

Peace comes from knowing Jesus, so keep your focus on my Son and believe in his love for you. Those who seek control are not being truthful. They do not turn to God for answers. They are relying on themselves. It is God whom we must place our trust upon. It is God, not man who has the answers.

If man is looking for signs then they are not living their faith. God knows the most perfect time so one must trust and be patient and not lose hope. These messages are God's loving ways to assist his children. These messages are the truth and they will teach those who respond with an open heart. Many today do not want to hear the truth. They do not want to hear the truth because they do not want to change their ways, or lifestyle.

Dear children, you must not allow arrogance to stand in the way. You must learn to love God and be humble, loving children. You must be docile and listen, listen to God. You must not give in to your desires. You must be submissive to Almighty God. You must come to daily Mass as often as you can and truly listen to the Gospel. You must believe in the Sacraments and work hard to keep your soul pure. You must do penance for your sins and choose the path that will lead you to heaven.

Those who preach the truth must also live it. They must reach out to all their brothers and sisters. Each person must live their vocation if they truly want to walk with Christ. A true disciple is one who loves and serves our Lord. In order to be true to God you must build your relationship with him. You must turn to him and pray throughout the day. You must turn away from gossip and spend your time listening to my Son.

If you allow your ears to wander you will not hear God. God is truly speaking to all his children but many today are not listening. Many are not spending enough time with my Son Jesus. Many today do not know how to be silent because they have allowed busyness to rule their life.

Please, dear children, slow down and seek God's direction. Slow down and make time to be with God. Let go of your selfish desires and be obedient to God. Let go of your ways and give yourselves completely to God. By letting go, God will then use you in a powerful way. So today I ask that you thirst for holiness. I ask that you allow God to purify you so that change can happen in your life. I ask that you allow God to be in charge so you never step ahead of what he wants to do in your life.

Now please ask for God's assistance for the time is now to become spiritually strong. This time has been allowed so please be wise and respond, respond now. In time you will understand and if you do your part you will have peace through all storms.

Now please live your faith and be open to all that you are being taught. Faith must begin in your heart, so be open to God's love and plan that he has for each of you. Amen.

Little Mary had been suffering intensely with the actions of those in certain Church positions. I remembered hearing, while in the seminary, if you want to be persecuted by the Church say you are having visions and/or receiving messages from heaven.

The account of the Marian apparitions in December, 1947, at L'Île Bouchard in France (*Bouchard Island* in English) has the favor of the Archbishop of Tours who on December 8, 2001, issued a decree recognizing Bouchard Island as a Marian sanctuary. The prayers of children saved France. The archbishop encouraged pilgrimages there.

At least six books exist in the French language on these Bouchard Island apparitions. Jacqueline, the chief focus among the four children seers, still lives as I assembled this book on Little Mary. Jacqueline was 12 years old at the time and can retell accounts of the apparitions today as clearly as when they happened. In

the only brief translation from the French, the following appears:

"It might here be mentioned that two of the criteria by which the Church tests the genuiness of an apparition are that nothing which occurs should contradict Church doctrine and that the witnesses must be made to suffer by the world, and particularly by representatives of the Church itself. These tests may seem strange, but they are logical. If the Church's claim is true—to have been established by the Son of God himself and to be perpetually inspired by the Holy Spirit—then no supernatural message can possibly be in contradiction with Her teachings. Among these teachings is that of the existence of the Devil. Satan's great strategy is to tempt us into self-destruction. His great tactic is to destroy our faith. He works mightily that we reject true messages and accept false ones. Since all men are sinners, even members of the Church, he has many potential allies.

"What the children had to endure from Fr. Segelle and Sr. Saint-Leon, not to mention their parents and others during the first days of the apparitions, was little compared to what they were later to suffer from certain other religious authorities—to mention only the trials that came to them from that quarter."

While Jesus rarely spoke to Little Mary, compared to the many messages from Our Blessed Mother, the great suffering Little Mary was undergoing in the weeks of November, 2003, seems to have prompted Jesus himself to intervene with a message for her.

## December 2, 2003, Tuesday From Jesus.

My child,

You are not alone, I am with you. Turn to me when you feel alone and I your Lord shall soothe your heart. This is a time of persecution, but also a time of peace. So do not dwell on those who have hurt you for I will never reject you.

I am your strength, so embrace my wounds and continue to suffer for the sins of this world. Continue to suffer and you will be led even closer into my heart.

My child, have courage and do not lose hope. Just rest and believe that I am with you. Trust and believe and go forth in this time of mercy and peace.

Meanwhile the painful weeks were slowly passing for Little Mary who gradually shut off even her close friends for a time because she could not bear to talk about the situation since the letter from the Bishop.. She found it difficult, in addition to serious health problems from which she already suffered for the past year. At the end of January, 2004, she would have serious surgery. She felt that her priest/spiritual advisor just did not understand. She said the same about the author-compiler. Perhaps no one could completely understand who was not as intimately and personally involved as Little Mary, who would continue to be obedient to her spiritual director.

#### December 3, 2003, Wednesday, 7:15 A.M.

My daughter,

Satan loves confusion and disharmony. So be peaceful and continue to light the way for others. Continue to share all that I am teaching you for it is truly embedded in your heart. Continue forth for the truth must be made known. When you gather pray, pray from your hearts. Pray for peace, pray for unity so more will join hands and live the Gospel.

Satan will flee wherever there is prayer. So be prayerful and allow God's love to shine, shine from your hearts. Be prayerful for then peace will dwell in your hearts. Prayer is truly needed so tell my children to pray more. Tell my children that prayer must continue because so much evil has entered this world. Without more prayer darkness will continue to surround the earth. I have been asking each of you to pray more, so please listen now and pray, pray, pray more. Pray for peace and unity to be restored.

As a good Mother I must remind my children to do their part for the salvation of souls. It is time now to respond for there is no time to be lazy, for time is short for saving souls. This time is your time to truly make a difference in this world. God will truly bless each group that gathers and prays and meditates on the Rosary. God will truly bless you, so do not give up or give in to evil.

Do not make excuses, be true to God and give your entire life to him. A response is needed and no one can urge you to stop praying. Amen.

On December 4, I decided to share the following with Little Mary's husband who could decide whether or not to give it to his wife. In fact, he did.

"It is a great test for all of us—and especially for Little Mary—who if she does not respond in faith, trust, and obedience could divide and undo the good work accomplished since 1995.

"I don't believe the Blessed Virgin Mary has ever before spoke so emphatically to Little Mary about listening and obeying her spiritual advisor who was chosen by the Blessed Virgin as spiritual director to Little Mary. Four times the Blessed Virgin Mary says on November 26 to trust—to trust the spiritual director. In this way of obedience and trust—God's Will and plan will be fulfilled. In another way, one's own way, including those of others who advise her that she would not be disobedient by going ahead, doing what obviously she was told by the bishop not to do, then God's plan and

Will will not be accomplished. But to do what the spiritual director says, then God's plan and Will will be fulfilled. This is very clear in the November 26 message.

"Little Mary has a beautiful opportunity now. A series of other approved messages in history show that persecution by the Church is a sign of authenticity. It was true at Fatima and Lourdes. Initial opposition by the Church shows the messages are not concocted by the Church for the Church's own personal interests but eventually points to authenticity. Realized authenticity in those messages which are authentic results if the messenger is obedient. If not obedient, then God's plan and Will will not be fulfilled. Disunity will result.

"The groups our Blessed Mother has formed will become divided when there is disobedience of the messenger. Some will interpret the letter of the bishop one way and/or another way. To find loop-holes—to rationalize—is not obedience or a sign of authenticity.

"Little Mary's big opportunity now is on next Sunday night (December 7, 2003) to call for obedience and unity. To do it another way is to seek control. She should listen to the spiritual director, not a host of people who advise her. It is the essential work and mission of Jesus and Mary, not of Little Mary. She is merely the instrument.

"Little Mary has been told to be patient and follow the spiritual director. In that way God's plan and Will will be accomplished. Let Jesus and Mary work it out. Little Mary will be a tremendous instrument of unity and an example of obedience, if Sunday night, since the regular monthly meeting is on schedule and advertised already, to encourage all who are there and the groups to be obedient, united, to continue to pray.

"This is Little Mary's big opportunity. If she cannot read a report to this effect Sunday night without breaking down, then, she could get someone else to read it for her.

"Little Mary has a great opportunity now to edify, unite, obey. This opportunity if not heeded could never come again. There are histories of private revelations leading to great divisions that continued for years because of the lack of obedience. I believe Little Mary will come through with the right decision."

Fr. Robert J. Fox

I repeatedly thought and said to inquiries that I knew Little Mary would come through with a correct decision of obedience. The sufferings she was obliged to go through were a great occasion of purification for her.

# December 5, 2003, Friday, 7:25 A.M.

My daughter,

It is pertinent that my children walk in faith, hope and love. In order to do this one must trust in God's love and mercy. One must love God more than their [own] desires. One must continue forth strong in faith and light the way for others. Others will know that I am here if you obey God and live, live the beatitudes.

Your response is how others will see Christ in you. So begin today and be joyful, humble, loving children. Begin today so more will turn to Jesus before it's too late.

Each day take my hand and together we will climb God's holy mountain. I am truly here to assist and encourage you, so please respond to my heavenly requests. Respond with love in your hearts no matter how others treat you. Accept everything with joy and I promise you peace will then dwell in your hearts.

When you start to lose hope pray more and offer your suffering to Our Lord. God will

then guide you so you do not give in to evil. God will turn your sorrow into joy and you will be given the strength needed to continue forward.

Strength will be needed for times ahead so please rely on God to help you each new day. Rely on God and not man for God's ways are more perfect. Seek God's Will and then accept his loving embrace.

Opportunities will arise, so allow God to transform you so that he can use you in a powerful way. Now please have total trust and confidence in God for he truly knows what is best for your soul. Trust and believe that God will walk with you each time a door is opened. All will be perfect in God's time, so trust and believe and be at peace. Amen.

On Friday, December 5, Little Mary phoned me for the first time in weeks and admitted that the above letter had influenced her. She was willing to talk to her spiritual advisor whom she agreed to obey as he implemented the bishop's letter. Her time of silence had been a time to sort things out in a spirit of obedience.

Sunday, December 7, 2003, the group of people met at the "Y" building as they had been doing, once monthly, since they could no longer meet Monday evenings at the parish church. The spiritual advisor was present for the very *first* time with the group of the "Y". He came to implement the letter of the bishop which he read to the people urging that the messages no longer be read publicly.

During the course of his talk, calling for obedience and welcoming respect for the pastor who succeeded him, the spiritual director worked to control his own emotions. He said he did not understand why they can't believe the messages are from above. He said that if he were to stand before the Pope he would not hesitate to say that he believed the messages were supernatural. He asked the people not to write the bishops. He stated that he had no doubt as to the authenticity of the messages.

When it was her turn Little Mary spoke as follows:

I would like to welcome all new people. A priest wrote to me and said: "In the seminary years ago I remember hearing: If you want to be persecuted by the Church, say you are having visions or receiving heavenly messages.""

As a group we must remain strong for Jesus. I will share the messages [not as I received them but in general] from my heart as Blessed Mother says each message that I write is embedded in my heart. The Blessed Mother says this is a time of persecution. We must remain unified. We must join hands and work together.

In the very beginning I was asked by Blessed Mother to go through the Catholic Church which has been much more difficult. There are a lot of messengers on their own. My spiritual director must be obedient to the bishop and I must be obedient to my spiritual director. So he urged me to quit reading the messages and praying over people.

I will continue to pray for each of you in my daily prayers. Blessed Mother said in the December messages that through my suffering and prayers healing will continue to happen. The Blessed Mother says that each message I write will be embedded in my heart. So I will share from my heart and not read the messages. Blessed Mother said that she will be with me.

As a group I feel we must continue to meet at the YMCA every first Sunday of the month. We can pray together and then I will share from my heart. We must continue to fill the church on Monday nights for Mass and Rosary. Blessed Mother says our prayers are more powerful when we pray together. Blessed Mother says no one can stop you from praying together.

Jesus and Blessed Mother continue to give me messages so I will continue to write.

We will need each other in times to come so we must stick together and continue those groups she has formed. There was a reason for the 26 groups that have formed through this prayer group.

I will visit each of you and keep you informed. Blessed Mother says opportunities will arise so at this time, allow God to transform you so that he can use you in a power-

ful way.

We are to trust and believe that God will walk with us each time a door is opened. Blessed Mother says all will be perfect in God's time so trust and believe and be at peace.

I must continue to share my faith and, believe me, I have 155 notebooks embedded in my heart (since 1995).

Have I been hurt by this? Yes. But God knows how much I can endure. All this suffering will help save souls.

We still need to pass out scapulars, Rosaries and medals.

Blessed Mother says God's work will continue as it never ends.

I have received much direction from Jesus and Blessed Mother and many priests and that has helped me. Through obedience new doors will open. I believe we are all being purified and prepared. Blessed Mother says there will be many trials, much persecution and suffering and the only way to stay strong is to turn to Jesus and receive the Sacraments. The enemy will flee through prayer, so please don't lose hope, pray more.

The Blessed Mother says many people spend many years in purgatory if they are prideful, or have hate in their hearts. So that is why we must be humble, loving, obedi-

ent children. Blessed Mother says the truth will be made known.

The day will come and we will each need to answer to God. So therefore let God be

the judge and allow him to be in charge of all circumstances. . . .

We are to be grateful for each trial and test and believe that in the end God will be the judge. We are to go forth and love in our hearts and be joyful and give all honor and glory to God. If we allow our ears to wander we will not hear God.

I want to apologize for not answering calls in the last three weeks, but I needed this time alone to hear God. Thank you for your support and prayers.

The following day was the holy feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The message Little Mary received that day seemed very pertinent after the great sufferings during November and the first week of December, 2003. The night before had been in many ways, heart-wrenching.

## December 8, 2003, Monday, 7:30 A.M.

*My daughter,* 

I am with you as it is not yet time to leave you. I share your tears but through this suffering many souls will be saved. Through your suffering and obedience to God more will come to know Jesus. In heaven there will be no more suffering, so please continue to do what God and I are asking of you.

Continue to share your love of knowing Jesus no matter how dark it becomes on this earth. God will light the way and in time his plans will be fulfilled. God will be your strength and he will truly assist those who listen and obey. God is in charge, so please obey and accept each new cross with joy.

This is a time of purification, so please tell my children to allow God to be in control

of your lives. Tell my children to live a pure and holy life. Tell my children that God is truly preparing his children now. The time will come and Jesus will renew the face of this earth. The time is soon at hand, so believe in God's love and mercy.

God has great plans for those who persevere and remain faithful to him. So please allow God to purify you and prepare you for the road ahead. Begin today by truly keeping your focus on Jesus. Begin today and imitate Christ so more will come to know my Son Jesus. Be merciful and loving and forgive those who have hurt you.

Strive each new day to be like Jesus. Live your faith and do God's will and always

be dependent on Almighty God.

Dear children, new doors are already opening, so continue to gather and pray. Continue to trust in God's mercy and his love that he has for each of you. Be hopeful now and prepare your hearts for the time is soon at hand. This time has been allowed so that I can truly help you grow in holiness and purity.

Be grateful for this time, for God and I are truly with you. Amen.

Of hundreds of letters which have been written by people who were helped, I am including a limited number at the conclusion of this chapter, at least excerpts from their testimonies. More important than physical healings is when people are brought back to Jesus Christ and His Church or into closer union with Jesus through our Blessed Mother. On occasion I've included letters elsewhere in this book which I have personally received. One was from a doctor whose pre-school son was suddenly healed.

We first include a message from Mary's month of 2001 which tells of heaven's call for the healing of souls, not just of bodies. Hopefully it will serve as a review of many past messages and prepare readers to appreciate these letters which represent hundreds more not printed in this book.

## May 3, 2001, Tuesday, 8:20 A.M.

My daughter,

Those who come as prayerful children will be healed. Their love for Jesus will grow because of their faithfulness. Today I ask that all my children come, come to this group that I have formed. I ask that they come as true believers and come, come each with an open heart.

I ask that my children truly believe in the power of prayer, for God is truly present when all children truly pray from their heart. God welcomes all His children back with open arms. God is so merciful and forgiving because He truly loves all His children.

My daughter, continue to write and relay these heavenly messages. Continue to let my words flow, flow from your heart. Continue to persevere, for this is a time for mercy. Tell those children who are away from Jesus and me to turn their hearts back, back to us. Tell them each time you gather and pray with my children.

In time it will be too late, so do not hide those words that Jesus and I give you. Allow them to pour forth from your heart so more feel God's love for them. Tell my children to pray, fast and make reparation for sin. Tell them to pray the Rosary each new day. Tell my children to wake now and take heed to these messages. Tell all who will listen for the time is drawing near.

In time God will shake this earth and they will have but little time to repent. In time many will suffer if they continue to live their life without God. Many will not see light if they continue to choose darkness.

My daughter, you have been chosen to make the Gospel known. In time all will understand those messages that have been given to you. In time man will know that God was truly warning His children. This time will come soon, so please continue forth so more will repent and turn back to God. The message that I gave in Fatima remains the same, only time now is running out. These messages must be spread for many still do not know that I am truly present at this church. Many do not know the seriousness of these times. Many do not realize they are on the wrong path. Tell my son to encourage others to come and pray the Rosary. Tell my son that healings cannot occur if he does not invite his flock to come, come for prayer. Tell my son that I am truly with him and that he will never have to walk alone. Tell my son to act now for many souls are falling farther away from God.

Many souls are in danger because they are sleeping in church. Many are living lifestyles that are truly, truly offending God. Sin has become widespread and that is why God's justice will soon prevail. Many innocent lives are being destroyed because man thinks it is their choice. So many think they have the right to decide who should live and

who should die. All I can say to my children is that it is God who is in control.

Again I say to you, each time a life is destroyed the earth trembles more. Soon all will feel this trembling and much destruction will occur. All will need to be in a state of grace and their faith will need to be strong. Are you listening, dear children, or are you taking this message for granted. Do you truly understand that time is short? Do you believe that God always warns His children first? Are you waiting for more signs or are you truly listening to my voice?

Please do not let Satan fool you for your time on this earth is short. Your soul is most important, not your earthly treasures. Heaven is your true home but you must be willing to use your hands and voice for Christ. You must take part in healing Jesus' wounds. You must stop crucifying my Son. You must do your part on this earth and truly love God more than our selfish desires.

It is time now to do your part, so I beg of you act now. Don't wait one more day, reach out and help those who are in darkness. Reach out and be an example to all our brothers and sisters.

Dear priests, I need your help, so please be willing now to spread the truth. Lead your flock to me and in turn I will lead them to Jesus. Make reparation now for the sins of man and tell others to stop offending Jesus. Speak out and be not afraid to stand up for the truth. Do not compromise with the world; be proud to be a Christian. Use those gifts God has blessed you with and take part now in saving souls.

I am your heavenly Mother and I am truly here to assist all my children. I will light the way but you in turn must allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. Pray to the Holy Spirit each new day and pray now for the transition of souls. Amen.

March 18, 1997

I have been afflicted with ulcerative colitis since about 18 years old. I am now 36. The last several years have been particularly bad for me and has caused me a lot of anxiety and fear to go any place because of accessibility of restrains. I do public speaking. I've had diarrhea my whole adult life.

I had been prayed over by Little Mary for other issues, with the colitis request silently in my heart. As I was looking for possibly help and answers to the requests I was praying about, it took awhile to even realize my colitis had been healed! I've since been through stress, and public speaking and have not had to run once. I no longer fear leaving the house. . . .

Jayne Osborn

December 15, 1997

I've been a single parent for the past 16 years. I have always worked full time as a Certified Drug Alcohol Counselor. On November 27, 1995, my 14-year-old daughter, Krystal Main, was hit and killed by a car. Our Parish priest, who had baptized her, gave her First Communion, graduated her from the eighth grade Catholic School, had also buried her.

This was the most devastating, tragic incident that has ever happened to me. Because the pain was so unbearable I could not help but think and feel, "I wish it would have been me, instead of her." After a year, the pain did not subside. I thought for sure I was mentally ill and there was no hope of ever healing. I was seriously thinking about buying some drugs/alcohol to help medicate the emotional pain.

I decided to see Little Mary because I had heard about all the miraculous healings that were happening at the "Monday Night Prayer Group." At the healing prayer group, Mary blessed me with Holy Water and placed some blessed oil on me. Then an overwhelming fragrance of roses, unlike anything I've ever smelled, filled the room. Little Mary then explained to me that the Holy Mother was with me strongly.

Mary then told me that Jesus told her to tell me that I am not depressive and under no circumstances am I to take any drugs. She said this three or four times. What shocked me was that Little Mary did not know anything about me, not even my name. And there was no way she knew that I was feeling insane and that maybe I should be locked up or something due to depression from my daughter's tragic death.

For me, the greatest miracle was that I felt so special. Our holy Mother and Jesus healed me. I now have much joy in my heart knowing that Jesus and our Holy Mother are with me at all times.

Penny Main

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My husband has known Little Mary for over 13 years. He came to hear the messages and was certain that Little Mary could not have written them herself. He said that she was a kind, shy, compassionate person. To see her in front of others, speaking and answering questions was not of her nature.

As time passed, as we discussed the messages, so did my husband change slowly. He started going to Confession once a month, compared to once a year. He stayed until the end of Mass. He increased his giving to the church from \$5 a week to \$85 a week. He prays the Rosary with our whole family. He accepts having a crucifix in every room. He joined the choir because he wanted to be more a part of Epiphany parish.

For years my husband had refused to have our children in parochial school. I asked Little Mary to pray to our holy Mother. As time passed my husband suggested we should enroll them at Epiphany school.

My life has changed. These messages have opened my eyes, touched my heart and changed my life.

Giovanna Theisen, Coon Rapids, Minnesota

November 14, 1998

How do I begin to tell of the impact that the messages and physical healing from the Blessed Virgin Mary, through the locutionist Mary, have had on my family and myself?

I now know how important and precious a gift the Sacraments are, especially the Sacrament of penance. Even though I attended Mass on Sundays I had not gone to confession for at least 20 years. I now go at least once every three weeks. I say the Rosary daily and try to attend daily Mass. These messages have the power to lead others people back to their faith, and if these messages save one soul it is worth it to release them so others may come back.

My grandson was born over two years ago. He had underdeveloped lungs and could not breathe on his own. He was rushed to intensive care minutes after he was born. Our priest came and baptized the baby Thomas Kerner and then called Little Mary. As we held hands and prayed, I closed my eyes. Thomas showed his first signs of improvement after Little Mary prayed over him and has grown to be a healthy two-year-old with no ill effects from his rough entrance.

The second healing I witnessed was my aunt, who attends the Monday night prayer group. She had seven different tests showing that she had cancer. Before scheduled surgery Little Mary prayed over her. She went in for her surgery but they could find no signs of cancer.

If it were not for the guidance provided by these messages I would still be practicing my faith only on Sundays, not living it every day of my life as Jesus has shown us.

Gary M. Johnson

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March 15, 1999

My name is Kassech Beri. I am a citizen of Ethiopia. I have been in the United States for one year.

I was a victim of torture in a prison in Ethiopia for six months. I was unjustly imprisoned by the government.

During the month of January, 1999, I suffered a severe headache for three weeks. I could not sleep, I could not eat. I went to a medical doctor and he could find anything that caused the headache. He gave me medicine which did not help. I even had acupuncture which did not help.

Sr. Francelle asked me to come to the Prayer Group at our parish church on Monday, February 3. After the Rosary, Little Mary and others prayed over me and since that night, I have had no headache and I have an appetite. I can sleep well.

I am a Christian and I have strong faith in the power of prayer. I am deeply grateful to Mary and to all those who prayed for me. Thank you.

Please pray for me and my husband and children who are still in Ethiopia. I am worried about them.

Kassech Beri

We are parish members since 1987. We came to the United Sates from Poland in December, 1981. At the time we only knew how to pray in Polish. This parish greatly contributed to our spiritual growth. We are truly blessed to have such a parish and to be able to visit personally with Jesus Christ in the Adoration Chapel. We are also blessed to have such wonderful priests who keep us focused on the faith and trust in God.

I am writing this letter on behalf of my wife Janina Galecki to share and testify to my wife's healing.

A week before Christmas of 1998, during my wife's routine visit to a doctor's office, the doctor found lumps in both of my wife's breasts. He suggested that she should have an ultrasound and a biopsy done soon. That was enough to worry my wife and myself, although I tried not to show this to my wife.

Two and a half years ago we started to attend the Monday night "Mother Mary's Rosary group." Our group starts with a Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by Rosary, and messages from Jesus and Blessed Mother read by Little Mary. Praying the Rosary with our prayer group is the most spiritually fulfilling time for my wife and myself.

On Monday, January 11, 1999, my wife Janina submitted herself to God's Holy Will in a prayer for her healing. Little Mary prayed over my wife together with other prayer group members in the Mary Chapel. During the prayer Little Mary spoke to my wife the following words, "Don't be afraid" which my wife felt as words coming from our Blessed Mother. A peace entered into my wife's heart.

The following Thursday, January 14, 1999, during my wife's scheduled Unity Hospital appointment and after a series of mammograms, the doctor found no lumps in my wife's breasts. We truly believe that through God's Holy Will my wife has been healed.

We give thanks and praise to Almighty God, who is the source of peace, love and mercy.

Tadeusz & Janina Galecki, Fridley, Minnesota

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The first time Little Mary prayed over me was about three years ago and I asked that my shaking from epilepsy would stop. It has. The second time Little Mary prayed over me was so that I would be taken off the medications that have made me sick for the last 20 years. I am no longer on any medication. Since then my doctor has claimed I have no seizure disorder and can't explain it. The third time Little Mary prayed over my wife who is manic-depressive and she found peace in her life, and now has a relationship with God that never existed before. The fourth time Little Mary prayed over me was to find a job. I got a great job the next week. The fifth time Mary prayed over me was to have job security with this job. I got a great raise.

The greatest miracle performed has been the peace found in our home by living the messages as best we can. All this would not be without the prayers from

Little Mary and the Rosary Group.

I was baptized Catholic, one of eight children, schooled through ninth grade in Catholic education. In my late teens, I was involved with members of a Baptist church whom I perceived to be truly holy people. It was so easy to wander away from the Catholic Church and Sacraments when your deficiencies stem from lack of understanding and knowledge of the true Catholic faith. I did not know how the Church defended her beliefs.

These Baptist people saw in me a deep devotion for the Lord, but no support system. I simply did not know that I did not know my Catholic faith or that I needed more of Christ through His Mother. I was perishing for lack of knowledge. Although I now know it was incomplete, their support system seemed morally sound though very judgmental. This confused me and ultimately I turned away.

I came back home as a lukewarm Catholic. I married a lukewarm Catholic and settled into a life of spiritual mediocrity. Living through a time of so many liturgical changes, I decided that I would live according to choices that suited me,

leaving obedience behind.

We took our young marriage to California, never attending church in three years. My spiritual diet consisted of only Protestant reading, chiefly Norman Vincent Peale. My prayer life consisted of contemplating God while sitting by the ocean admiring His majesty as the waves thundered in and thanking Him for good Cappuccino.

Upon the arrival of our son, we decided California was not the place we wanted to raise a family. So back to the midwest we moved where we completed our family with a daughter. We joined the parish church as unproductive members.

As the children grew, I participated in a Catholic Bible Study program at a neighboring church. Still deficient in the ability to defend Catholic beliefs, this program became my new spiritual diet. This had to be truth (so I thought) because the instructor taught theology at the graduate level in two major universities. I now know that some of his teaching was unorthodox and very liberal.

I don't remember knowing that the Eucharist is truly Christ. I believed that the Sacrament of Reconciliation was unnecessary. I taught my children to pray to God. They did not need a long distance operator when they could always and everywhere dial direct. What a famine. Our perfect family of four attended Mass here and there and when we could not attend we would try to read the Bible for an hour and have open discussion.

Through this Bible study program, my awareness of Satan's hold on the world became so vivid that I began to worry about education without Christianity. We decided that I would get a job to support Catholic Education at the high school level for our two children. My son was confirmed and graduated from Catholic

high school. He then went off for a brief time to college in Duluth.

It was during this time, one beautiful, glorious October Sunday in 1997, a friend called to remind me of a "critical Mass" my daughter was to attend in preparation for her Confirmation. My response was "No." My son was home from college; I had not seen him for two months and was unwilling to cut short my time with him. It was then that his ride arrived three hours early. He left and we had no excuse to miss this Mass. My husband was in Raleigh, North Carolina, so it was just me and my daughter who went.

When the Mass was over, I nearly bowled the priest over trying to get out,

never intending to stay for the speaker. As heaven would have it this glorious Sunday, I ran into a friend in the foyer who insisted that I stay for the speaker, Little Mary. "She is a locutionist, someone getting messages from heaven!" Unlike most people, I am like a child when it comes to the supernatural. I attended that evening. I listened and I knew at once that Mary spoke the truths that God wanted to share with me.

Those truths changed my life and many others I come in contact with since. The Blessed Mother gently reminded me of her Son truly present in the Eucharist and how he waits to cleanse our soul in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I had come from material and moral misery. My conversion, however incomplete, is sincere as I continue to remove worldly obstacles.

My husband also experienced a conversion and is now fully back to the Sacraments. My brother is called to be a priest, a call he ignored until he experienced these messages. I shared these messages with my brother-in-law, a Methodist. He came, he read and he converted. He is now under the tutelage of Fr. Sweeney in Utah. His wife, my sister, experienced a conversion. My youngest sister experienced a conversion due to Mary sharing these messages. My mother-in-law converted to Catholicism in her 70s. She was Lutheran.

My daughter and I are sharing the Catholic faith with a friend and her daughter, attending the priest's classes. I share these messages everyday as I meet new people in my job. I never tire of planting seeds and often get calls from people I meet wondering if I could get them information of a good Orthodox Catholic Church in their area, when their conversation with me inspired them to return to the Church.

These heavenly messages gave me new life. They turned the hearts of many family members and friends back to the Father through our Blessed Mother Mary. Their applicability is universal. How many countless people are out there like me? If only they could read the messages! How many are blinded by the world. How many, trapped in the regression of moral standards, would find in these messages a vehicle, a way back to God as I have found. They would find a way to live more fully what has already been revealed. How many?

Jolene Blake

Note from author-compiler. Jolene Blake and her daughter visited me more than once in my parish of St. Mary of Mercy, Alexandria, South Dakota, when I was pastor there for over 18 years and where I introduced the Carmelite Monastery to Alexandria. Since she wrote this letter her daughter has joined contemplative Carmelites in Minnesota. On such visits she and her daughter shared their deeper conversion story as related above.



November 8, 1999

I thank the Virgin Mary every day for her time on this earth with us, and her guidance and love.

I had allowed myself to stray from the Church, but was called back when my mom asked me to come to this parish on a Monday night and pray with her. Through Little Mary's prayers my mother was cured of cancer. She had been scheduled for surgery to have her bladder removed and possibly a kidney too, but that never happened. The cancer disappeared.

So I started coming on Monday nights with my mother to pray the Rosary and listen to the messages. It was eerie to me because the messages seemed to apply directly to me. I almost got up and walked out a few times, but stayed and listened. I had a hard time coming because I felt that I was being almost scolded, and who wants to listen to that every week?

At any rate, I did continue to come Monday nights more regularly. The more I came the more I felt that I was getting to know our Heavenly Mother personally through these messages. That is an honor I expected would happen only in heaven.

Since my mother's miraculous cure, she has brought many people to pray with Little Mary and more miracles have occurred.

I finally know the true meaning of the Mass, of the Eucharist, and I cry when I think about how much I took for granted before. I pray much more, and am teaching my children to pray. I spend time in adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament. I feel that I am finally headed in the right direction.

Laura Ronneg

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Upon arriving from Peru the beginning of September, I attended the Monday night Mass, Rosary and prayer group in which messages from the Blessed Mother were read. I was touched as tears rolled down my cheeks as our Blessed Mother gently directed us on how to lead our lives to holiness.

After all these years I realized my main goal in life was to make it to heaven. After the messages were read, I proceeded to the Marian chapel so the locutionist, Little Mary, could lay her hands upon me with prayer.

I found her to be simple, gentle, compassionate, and loving. She held my hands and asked what I wanted prayers for. I felt the warmth in her hands, and saw the tenderness in her eyes, and I felt the peace flow through my body.

I attended other Monday night meetings while I was in the United States. She gave me rosaries so I could pass them out when I returned to Peru. I had the courage to make peace with family members that interfered with my marriage which had then resulted in divorce. I had carried the burden for over 16 years. Now I felt freed from such a cross.

One time when Little Mary was praying over me, with beautiful prayers coming from her lips, she talked about my diabetes, which she did not know I had. She had even mentioned that I should return to taking the Eucharist, which I had not been taking for some time. I wondered how she could have known about me. I felt dumbfounded to learn that grace was given to her to know personal things about me and others. I went to Confession for the first time after many years. It was as if my journey to the United States to visit my daughter was planned by God so I could listen to these messages, put them into action and straighten out my life.

As days passed I was praying five to eight Rosaries a day. I visited the home-

less shelter in the downtown area and the Camellia Rose nursing home each week. I studied how charity was done in the States so I could then bring it back to Peru. I felt God was giving me a new start.

I wished I did not have to leave. I felt such strength as I attended each Monday night group. On my last day I was prayed over again. At the prayer group and in many of the messages, visitation of the Most Blessed Sacrament was emphasized repeatedly. It finally clicked in my head that I should begin adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. It took 64 years for me to realize that all the answers lie before the tabernacle.

If more people come and experience renewal as I did, they would want to run to be there. When you see Little Mary again, please thank her for me for being an instrument of God's plan and for saying "yes" for souls.

Alfredo Valdettano, Peru

#### Chapter 11

# ANew Beginning

The time after Little Mary's traumatic experience were some weeks of special suffering, both physical sufferings and those of the spirit (as expressed in the previous chapter). I had assisted Little Mary in working through her sufferings and felt that as the week progressed great sufferings and temptations would return. I did not consider myself an official spiritual director to Little Mary, but merely a facilitator in interpreting God's will for her and the reasons why those in authority over her, especially her spiritual director, were taking the stand, and giving the directives they did. I felt the archbishop and bishop were doing what they had to do in their position, even if some people would read into what they were doing or had said in other ways than intended. Her spiritual advisor worked to keep people on a positive and supportive tone of mind and word.

## December 10, 2003, Wednesday, 8 A.M.

My daughter,

I am the Mother of God. I am here to prepare the way for my Son Jesus. I am here for all my children because I am a Mother to each of you. Those who take my hand will see light no matter how dark this world becomes. I say to each of you take my hand so that I can assist you on this earth. Take my hand now for this is a time of preparation; a time in which God has allowed so you become strong in your faith. Do not doubt in this time for this time will not last forever.

The earth is trembling now, so do not wait to prepare your soul. Open your hearts each new day so that God can enter in a deeper way. Open your hearts and amend your ways so that you have peace when mountains move. The earth will shake and those who are strong in their faith will have peace through all storms God has been warning his children for some time, so believe in God's love and mercy.

God has great plans for those who persevere and remain faithful to him. So please allow God to purify you and prepare you for the road ahead. Begin today by truly keeping your focus on Jesus. Begin today and imitate Christ so more will come to know my Son Jesus. Be merciful and loving and forgive those who have hurt you.

Strive each new day to be like Jesus. Live your faith and do God's Will and always be dependent on Almighty God. Dear children, new doors are already opening, so continue to gather and pray. Continue to trust in God's mercy and his love that he has for each of you. Be hopeful now and prepare your hearts for the time is soon at hand. This time has been allowed so that I can truly help you grow in holiness and purity. Be grateful for this time for God and I are truly with you. Amen.

Between Christmas 2003 and New Year's 2004 the major earthquake in Iran reported as high as 30,000 to 50,000 people killed besides large numbers injured. During the same week an earthquake in California, while high on the Richter scale, near seven, nonetheless resulted in comparatively minor damage due to its location in less populated areas for California.

While Little Mary and I talked about the prediction of earthquakes after the above message, I suggested that perhaps something was coming similar to what happened in San Francisco earlier in the 20th century. The Blessed Mother said to Little Mary during our conversation that what happened then would be little compared to what was coming if people did not return to Jesus and a good moral life.

#### December 12, 2003, Friday, 7:30 A.M.

My daughter,

It is necessary for my children to be on guard for the evil one is sly. So please tell my children to pray more and stay close, close to Jesus' most Sacred Heart. Tell my children to armor themselves each new day with the protection God has provided for them. The holy angels and saints are truly there for those who ask for their assistance. So remember to call upon St. Michael and all the archangels. Remember to ask for their protection and assistance. Remember to invite all the holy angels and saints into your homes. The enemy will flee if you pray and do what I am asking of you.

Protection is truly needed in this world because so much evil roams this earth. Satan is strong and he truly has many followers who are listening to him. Satan is strong and he is truly attacking those who are being obedient to God. If my children continue to pick and choose which Commandments to obey, much more evil will enter this world. This is why it is so important to obey all of God's Commandments.

Today I ask that my children examine their conscience and then ask themselves, "am I obeying each Commandment?" One must be honest and then work on those areas where they are weak. One must ask God for assistance as it is impossible to get strong on your own.

Each child needs God's assistance and loving guidance. Each child needs to examine his conscience in order to make a thorough confession. Without a repentant heart, change cannot occur. Now please be obedient children and trust in God. Repent and amend your ways and do daily penance for your sins. Ask God to forgive you for any sins you have committed and then do your part so you live a holy life. Do your part so you are not tempted to take the easier road.

Commitment is truly needed, so please be submissive to God's holy will. This is the time to reform your ways and to live your faith. So be wise and take heed to this message so evil does not destroy your soul. Be wise, obey God and use the protection that has been provided for each of you. Amen.

This day, December 12, 2003, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, was especially difficult for Little Mary. Still it did not seem to compare with the sufferings of the preceding November weeks into first week of December. In a private message on this day for Little Mary, which she felt very hard to share with me, Our Blessed Mother had told her she had not been asking the Blessed Mother for the needs and concerns that she had.

Little Mary frequently asked Our Blessed Mother for others but found it dif-

ficult to ask for herself. She was holding all the problems in her heart and found it at times impossible to share them with other trusted human beings. She found it difficult to go to the Blessed Mother with explicit requests for help for herself.

I could not understand why Little Mary would find it difficult to ask Our Blessed Mother questions and make requests for her own needs. Little Mary had often done so for me [compiler of this book] and I had received answers which I felt Little Mary on the natural level was incapable of answering on her own. Also, there were insights at times, it seemed to me, that she could not have shared with me without help from above.

Little Mary would tell me at times over a period of several years that the Blessed Mother had scolded her periodically, which made her sad. Even in messages for me she thought that the Blessed Mother was scolding me. I found the messages which suggested some correction in my thinking not something to make me feel sad about, but happy. I would be happy that the Blessed Mother had a love for each one of her children and would say something for me that I always considered right on target to guide me.

Finally I said to Little Mary, "Ask Our Blessed Mother why it is that when I make a request of her I receive an answer rather quickly, but not you?" She did and received the answer, "Because he asks." It struck Little Mary funny that she laughed aloud. Still she was struggling with the importance of asking Our Blessed Mother explicitly for assistance in problems and concerns she was having. She was withdrawing into herself at the admonition the Blessed Mother had given her.

I knew for several years that Little Mary would get under diabolical attacks, not infrequently. The devil always works on us where our weakest points are. Repeatedly I had experienced her go into virtual depression, when trials were presented her, when opposition was met. She would then, at times, not be able to talk even to close friends who supported her. There were times when I felt she might be experiencing the dark night of the soul for her purification.

When, within a week, after the Sunday evening of December 7, 2003, which Little Mary herself described as "beautiful" when so many stood by her in support as did her spiritual director, she was again experiencing difficulties in sharing and talking with people. It seemed to me she was in serious need of understanding darkness of the spirit and how to handle such times. Thus I send to her the message below by the Capuchin priest who preached to the papal household in Advent of 2003.

## Mother Teresa and St. Padre Pio —"Dark Nights"

By Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa

[This meditation by Capuchin priest Fr. Cantalamessa was delivered in the presence of the Pope and members of the Roman Curia.]

"Though I Walk Through the Valley of the Shadow. . . ."

One day, Francis of Assisi exclaimed: "Emperor Charles, Orlando and Oliver, all the paladins and brave warriors who were courageous in combats, pursuing the infidels to the death with much sweat and toil, gained a glorious and memorable victory over them, and in the end these holy martyrs fell in battle for the faith of Christ. But now there are many, who only by narrating their feats, want to receive honor and glory from men."

In one of his admonitions, the saint explained what he wished to say with

those words: "It is a great shame for us, servants of the Lord, that the saints acted with deeds and we, recounting and preaching the things that they did, want to receive honor and glory." These words come to my mind as an austere sign at the moment I set about to give the second meditation of the holiness of Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

1. In the darkness of the night

What happened after Mother Teresa said her "yes" to the divine inspiration that was calling her to leave everything to place herself at the service of the poorest of the poor? The world knew well all that happened around her—the arrival of her first companions, the ecclesiastical approval, the vertiginous development of her charitable activities—but until her death, no one knew what happened with her.

It has been revealed by her personal diaries and her letters to her spiritual director, made public on the occasion of the process of beatification: "With the start of her new life at the service of the poor, an oppressive darkness came upon her." A few brief passages suffice to give an idea of the density of the darkness in which she found herself:

"There is so much contradiction in my soul, such deep longing for God, so deep that it is painful, a suffering continual—yet not wanted by God, repulsed, empty, no faith, no love, no zeal. . . . Heaven means nothing to me, it looks like an empty Place."

It was not difficult to recognize immediately in this experience of Mother Teresa a classic case of that which scholars of mysticism, following St. John of the Cross, usually call the dark night of the spirit. Tauler gives an impressive description of this stage of the spiritual life:

"Now we are abandoned in such a way that we no longer have any knowledge of God and we fall into such anguish so as not to know any more if we were ever on the right path, nor do we know if God does or does not exist, or if we are alive or dead. So that a very strange sorrow comes over us which makes us think that the whole world in its expanse oppresses us. We no longer have an experience or knowledge of God, and even all the rest seems repugnant to us, so that it seems that we are prisoners between two walls."

Everything leads one to think that this darkness was with Mother Teresa until her death, with a brief parenthesis in 1958, during which she was able to write jubilantly: "Today my soul is filled with love, with joy untold, with an unbroken union of love." If from a certain moment she no longer speaks about it, it is not because the night was finished, but rather because she got used to living with it. Not only did she accept it, but she recognizes the extraordinary grace it held for her.

"I have begun to love my darkness for I believe now that it is a part, a very small part, of Jesus' darkness and pain on earth."

The most perfumed flower of Mother Teresa's night is her silence about it. She was afraid, in speaking about it, of attracting attention to herself. Even the people who were closest to her did not suspect anything, until the end, of this interior torment of Mother. By her order, the spiritual director had to destroy all her letters and if some have been saved it is because he, with her permission, had made a copy for the archbishop and future cardinal T. Picachy, which were found after his death. Fortunately for us, the archbishop refused to acquiesce to the request made also to him by Mother to destroy them.

The most insidious danger for the soul in the dark night of the spirit is to

realize that it is, precisely, the dark night, of that which great mystics have lived before her and therefore to be part of a circle of chosen souls. With the grace of God, Mother Teresa avoided this risk, hiding her torment from all under a constant smile.

"The whole time smiling—sisters and people pass such remarks—they think my faith, trust and love are filling my very being. . . . Could they but know—and how my cheerfulness is the cloak by which I cover the emptiness and misery."

A known desert Father says: "No matter how great your sufferings are, your victory over them is in silence." Mother Teresa put this into practice in a heroic manner.

#### 2. Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Padre Pio

On the occasion of the canonization of Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, some lay observers expressed the thought that the sanctity of the mystic Padre Pio seemed archaic, as opposed to Mother Teresa's, the saint of charity, which would be a modern holiness. Now we discover that Mother Teresa was also a mystic (that Padre Pio was also a saint of charity is sufficiently demonstrated by the work he realized for the "relief of suffering").

The error is to contrast these two lines of Christian holiness which, on the contrary, we often see wonderfully united, that is, in highest contemplation and most intense action. St. Catherine of Genoa, considered one of the summits of mysticism, was proclaimed by Pius XII patroness of hospitals in Italy, because of her work and that of her disciples in favor of the sick and incurable, which reminds us very much of the works of Mother Teresa in our day.

In a beautiful article, written on the occasion of the beatification, an Indian author described Mother Teresa as "a sister for Gandhi." Undoubtedly many traits join the two great souls, the two Mahatmas of modern India, but it is even more correct, I believe, to see in Mother Teresa "a sister for Padre Pio." They are joined not only by the same veneration of the Church, but also a same cyclone of glory on the part of world public opinion. One distinguished herself in corporal works of mercy, the other in spiritual works of mercy. But it was proper to Mother Teresa to remind the world of today that the worst poverty is not the poverty of things but the poverty of God, of humanity and of love; in a word, the poverty of sin.

The trait that brings these two saints closest is perhaps precisely the long dark night in which they lived their whole life. I will always remember the impression I had when reading, in the choir of San Giovanni Rotondo, the account displayed in a frame, in which Padre Pio described the fact of the stigmata to his spiritual father. He ended by making his own the words of the Psalm which says: "Lord, punish me no more in your anger; in your wrath do not chastise me!" (Ps. 38:2). He was convinced, and this conviction accompanied him throughout his life, that stigmata were not a sign of predilection or acceptance on the part of God but, on the contrary, of his refusal and just divine punishment for his sins. It was what opened my eyes to the mystical stature of this my brother, in whom until then, I was not much interested.

To spread light, both these souls had to go through life in darkness, convinced, in addition, of "deceiving" people. St. Gregory the Great says that the mark of superior men is that "in the pain of their own tribulation, they do not neglect their usefulness to others; and while they endure with patience the adversities that strike them, they think of teaching others that which is neces-

sary, similar in this to certain great doctors who, stricken themselves, forget their wounds to cure others." This sign shines out in an eminent degree in the life of Mother Teresa and of Padre Pio.

#### 3. Not only purification

But why this strange phenomenon of a night of the spirit that lasts practically the whole of life? Here there is something new in regard to that which teachers of the past have lived and explained, including St. John of the Cross. This dark night is not explained only with the traditional idea of passive purification, the so-called purgative way, which prepares for the illuminative and the unitive way. Mother Teresa was convinced that it was precisely this in her case; she thought that her "I" was especially hard to overcome, if God was so constrained to keep her such a long time in that state.

But this was not true. It is the interminable night of some modern saints who live and work constantly under the spotlight of the media. It is the asbestos suit for the one who must walk amid the flames; it is the insulating material that impedes the escape of the electric current, causing short circuits. . . .

St. Paul said: "And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh" (2 Cor. 12:7). The thorn in the flesh that was God's silence was revealed most effective for Mother Teresa: It preserved her from any intoxication, amid all the world's talk about her, even at the moment of receiving the Nobel Peace Prize. "The interior pain that I feel," she said, "is so great that I don't feel anything from all the publicity and people talking."

This also joins Mother Teresa to Padre Pio. One day Padre Pio, looking out from the window on the crowd gathered in the square, asked in wonder from the brother who was next to him: "But why have all these come here?" and to the reply: "For you, Father," he left in haste sighing: "If they only knew. . . ."

But there is an even more profound reason that explains why these nights are prolonged for a whole lifetime: the imitation of Christ, participation in the dark night of the spirit that Jesus had in Gethsemane and in which he died on Calvary, crying: "My God, my God, why hast thou abandoned me?" In the apostolic letter "Novo Millennio Ineunte," precisely in regard to the "suffering face" of Christ, the Pope writes:

"Faced with this mystery, we are greatly helped not only by theological investigation but also by that great heritage which is the 'lived theology' of the saints. The saints offer us precious insights which enable us to understand more easily the intuition of faith, thanks to the special enlightenment which some of them have received from the Holy Spirit, or even through their personal experience of those terrible states of trial which the mystical tradition describes as the 'dark night.' Not infrequently the saints have undergone something akin to Jesus' experience on the Cross in the paradoxical blending of bliss and pain."

The letter mentions the experience of St. Catherine of Siena and of Teresa of the Child Jesus; now we know that the example of Mother Teresa could also be mentioned. She was able to see her trial ever more clearly as an answer to her desire to share the "Sitio" of Jesus on the Cross:

"If my pain and suffering, my darkness and separation give you a drop of consolation, my own Jesus, do with me as you wish. . . . Imprint on my soul and life the suffering of your heart. . . . I want to satiate your thirst with every single drop

of blood that you can find in me. . . . Please do not take the trouble to return soon. I am ready to wait for you for all eternity."

It would be a serious error to think that the life of these persons was all gloom and suffering. "Novo Millenio Ineunte," we heard, speaks of a "paradoxical blending of bliss and pain." Deep down in their souls, these persons enjoy a peace and joy unknown by the rest of men, deriving from the certainty, stronger than doubt, of being in the will of God. St. Catherine of Genoa compares the suffering of souls in this state to that of purgatory and says that the latter "is so great, that it is only comparable to that of hell," but that there is in them a "very great contentment" that can only be compared to that of the saints in Paradise.

The joy and serenity that emanated from Mother Teresa's face was not a mask, but the reflection of profound union with God in which her soul lived. It was she who deceived herself about her story, not the people.

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The above homily which I shared with Little Mary proved very helpful to her. She became convinced that she was going through a darkness of spirit, agitated by health problems and attacks from some.

#### December 16, 2003, Tuesday, 7:45 A.M.

My daughter,

Have hope in Jesus and trust, trust in his love. Trust in God's plans so you do not lose hope or confidence in Our Lord. In time my Immaculate Heart will triumph and there will be peace, peace on this earth. In time all will see their soul and many will suffer if they do not use this time to prepare their soul. The day will come, so please, dear children, stay strong for Jesus. Be obedient to God and live your consecration. Be obedient to God and pray for those who are trying to make changes in the Church.

Pray each new day for your priests for many are giving in to worldly ways. Many are not praying as they should and are not listening to my beloved Pope. Many are leading others astray who are weak in their faith. I am here to assist my priests but many are refusing my assistance. I cannot help those priests who are refusing to live their vocation. I cannot assist those priests who are not shepherding their flock. I love all my priests and I truly pray for those who are stepping ahead of God.

My faithful remnant must also pray, for many are becoming entangled by the serpent's tail. Many today are so in need of prayer, so please pray more and continue to gather in those groups that I have formed. Continue to live your faith and be an example to those who are not living the Gospel. Be obedient to God and be humble, loving children. Be true followers for Christ and live, live your Catholic faith. Listen attentively to what your most holy Pope is instructing you to do. Listen and respond and do not doubt for God is truly guiding this most holy Pope. This Pope has been chosen and the wise will truly listen to him. So today I ask that you be wise and surrender yourself to God's holy will. I ask that you be loyal to Jesus and serve him with a generous heart.

I ask for a response so you grow in holiness. I ask that you join hands and pray, pray for this world. Through prayer, sacrifice and penance God will bless you abundantly. Through obedience to God you will become spiritually strong. You will receive God's

grace if you remain loyal to him. So persevere and remain faithful to Almighty God. Persevere and pray for the time is soon at hand.

Be wise and do not join hands with those who are disobeying God's laws. Be wise and prepare your soul and remain faithful to true teaching. Be light to this world and believe that God and I are with you. Amen.

Surely priests in particular who are not living the holy vocation of the priest-hood of Jesus Christ will greatly resent the messages Little Mary is receiving. Surely they will ridicule such messages. Can we expect more when the messages of instruction and exhortation of our saintly Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, are ridiculed by some, including some priests. When a priest is not loyal he will confuse hundreds, even thousands of laity.

Those laity who do not see through the wrong direction an unloyal priest is giving, perhaps to justify something lacking in his own personal life, will also ridicule such messages from the Immaculate Heart of our heavenly Mother.

Repeatedly we are told that the time is short. It is certainly within the possibility of God's almighty power to bring affliction upon the earth to wake people up. We have been warned repeatedly. It is also with the possibility of people who respond in love, prayer, fasting, and sacrifices to keep punishments from falling upon us.

Remember Sodom and Gomorrah. Sodom from the Old Testament was a town always coupled with Gomorrah in characterizing places of infamy and sinful living. Scholars say they were probably located on land now completely covered by the southern waters of the Dead Sea. The most likely explanation for this is that about 1900 B.C. an earthquake depressed the plain on which Sodom and Gomorrah were established (Gen. 13:10). Sacred Scripture interprets this catastrophe as Yahweh's determination to punish an evil population.

Abraham tried his best to dissuade Yahweh, lest innocent people be punished with the guilty, but the only just man who could be found was Lot, Abraham's nephew (Gen. 13:20-32). Frequently in Scripture reference is made to the destruction of the doomed cities as proverbial warnings of Yahweh's punishment of evil (Isa. 3:9; Lam. 4:6). Indeed, Jesus Himself, in instructing His Apostles, told them that towns that refused to listen to their message would suffer the same fate as Sodom and Gomorrah (Matt. 10:15).

Are we then to think the messages Little Mary says she receives from Jesus and His Blessed Mother are excessive? As I prepare this chapter the Massachusetts legislature, the oldest parliamentary body in the Western Hemisphere, was locked in senseless, inconclusive debate over the meaning of marriage. A supreme court of that state had required that people of the same sex could marry.

Over a century ago, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was a bastion of the "Know-Nothing" Party. But in 2004 virtually an entire legislature full of politicians seemed to know nothing. They could not define marriage. They did not know how to go about deciding how to define marriage. They did not know whether they could trust their constituents.

#### December 17, 2003, Wednesday, 7:50 A.M.

*My daughter,* 

You have been chosen to write and relay these messages, so please write each time Icome to you. These messages will help those who listen and respond. Many today are not taking heed to the Gospel so that is why there are so many messengers in these times. God's words must be made known all around this world. God's laws must be obeyed before it's too late. All must repent and live their faith. All must turn their life around and amend their ways. All must do their part and be true Christians.

In order to be like Jesus you must be merciful. You must open your hearts and be loving and compassionate to those around you. You must examine your conscience and work on those areas where you are weak. You must let go of any anger and pride and be humble, loving children. In order for change to happen you must pray more. You must spend time with Jesus and then allow him to mold you so your hearts soften.

Without God's living assistance you will be tempted to take the easier road. You must allow God to purify you so you can truly become strong soldiers for Christ. It is time now to ask my Son for his divine assistance. It is time now to let go of your desires and allow God to be in charge of your life.

Begin today and take refuge in Jesus' Most Sacred Heart. Begin today and ask, ask for our assistance. Ask and you shall be given the guidance needed to stay on the right path. Lack of humility is why so many are refusing to ask for God's loving assistance. Lack of trust and confidence in God is why so many are relying on themselves. Lack of faithfulness is why so many children are falling farther away from God.

Please be humble children and turn to God. Be humble so that you can fulfill God's Will. Be patient and loving and I promise you the answers will be given to you. Depend on God and not ourself for again I say to you, you are weak without my Son's help. Trust

in God and be humble and you will receive the grace needed to persevere.

It is time now to move forward, so please, please respond. Respond today and pray, pray for humility. Pray today and then practice all that you are being taught. Pray today so you progress spiritually so you live a life that is more pleasing to God. I will be with you when you pray, so pray, pray, dear children, throughout the day. Pray and give thanks to Almighty God. Amen.

The above message reminds us of the words of our Lord Jesus Christ recorded in Sacred Scripture: "All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:27-29).

Our Blessed Mother repeatedly emphasizes the need for humility. What is humility? Humility is the moral virtue that keeps a person from reaching beyond himself. It restrains the unruly desire for personal greatness and leads people to an orderly love of themselves based on a true appreciation of their position with respect to God and their neighbors.

Religious humility recognizes one's total dependence on God; moral humility recognizes one's creaturely equality with others. Yet humility is not only opposed to pride; it is also opposed to immoderate self-abjection, which would fail

to recognize God's gifts and use them according to His will.

Humility is not sitting down and doing nothing. We are to use the gifts and knowledge God has given us and after repenting of our own sins we should strive to introduce others to the knowledge of God, His love, His mercy.

#### December 19, 2003, Friday, 7:20 A.M.

My daughter,

God's love is truly pouring down upon his children. His mercy is great for those who repent and who turn to him. So please turn to my Son and be grateful for this time of mercy and preparation. Be grateful for the gifts you have received and go forth and use them for God. This time cannot be wasted, so stay hopeful so you move forward with joy in your hearts. A joyful heart is how others will see Christ in you. Love and joy in your hearts is what God is asking of each of you.

If you truly want joy then depend on God and trust, trust in him. Trust in God for

all your needs and then rely totally in his loving assistance.

Each new day allow my Son to direct and guide you, and he will truly show you how to love, love one another. This is a time where love and joy must be present in your hearts, so please turn to Jesus and believe, believe he is coming. Believe with excitement in your hearts and prepare your soul now.

Jesus will truly come and through his mercy he will renew the face of this earth. Await dear children, await his coming with love, joy and peace, peace in your hearts. The spirit of Christmas is love, so please love Jesus above all else. Please love Jesus and allow him to fill you with his love, strength and peace. Amen.

Notice how often Mother Mary used the word "joy" in the above messages; five times in a relatively short message. It is used elsewhere as well. Mary is Spouse of the Holy Spirit and joy is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Joyful emotions affect the body, but they are essentially in the higher faculties of the soul. Spiritual joy differs from pleasure, which may affect the human spirit but originates in some bodily sensation. Joy is possessed by angels and human beings and its source is the rational will. Jesus and Mary want us to have joy.

The Mary in the above message says: "A joyful heart is how others will see Christ in you. Love and joy in your hearts is what God is asking of each of you."

The above message was received shortly before Christmas of 2003 and seemed to be in harmony with the divine liturgy of the Church for Advent. I also noticed that day that Little Mary was having her spirit lifted considerably as she understood that others have gone through the dark night of the soul. I had explained to her that when God uses certain souls in a special way such sufferings are inevitable.

The Advent Liturgy takes us back to Old Testament times when mankind awaited the first coming of the Messiah who would liberate them from oppression. The Messiah was Jesus Christ who freed them from sin and brought them life, grace. Advent also is designed to prepare our souls for the new and special coming of Jesus by grace at Christmas time and through the Mass and Sacraments all year long.

The Church, and our Lord Jesus Christ and His and our Blessed Mother, want us prepared for the final coming of Jesus at the end of the world. The end of the world for each individual is their death for which people should always be ready. Jesus instructed us in Sacred Scripture to be always ready.

In the succeeding messages our heavenly Mother will again call us to "joy" repeatedly.

#### December 30, 2003, Tuesday, 7:40 A.M.

My daughter,

It is time now to write, for all that is written will be embedded in your heart. My children must not lose hope. They must carry joy and love, love in their hearts. They must stay strong for Jesus and be a witness to those around them. More will come to know Jesus if you live, live these messages.

When you come to Mass and pray the Rosary you are living these messages. When you spend time with Jesus and pray throughout the day then you are living these messages. These messages will continue if you join hands and pray in those groups that I have formed. So please do not stop praying. Come to Mass and bind your Rosary around this world. Pray for peace and unity for there is much bloodshed taking place in many corners of this world. There is much evil roaming this earth and many lives are being destroyed.

Prayer can combat evil, so continue to gather and pray, pray from your hearts. Continue to gather and pray, pray together so that more souls see light instead of darkness. You have no idea how powerful your prayers are when you pray, pray together. You have no idea how many souls are being saved each time you join hands and pray.

My daughter, tell my children the importance of prayer. Tell my children to fill the church and to be obedient to God. All will know these messages are true if you continue to gather and pray, pray from your hearts. You are free to pray, so be thankful and pray more. You are free to come to church, so come with love and joy in your hearts. No one can take away prayer, so come and pray and adore my Son as often as you can.

Through prayer and obedience new doors will open all around this world. So be joyful today and believe that when you gather and pray in this church that has been chosen, God and I are truly with you. Now please carry hope in your hearts and be loving, humble children. Carry love and peace in your hearts and all will know that God and I are truly with you.

The way is forward, so please continue to live these messages. Your response is truly pleasing God so continue to be prayerful and gather, gather in those groups that I, your heavenly Mother, have formed. Go now in peace and be true soldiers for God. Amen.

After the heavy crosses of recent months Our Blessed Mother has been speaking repeatedly of "joy."

At approximately 8:00 on the evening of December 30, 2003, I received the E-mail from Little Mary saying: At 7:00, while doing the dishes, the Blessed Mother said to me: "Tomorrow you must write when I come to you for a very important message will be given to you for the world."

Little Mary asked for my prayers that she would have the courage to write the next morning. Never, since the messages began in 1995, had the Blessed Mother in advance announced a forthcoming important message. Remember, it has not been easy for Little Mary to write the messages through the years. That in itself has always been a heavy cross. The messages always began with "My daughter." The final message for the last day of 2003, a year which had been a critical year for Little Mary and her messages, would begin not with acknowledging Little Mary as "My daughter," but would be addressed otherwise.

#### December 31, 2003, Wednesday, 7:45 A.M.

Dear Bishops:

It is my time to speak to you. You will see much more devastation if you don't take heed to heaven's call. I am here, your heavenly Mother, to make the truth known. Please listen and take heed to the many messages that have been given around this world. Time is short, yet so many are sleeping. Time is short, that is why so many have been chosen to make the Gospel known.

I plead with you today to respond to all that I am relaying around this world. Many mountains will crumble if man does not repent and turn to God. Many more fires will run rapid (rampant) if man continues to disobey God's Commandments. The earth will tremble more if you don't do your part in saving souls. How terrible it will be for those who are choosing darkness.

My request to you is simple as I am asking for more prayer. Please let go of your desires and make more time to be with God. Teach your flock the importance of praying the meditative Rosary. Teach your flock the importance of family prayer. Be true teachers and guide your flock. Guide your flock now. So many are starving and they need to be fed the whole truth.

Your response is truly needed, so again I say to you, speak the truth. I am here to assist you, so please do not ignore my heavenly pleas. Make the Fatima message known so more awake before it's too late.

Dear bishops, this message is serious and you are responsible for saving souls. You have a vocation to live and this time cannot be wasted. These messages will continue but it is up to you to take heed to all that is written. There is hope for tomorrow if you are willing to do your part today. The Gospel must be spread for it is truly unfolding each new day. God's justice will prevail and you will each have to answer to God.

Now please help heal my Son's wounds for they are bleeding profusely due to the sins of this world. A response is needed and I am asking each of you to do your part. I am truly here to assist you for I am your heavenly Mother who holds each of you close to my Immaculate Heart. Amen.

My daughter,

Offer your suffering and prayers for bishops all around this world.

On January 9, 2004, the message of New Year's Eve, December 31, 2003, was sent to the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis with the following letter:

Dear Archbishop:

Enclosed are two messages from the Blessed Virgin Mary that she asked me to give you. The first message is addressed to the bishops; and the end of the second message, I was asked to give it to you.

With prayers and best wishes for God's abundant blessings upon you.

Sincerely, *Mary* 

The archbishop gave a very gracious reply on January 15, 2004, which made Little Mary happy. His reply read as follows:

Dear Mary,

Thank you very much for your communication of January 9, 2004. I appreciate your sharing your thoughts with me.

I hope that 2004 will bring us all many, many blessings to our families, to the

Church and to the world. We must pray for peace.

With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ, (Signature)

#### Chapter 12

# Greater Suffering for Conversion of Souls

January 5, 2004, Monday, 7:30 A.M.

My daughter,

Prayer is your protection so continue to pray and stay close, close to Jesus, Continue to write and share all that is embedded in your heart. Do not be afraid of those who do not want to hear the truth for the truth must be made known. Pray every day for those who are refusing God's loving assistance. Pray daily for those who are choosing the easier road for in time they will have to answer to God.

Each child must use their time wisely on this earth. They must strive to do their best to imitate Christ. They must not give in to their desires. They must obey God and do what He is asking of them. If my children would cooperate there would be peace in this world. It is time now to be true followers of Christ. It is time now to truly believe that God exists. God's mercy never ends and he truly awaits for His children to come back to Him.

If you have fallen away from the Sacraments repent and turn to Jesus now. Repent and seek guidance so you do not fall farther away from God. Change your lifestyle if you are living in sin so that I can assist you on this earth. Amend your ways and repent now so that I can lead you closer to my Son. Do not wait for storms to arise, turn to Jesus now.

Darker days await those who are disobeying God's laws. Darker days will come and I am warning my children that there will be no light for those who are listening to Satan. Satan will pull you deeper into the pit if you allow him to.

Dear children, please listen to what I am telling you. Please listen and take heed to the Gospel. The time is soon at hand and you will not survive without a true relation-ship with Jesus. You will be frightened and you will not know which direction to go if you are choosing darkness. Peace comes from knowing Jesus, so please turn to Him now for guidance. God will truly assist those who come to Him with a repentive heart. God will light the way no matter how dark this world becomes.

So today I plead with you, come to know my Son this very day. Arise from your slumber and reject all that is evil. In time you will understand, so please, please do not delay. Prayer will protect you and will guard you from the evil one.

Keep your focus on Jesus and ask, ask for His guidance each new day. Today I must warn you so you do not fall into Satan's traps. Be honest, humble children and be wise and amend your ways now. I have but little time to assist you, so please respond and accept my motherly grace. Please respond and be confident in God's mercy and love that He has for you. Amen.

There is a crisis of faith for millions in the world. Our Blessed Mother desires

to remind all that God truly exists. When our Mother says that many are living in darkness, obviously, it means they are living in mortal sin. To die unrepentant with mortal sin on one's soul means hell forever. If some do not believe in God, they obviously are not going to believe in either heaven or hell.

Some who say they do believe, have what Scripture calls a "dead faith." If one's faith is dead, not living, they are not living in the state of sanctifying grace. Our Blessed Mother calls souls to repent, be sorry for sin, stir up the grace to have a living faith by sincerely going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, confession.

People who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ become confused. They do not know which direction to take and will be utterly confused when trials or punishments come. It is God's loving mercy that he is warning us through messages of His holy Mother Mary. She is our Mother too as Mother of the Church. She is calling souls lest they perish.

Satan is very active today. A spirit of indifference to the Church's teachings, to the Gospels has become widespread. This kind of spirit is falling into Satan's trap and endangering the salvation of one's soul. Many are living in that spirit of darkness. Our prayers, meditated Rosaries, can do much for the conversion of sinners..

#### January 7, 2004, Wednesday, 7:25 A.M.

My daughter,

Be at peace and know that I am with you. I am with you each time you are asked to suffer for our Lord. Through each new cross you will be given strength, so please continue to write and persevere. So many children are suffering and these messages are God's way to wake His children. Your hands and voice are needed, so continue to do what God is asking of you. Your suffering and prayers will truly help save souls.

Each soul must be purified and sanctified, so tell my children to spend time with God. Tell my children to listen so that they can clearly hear God. God truly speaks to His children but they must listen, listen with their heart. They must examine their conscience daily and then work on those areas where they are weak. Each soul must do their part if they truly want to be purified on this earth.

This is a time of enlightenment, so please allow God to mold you. Allow God to assist you so you do not fall into darkness. God is truly showering His children with many graces but it is up to each person to embrace His love and mercy.

Now please be more appreciative of this time to prepare your soul. Be more appreciative and use this time to truly come to know Our Lord. Allow God to prune and mold you so you are ready when it is time to leave this earth.

Today I am here to remind my children that nothing can be accomplished without God's grace and loving assistance. Let go now of your desires and allow God to be in control of your life. Let go and trust and cooperate with all that God wants to do in your life.

Now please begin today and accept God's mercy and grace. Amen.

On January 8, 2004, a Thursday, Little Mary wrote the following in her journal (the journal is not the same as the frequent daily messages. Rather, the journal concerns spiritual experiences Little Mary has):

"I will share my experiences as the Blessed Mother has asked me to write in

my journal. On the Feast of the Epiphany last week I looked up at the Cross and I saw Jesus bleeding. The blood was dripping down from Him. I said to Jesus: 'Can I help you with your suffering.' I then saw blood dripping from myself. In my heart I knew this meant more suffering for me."

That night Little Mary experienced extreme bleeding which would not stop. The doctor had her come in and had a surgeon ready for emergency surgery. The doctor told her she was hemorrhaging and also dehydrated. The doctor then said she could not have surgery as it would not help and there was too much bleeding. Little Mary was told to take pills for 12 days and after that the doctor would have to remove the uterus or she could hemorrhage again. Surgery was scheduled for the end of January.

Little Mary prayed to the Lord that she would not be afraid to offer this suffering to the Lord. "Help me to write your words when you come to me and also your Mother. I still feel hurt by all that has happened in the past year with these messages. I feel so alone at times and so often the devil tempts me to take my life. I did not write for ten days in December as inside I felt like giving up. I know with your help, Lord, you can help me so I turn to you today. I feel weak from losing so much blood, so please give me the strength to do your will. I feel so close to you each time I have to suffer. I can't explain it. Maybe this is your way of drawing me closer to you. I will never doubt in you, even in those darkest hours when I feel so alone.

"No one seems to understand the pain I hold in my heart when I hear your Mother's words. At times I feel like I'm crazy and that no one on this earth can understand. Thank you for listening and for letting me feel your presence today. Your little unworthy servant, Mary."

On January 9, 2004, there were two messages. One was from Our Blessed Mother, followed by a message from Jesus.

# January 9, 2004, Friday, 7:20 A.M.

My daughter,

Please tell my children they cannot have peace in their hearts if they do not pray or spend time with Jesus. Peace cannot enter if my children do not open their hearts. It is time now for all my children to do their part so that peace can exist in this world. Without a true love for God one cannot live a peaceful life. Peace must begin with you so that it can be spread across this land.

This world is in a state of great turmoil due to lack of love and forgiveness. So many today carry much hatred in their heart. So many today do not know how to love because Jesus is not present in their heart and soul.

Dear children, the enemy loves war and bloodshed. The enemy loves darkness and without more prayer darker days will come. Many more wars will arise if the Gospel is not spread. Begin today and live, live the Gospel. Begin today by truly being an example to those around you. Begin today and pray more, for many hearts will be transformed by your prayers and actions.

Your prayers and sacrifices are so much needed throughout this world. Begin today and join hands and pray the Rosary. Pray together with your family and teach others to do the same. Love one another and allow Jesus to reign in your homes. Consecrate your family to my Son's Most Sacred Heart and to my Immaculate Heart. Allow our hearts

to be your refuge and strength. Spend time with Jesus and adore our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Peace will then be given to you and you will receive the strength needed to do God's holy will. Amen.

#### Message from Jesus

My child,

Accept my blood and suffering that I shed for you. It is my gift to you for you have been chosen to suffer for mankind. Do not be sad for all that you must endure for it will truly keep you humble and strengthen you. Put your trust in me for I am Jesus who loves you very much. Look at my Eucharistic Heart and feel the fire of my love. Embrace me so that others will come to know my true presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

I know your heart, so come to me when you feel alone. Your obedience to suffer will truly draw souls closer to me. Each time you write my words they will penetrate your heart. You will never be abandoned by me or my Mother. We are ever so close to you for you need much protection. I am with you in all your suffering, so continue to suffer for love of me. Continue to listen to my Mother for she is the way to my Eucharistic Heart.

Little Mary found it extremely difficult to accept surgery. She even had the idea of accepting the suffering for the conversion of souls. I told her she had a moral obligation to go through the surgery as her life could soon be endangered. When she finally had surgery the end of the month it proved to be far advanced and a difficult surgery with much pain and some complications afterwards.

# January 12, 2004, Monday, 7:30 A.M.

My daughter,

Many messages have been stopped throughout the world so tell my children they need to be grateful. They need to be grateful that God has allowed these messages to continue so that I can teach my children. These messages cannot be taken lightly. All must repent and believe in God. All must take heed to the Gospel and amend their ways. A response is truly needed so my children are prepared to see their soul.

If my children don't act soon they will feel much sorrow when they see how many wounds they have added to Jesus' Most Precious Body. They will suffer tremendously if they are living in mortal sin. So I tell my children today to examine their conscience and

then go to confession.

I ask that my children be honest and not hide their sins. I ask that they be truly sorry for their sins and do penance each new day. If my children truly want to be forgiven then they must turn to God with an open heart. They must strive hard to obey all of God's Commandments. They must turn away from sin and seek God's guidance. They must work on those areas where they are weak and reject all that is evil.

Yes, each child must do their part in order for change to occur in their life. Please, dear children, respond now so that I can lead you closer to my Son's Most Sacred Heart. Pray everyday to the Holy Spirit so you come to know God's love and truth. Through your response and a repentant heart you will come to know God's love and mercy. Now please repent and amend your ways by making reparation for your sins.

Look into your souls and be truthful, honest children. Spend time with Jesus and allow His love to penetrate your hearts. Take my hand each new day and trust, trust in my motherly love and intercession. This is the time to pray and trust. This is the time to prepare, prepare your soul. This is a time of great mercy, so please turn to God and turn away, away from sin. Amen.

Devout Catholics will better understand the concern of their heavenly Mother, the Mother of the Church, and her messages when they have an appreciation of the role of Mary as Mediatrix of all graces and when they appreciate total consecration to our Blessed Mother.

This book, *Messages from the Heart of Our Mother*, goes to print in the year of the 160th anniversary of de Montfort's *True Devotion* discovered by the Catholic world. It goes to print also in the 150th year of the solemn papal definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

Pope John Paul II in early 2004 used the 160th anniversary of the publication of *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary* to recall and explain the doctrine of its author, St. Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort.

The Pope owes his episcopal motto, "Totus Tuus," to this saint, an expression

of his totally belonging to Jesus through Mary.

As a youth Karol Wojtyla received "a great help" from this book. "I found the answer to my perplexity due to the fear that the devotion to Mary, if excessive, might end by compromising the supremacy of the worship owed to Christ," the Pope said in his message to the Religious of the Montfort family, "Under the wise guidance of St. Louis-Marie, I understood that, if one lives the mystery of Mary in Christ, such a risk does not exist," said the Pope in his letter dated December 8, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

St. Louis-Marie de Montfort wrote *True Devotion* at the start of 1700, but the manuscript was hidden and ignored until "accidentally" rediscovered in 1842 and published a year later. The saint had predicted that evil forces would not want the book out and it would be hidden.

Pope John Paul II said that when re-read in the light of the Second Vatican Council, the Montfort doctrine retains "its substantial validity." "As is known, in my episcopal coat of arms, the motto 'Totus Tuus' is inspired by the doctrine of St. Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort. These two words express total belonging to Jesus through Mary."

"Totus tuus ego sum, et omnia mea tua sunt," St. Louis-Marie wrote, and he translates: "I am all yours, and everything of mine belongs to you, my beloved

Jesus, through Mary, your holy Mother," the Holy Father said.

For St. Louis-Marie, true Marian devotion is Christ-centered and becomes a privilege. It means "to find Jesus Christ perfectly, to love him tenderly, and to serve him faithfully." In this connection, Mary becomes the faithful echo of God.

The Pope said: "Every time that you honor Mary, Mary praises and honors God with you. . . . St. Louis-Marie contemplates all the mysteries beginning with the Incarnation, which takes place at the moment of the Annunciation," in such a way that in the treatise "Mary appears as 'the true earthly paradise of the New Adam,' the 'virgin and immaculate earth' from which He has been formed. . . . She is also the New Eve, associated to the New Adam in the obedience that repairs the original disobedience of man and woman. Through this obedience, the

Son of God entered into the world. The cross itself is already mysteriously present in the instant of the Incarnation."

St. Louis-Marie wrote: "All our perfection consists in being conformed, united and consecrated to Jesus Christ. . . . Now, from Mary being the creature most conformed to Jesus Christ, one learns that, among all the devotions, the one that most consecrates and conforms a soul to Our Lord is devotion to Mary, his holy Mother, and that the more a soul is consecrated to Mary, the more consecrated it will be to Jesus Christ."

The cross, the Pope said, is the culminating moment of Mary's faith: "Through this faith, Mary is perfectly united to Christ in his despoliation. This is, perhaps, the most profound kenosis of faith in the history of humanity."

The author-compiler of this book could well appreciate what the Pope was saying about total consecration, and the former's youthful hesitancy until he more fully understood that in no way did total consecration to Mary take away from Jesus Christ. I too hesitated during my seminary years to take the total consecration, as I remember, for three years before, on a March 25. One day, like bells going off in my mind I heard the words over and over: "These two hearts beat as one." I knew then that Mary would never will anything in regard to my spirituality and salvation that was not first willed by Jesus Christ Himself. That moment of grace cleared up all my doubts and hesitancy. When March 25 came, I made the act of total consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

#### January 14, 2004, Wednesday, 7:30 A.M.

My daughter,

Miracles will happen, so please continue to pray and offer your suffering to our Lord. Continue to pray and intercede for those who are suffering in any way. Continue to do God's Will and believe, believe that God hears your prayers.

Never doubt in what God can do, for He knows what is best for each child. Through your suffering and persecution believe that God's hands are upon you. Believe so you do not lose hope for confidence in our Lord. God's love and blessings are truly pouring down upon those who pray and who do God's holy Will.

Dear children, please walk in faith and trust in God's plans. Trust by truly living the Gospel for that is what you are each called to do. Through your prayers, example and sacrifices God will truly, truly bless you. Live as God's pure instruments and I promise you your reward will be great. Your love for Jesus will grow and you will mature in holiness.

The road ahead will be much more difficult, so please respond, respond today. Live these messages and do what I have been teaching you. Increase your time to be with Jesus and then share your love of knowing Him. Share your love and your joy so more will awake in this time of preparation. Through your suffering you will have peace if you remain close to Jesus' Most Sacred Heart. You will not give in to those against Christ if you remain faithful to our Lord.

There will be many who will try to deceive you, so please study Scripture and then allow the Gospel to become embedded in your heart. Satan knows his time is short and he is doing all that he can to pull you away from Christ. Be on guard and receive the Sacraments as often as you can. In this way you will have the grace needed to say "no" to the enemy. No harm will be done to those who take refuge, refuge in our Hearts [the Hearts of Jesus and Mary].

So be at peace and carry joy in your heart. Be at peace and do not worry, for God will not abandon you. Some days will be more difficult but if you stay close to Jesus you will have the grace to persevere. Please do all that you can now for Jesus so you are ready and prepared. The Rosary is your weapon, so continue now to pray the Rosary each new day.

I am here today, your heavenly Mother, because I truly love and care for you. So be wise and take heed so that I can lead you closer to my Son Jesus. Amen.

In February, 2004, an Italian cardinal disclosed a sharp rise in the number of cases referred to diocesan exorcists, suggesting that the phenomenon could be linked to the spread of Satanism in Europe. In the above message we read: "Satan knows his time is short and he is doing all that he can to pull you away from Christ." I have spent much time speaking to Little Mary when the devil was trying to destroy her mission.

#### January 16, 2004, Friday, 7:20 A.M.

My daughter,

In order for there to be unity my children must love, love one another. They must be kind and compassionate toward those around them. They must take a look at themselves and work on those areas where they are weak. They must repent if they are living in sin and amend their ways.

One must pray for those who are choosing darkness instead of seeking revenge. In the end God will be the judge, so please, please love one another. Please be loving and reach out to those in need. By your prayers and actions more will come to know our dear Lord Jesus. It is time now to let go of pride and be humble, loving children. If you carry pride or hatred in your hearts then you cannot be true followers for Jesus. If you gossip or speak harsh words to your brothers and sisters then you are not imitating Christ.

Each of you must spend time with Jesus if you truly want peace in your hearts. Without quality time with Our Lord it will be impossible to live these messages. Without prayer time God cannot direct you. God is truly there for those who come to him. God is merciful and truly loves all His children. God will teach you if you truly open your hearts to Him.

Now please, pray for peace and unity and be an example to those around you. Live in harmony so that God's love flows through your hearts. As your heavenly Mother I plead with you today to love one another as Jesus loves, love each one. Amen.

Love is concern for the other person. Love is expressed when one has patience with others. St. Paul (in 1 Cor. 13:4-13) expressed what true love is.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. . . . So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

How easy it is to be impatient, even rude when others occupy or need our attention. It is then we must sacrifice our own interests out of love, concern for others.

Why is there such lack of unity today? Because there is great lack of love

among many for others. Why are so many families in crisis. They are not loving in the true sense of loving.

We must spend time, quiet time, each day with our Lord. This is why visits to Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament are so important. We should examine our conscience at such times to see how we are doing. How are we handling our weaknesses? Each of us has a predominant fault of one kind of another. At that weakest link is where Satan works for our downfall. If we don't strengthen ourselves with meditation, with prayer, we will not be happy and we will cause others around us to be unhappy because of our lack of charity.

Do you not see then why our Blessed Mother says: "Now please, pray for peace and unity and be an example to those around you. Live in harmony so that God's love flows through your hearts. As your heavenly Mother I plead with you today to love one another as Jesus loves, loves each one."

#### January 20, 2004, Tuesday, 7:25 A.M.

My daughter,

In order for souls to be saved you must continue to carry your cross with joy. You must continue to write and then share all that is embedded in your heart. You must stay strong, strong for Jesus. Satan truly wants you to give up for he knows souls are being saved through your obedience to God.

When you feel confused turn to Jesus and allow him to guide you. Allow my Son to embrace you with His merciful heart. No one can take Jesus away from you, so please stay close, close to Him. So many today do not want to wake from their slumber. They do not want to turn to God because they do not want to give up their sinful ways. They are choosing the easier road which is not healthy for their soul. In time they will have to answer to God and they will suffer if they do not repent and amend their ways.

So many today think they can hide their sins from God. My daughter, tell my children that God sees everything. God sees how His children are behaving for He sees deep within their hearts. God knows what is best for each child so one must trust and believe in God's love. A trusting heart is how one will be led closer to God. A trusting heart is what is truly needed today. In order to trust, my children must turn to God. They must pray and take time to hear God. They must let go of their worldly ways and obey, obey God. They must let go of pride and any hurt and be humble, submissive children.

The road to recovery is not difficult if my children give their life to God. A wounded heart can be mended with God's loving assistance. A change of heart can occur if my children depend on God. So today I plead with my children to trust and believe in God's merciful love. I plead with those who are living in sin to repent and take heed to the Gospel.

I ask that you pray more and obey all of God's Commandments. I ask that you take these messages seriously for they will help you live a pure and holy life. Now please let go of your ways and do not allow Satan to destroy your soul. Be humble, loving children and do what God is asking of you. Do all that you can for my Son and be brave soldiers for Christ.

In time you will see your soul, so prepare, prepare now. Cleanse your soul and convert before it's too late. Believe, believe in the Gospel and do not allow yourselves to fall into temptation. Take my hand while there is still time and I will truly assist you on this earth. Now please embrace my love and live in God's love and peace. Amen.

How many are aware of what their soul in mortal sin must look like. We cannot imagine how it appears in the sight of God. St. Teresa of Avila, doctor of the Church, had a vision of a soul in the state of mortal sin. There was a woman in Spain known for her great beauty. But St. Teresa saw her soul in mortal sin.

The hands of that "beautiful woman" became like the claws of an animal. Her hair became as writhing serpents; her eyes like glowing coals of fire. The "beautiful" woman's body gave off such an odor, like the fumes of a fetid swamp. It was all so horrible that it caused St. Teresa to faint and she said she never forgot how terrible it is for a soul to be in the state of mortal sin.

Can we not see why our Blessed Mother pleads: "So today I plead with my children to trust and believe in God's merciful love. I plead with those who are living in sin to repent and take heed to the Gospel."

#### January 22, 2004, Thursday, 7:30 A.M.

My daughter,

In order for there to be peace in this world my children must pray. They must bind their rosaries around this world. They must pray together in their homes and love and forgive one another. Evil cannot exist wherever there is prayer and true devotion to my Son Jesus.

I am asking my children today to persevere no matter how dark this world becomes. I am asking for more prayer, so please persevere in all your trials and difficulties. Your suffering is truly necessary to convert the world. Your suffer will truly help save souls. Offer all your sufferings for those who are rejecting my Son.

Pray the Rosary every day. Pray together as a family. Through your prayers and sacrifices other families will come to know God. Through your commitment to pray everyday innocent lives will be saved.

If you truly want to take part in saving souls then reach out and pray more. Reach out in love and teach others how to pray. So many today do not understand the importance of prayer. So many today are neglecting their soul. So many are on the wrong path and they need much prayer. Prayer is truly needed around this world, so please, please, dear children, respond today. Respond today for the earth is trembling and it will open in many areas. Volcanoes will erupt which will cause the earth to tremble more. Much devastation will continue to happen if my children continue to disobey God. Only prayer can lessen the severity of these events.

Prayer is your weapon, so I plead with you pray with love in your hearts. Pray for all your brothers and sisters and intercede for those who are not living their faith. Abandon yourselves to God's holy Will and trust, trust in His merciful love.

Now please come to Mass more often and receive the Eucharist more reverently. Come and you will be fed the truth, and God will truly strengthen you. It is time now to take hold of your life and to keep your soul pure. Begin, begin today and cleanse your soul, and welcome each cross that comes your way. I will truly walk with you if you pray and allow me to assist you. I am here to protect you, so please respond and do what God and I are asking of you. Please respond, for prayer and penance is how souls, many souls will be saved. Amen.

I have noticed that throughout the messages received by Little Mary there is a gentle and loving call to conversion through prayer, penance and frequenting the Sacraments. At times warnings are given as to what is necessary to forestall great punishments. But in general, the messages are not of the nature to put grave fear of natural disasters again and again. Occasionally, as in the above message, the warning is most serious and even frightening. To quote from the January 22, 2004, message above:

"Volcanoes will erupt which will cause the earth to tremble more. Much devastation will continue to happen if my children continue to disobey God. Only

prayer can lessen the severity of these events."

There will be those who will say this is scare technique and therefore the messages cannot be authentic. Anticipating such an objection I would like to quote from the approved apparition and message of Our Lady of Akita in Japan. I invite those who object to return to chapter 11, the commentary under December 16, 2003, and what it says about Sodom and Gomorrah and how they disappeared, according to scholarship, under the waters of the Dead Sea as a result of unnatural sex and all kinds of impure living. That's a Biblical example. Here is a modern day warning approved by the Church and worthy of human faith.

The nun Agnes Katsuko Sasagawa became totally deaf in 1973. She went to the remote place in Yuzawadai to live with nuns. The extraordinary events began on June 12, 1973. Sr. Agnes saw brilliant mysterious rays emanate suddenly from the tabernacle. The same happened the next two days. On June 28, 1973, a cross-shaped wound appeared on Sr. Agnes' inside left hand. It bled profusely, causing much pain.

Sr. Agnes, totally deaf, now heard a voice coming from the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the chapel as she prayed. The statue had been carved from a single block of wood from a Katsura tree. It was three feet tall. The same day



a few of the sisters saw drops of blood flowing from the statue's right hand. This flowing of blood was seen again on four occasions. The wound in the statue's hand remained until it disappeared on September 29. That very day the sisters then noticed the statue had begun to perspire, especially on the forehead and neck.

It was July 6, 1973, when Sr. Agnes heard a voice coming, this time from the statue of the Blessed Virgin in the chapel:

My daughter, my novice,

You have obeyed me well in abandoning all to follow me. Is the infirmity of your ears painful? Your deafness will be healed, be sure. Does the wound of your hand cause you to suffer? Pray in reparation for the sins of men. Each person in this community is my irreplaceable daughter. Do you say well the prayer of the Handmaids of the Eucharist? Then, let us pray it together:

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist, I consecrate my body and soul to be entirely one with your Heart being sacrificed at every instant on all the altars of the world and giving praise to the Father, pleading for the coming of his Kingdom. Please receive this humble offering of myself. Use me as you will for the glory of the Father and the salvation of souls. Most holy Mother of God, never let me be separated from your Divine Son. Please defend and protect me as your special child. Amen.

On August 3, 1973, a second message was received:

If you love the Lord, listen to what I have to say to you. It is very important; you

will convey it to your superior. Many men in this world afflict the Lord. I desire souls to console Him to soften the anger of the heavenly Father. I wish, with my Son, for souls who will repair by their suffering and their poverty for the sinners and ingrates. In order that the world might know His anger, the heavenly Father is preparing to inflict a great chastisement on all mankind. I have intervened so many times to appease the wrath of the Father. I have prevented the coming of calamities by offering Him the sufferings of the Son on the Cross, His Precious Blood, and beloved souls who console Him forming a cohort of victim souls. Prayer, penance and courageous sacrifices can soften the Father's anger. . . . Even in a secular institute, prayer is necessary. Already souls who wish to pray are on the way to being gathered together. Without attaching too much attention to the form, be faithful and fervent in prayer to console the Master.

Sr. Agnes experienced physical attacks of the devil. She was seized by the shoulders as she tried to go into the chapel of the convent. On the feast of the Guardian Angels, October 2, 1973, Sr. Agnes saw the guardian angels of all of her sisters and Bishop Ito in the convent chapel. All the guardian angels knelt in prayer around the altar. They were enveloped in a white light. Bishop Ito was saying Mass for the nuns.

The final message was given October 13, 1973:

You have still something to ask? Today is the last time I will speak to you in a living voice. From now on you will obey the one sent to you (Fr. Yasuda) and your superior.

My dear daughter, listen well to what I have to say to you. You will inform your superior. As I told you, if men do not repent and better themselves, the Father will inflict a terrible punishment on all humanity. It will be a punishment greater than the deluge, such as one will never have seen before. Fire will fall from the sky and wipe out a great part of humanity, the good as well as the bad, sparing neither priests nor faithful. The survivors will find themselves so desolate that they will envy the dead. The only arms that will remain for you will be the Rosary and the Sign left by my Son. Each day recite the prayers of the Rosary. With the Rosary, pray for the pope, the bishops, and the priests.

The work of the devil will infiltrate even into the Church in such a way that one will see cardinals opposing cardinals, bishops against bishops. The priests who venerate me will be scorned and opposed by their confreres . . . churches and altars sacked; the Church will be full of those who accept compromises and the demon will press many priests and consecrated souls to leave the service of the Lord.

Thus ends the message of Akita. The warning given was conditional. The punishment will come "if men do not repent and better themselves."

On the last day that the statue wept, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, September 15, 1981, Sr. Agnes's guardian angel spoke to her about the 101 weepings which came to an end on this date:

There is a meaning to the figure "101." This signifies that sin came into the world by a woman and it is also by a woman that salvation came to the world. The zero between the two signifies the Eternal God who is from all eternity until eternity. The first one represents Eve and the last the Virgin Mary.

Her guardian angel told her that the moment of the permanent cure of her total deafness had arrived, as promised.

Your ears will be definitely cured during this month consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. They will be cured as the last time by Him who is really present in the Eucharist. Those who will believe in this sign will receive many graces. There will be those who oppose, but you will have nothing to fear.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 30, 1982, her ears were healed permanently. It was the vigil of the Feast of the Visitation of Mary.

Bishop John Shojiro Ito, Bishop of Niigata, Japan, after years of extensive investigation, declared the events of Akita, Japan, to be of supernatural origin. Bishop Ito issued a pastoral letter on April 22, 1984. As the Ordinary of the diocese he wrote:

"I authorize throughout the entire diocese of which I am charged, the veneration of the Holy Mother of Akita."

Four years later, in June 1988, Vatican City, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, gave a positive judgment on the Akita events, asserting that the messages are reliable and worthy of belief.

#### January 23, 2004, Friday, 7:40 A.M.

My daughter,

Darker days will come if my children continue to choose darkness. Much more evil will enter this world if man refuses to repent and live a life that is pleasing to God. This world is truly in trouble because so many hearts have become cold. Cold hearts is what will bring destruction to this world. Violence and many more wars will arise if many do not repent and turn to God.

It is time now to get down on your knees and pray, pray more. It is pertinent that you join hands and pray the Rosary properly. If you meditate on the Mysteries of the Rosary your prayers will truly come from your heart. I say to each of you, do not rush through your prayers. Meditate on each mystery of the Rosary so that your focus is on God. Do not just mumble words. Think about what you are saying. The Rosary will have a powerful effect on those who recite it faithfully. The Rosary has helped save many souls and it has had victory over many wars.

There are many promises through praying the Rosary if you recite it properly. The Rosary is the weapon against Satan, so please do not ignore my heavenly pleas. Gather your family and pray it daily and you shall have peace. Gather in your church and pray the Rosary from your hearts. Make better use of this time and pray, pray more. Pray each new day. Pray for peace. Pray for your priests for Satan is truly attacking many.

Pray for family unity for there is much turmoil in many homes. Pray for this world so more wake up before it's too late. Pray for those who are choosing darkness for without a repentive heart many will see the fire of hell. Many will truly suffer when God shakes this earth.

Now please listen to my motherly requests and respond, respond now. Respond now for time is short and many today need your prayers. Today is a day to fast and to pray, so please do your part so more repent and turn to God. Amen.

The Blessed Mother seems to become stronger in her requests for the proper praying of the Rosary by meditating on the Mysteries of Christ contained in the Rosary. Some rush through the Hail Marys and it is to be wondered if there is any meditation on the 20 Mysteries of the Rosary. We should seriously consider how

we have been praying the Rosary when we hear these words:

"It is pertinent that you join hands and pray the Rosary properly. If you meditate on the Mysteries of the Rosary your prayers will truly come from your heart. I say to each of you, do not rush through your prayers. Meditate on each mystery of the Rosary so that your focus is on God. Do not just mumble words. Think about what you are saying. The Rosary will have a powerful effect on those who recite it faithfully. The Rosary has helped save many souls and it has had victory over many wars."

The Blessed Mother is telling us here about the power of the Rosary prayed properly. Many praying the Rosary can bring peace, ward off punishments.

Little Mary for many months had been suffering from conditions that required surgery. For at least a year she had serious problems. She kept putting surgery off, seemingly thinking God wanted her to suffer physically as well as in her soul. I advised her that she had a moral obligation to have surgery. She finally had surgery on January 28, 2004, and the condition was far worse than the doctors had anticipated. Two days before the surgery, on her 46th birthday, she received the following message:

#### January 26, 2004, Monday, 7:45 A.M.

My daughter,

Remember always that each day is special when you walk with God. Each new day is a gift from God so be thankful for each new day. Through your obedience and willingness to suffer God has extended this time for me to be with you. I am with you today in a very special way, so feel my presence and my love for you. I am holding you ever so near to my Immaculate Heart.

I will do the same for those children who take refuge in my Heart. Those who repent and who turn to God will feel my presence. They will feel my presence as I am ever so near to my Son Jesus. I am here to assist all my children for I am truly a Mother to each one of you. I am here because of God's great love for you. I am here to help my children for so many are on the wrong path. So many souls are in danger due to lack of faith and trust in God. So today I ask that my children continue to gather and pray in those groups that I have formed.

I ask that you remain prayerful and share those gifts that God has blessed you with. I ask that you be loving, humble children and welcome those who come to Mass and Rosary. I ask that you pray for priests for they are truly God's chosen sons. I ask that you respect them and be kind and compassionate towards each priest. My priests need to feel your warmth for many work long hours. They need encouragement so they stay strong for the road ahead. Without God's chosen sons you would not be able to receive all the Sacraments. So be grateful and pray more for all Religious.

Be grateful for your most holy pope for he is truly guiding his flock. He is a true shepherd who has been chosen for these times. He is a victim soul and how he suffers for all humanity. So please, please pray more for your most holy pope and all Religious. Please continue to live these messages for they are truly God's gift to each of you.

Please remain prayerful for it is through your prayers and willingness to suffer that God is showing mercy to your country. Your prayers have lessened what is coming your

way, so be grateful and spend more time adoring our Lord. Amen.

On Monday, after the surgery, which took place January 28, 2004, when Little Mary was at home with instruction to have a prolonged time of rest and recuperation, and during which time she was still suffering from post-surgery conditions, she received the following message:

#### February 2, 2004, Monday, 8 A.M.

My daughter,

Continue to pray and offer your suffering to our Lord so more souls convert before it's too late. Prayer is truly needed to help convert hearts. Prayer is truly needed for many of my children live in darkness. So many children are living in sin. So many are not on the path that will lead them to heaven. Sin has become widespread, so please, please pray more.

Take hold of your children and teach them in the proper way. Tell them that God truly exists and that he is truly loving and forgiving. Teach your children now for many are living in mortal sin. Many are not obeying all of God's Commandments. Many are making up their own rules to fit their lifestyle. Many are not taking heed to the Gospel and are sleeping during Mass. So many do not believe that Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

Please, please, dear parents, form your children now. Gather your family and pray, pray the Rosary. Set an example for your children so they come to know the truth. There is no longer time to be ignoring your children, so please respond today.

Teach your children all that I am teaching you. Prayer must begin with you, so turn to God and ask, ask for his guidance. Ask God to help you in this time of tribulation. Ask God to help you be the parents he intended you to be. Ask and God will truly, truly assist you.

Now let us pray that more parents will take hold of their family before it's too late. Let us pray for all souls living and deceased. Let us pray each new day for again I say to you, prayer is truly needed all around this world. Prayer is truly needed, so please respond, respond now. Do all that you can to save souls. Do all that you can to save souls. Do all that you can by truly being an example to those who are choosing darkness. I am truly here to teach you so please, please respond today. Amen.

During these trying days of recovery there were present the usual objectors, questions, from those who doubted, or listened to rumors, and some who were easily influenced by reports, having little and incomplete information. And of course, no Catholic is required to believe private revelations, even those judged authentic by Church authorities such as Fatima or Lourdes. But would we not be foolish not to accept Fatima and Lourdes, at least in reliable accounts of these events when so much favor has been shown by the Church and its popes?

I have had direct experience with some mystics, such as "Francis," subject of the book I wrote by that title which won an endorsement from his bishop. Sr. Lucia for years has been aware of my Fatima Family Apostolate and has even written to me stating that the entire third part of the Secret of Fatima had been revealed as reported by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. She stood by the image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary as I offered the Sacrifice of the Mass in her Monastery of St. Therese in Coimbra, Portugal, the same image I was

to take into Russia for the Shrine to Our Lady of Fatima, which the Fatima Family Apostolate had financed. I also spent time in Damascus, Syria, with Myrna and her husband Nicolas Nazzour and their family. This was to write the book: Light From the East—Miracles of Our Lady of Soufanieh.

In the modest district of Soufanieh in Damascus, Syria, near the heart of the place where St. Paul was struck down by a blinding light from heaven, and there

converted and baptized, today in our own times, new light is shining.

I went to Damascus, flying into Muslim land on September 11, 2001—the very day of terrorism on the World Trade Center in New York City, and other sites. I learned of it all only when the plane sat down in Damascus. I researched in Damascus and reported of the marvels: exudations of oil, apparitions, ecstasies, messages, visions, stigmata, bodily and spiritual cures, with doors of a family open to all.

A light from heaven is shining again, I reported, "calling all peoples of the world to unite as one in Jesus Christ." I related in the book the call of heaven for unity, love, and holiness in our families as a prerequisite for Christian Unity among the Christians of the world. Light from the East has been shining in recent years ever more brightly at Damascus, its Soufanieh community at the Virgin's House, as they call the Nazzour home. Syria is considered the cradle of Christianity. When Christians became divided it aided the spread of Mohammedanism we refer to today as the Islamic faith, or the Muslims. I walked among them and observed that they are as human as we are and knew that Jesus Christ died for them too as the universal Savior. I experienced in the Virgin's House a spirit of the early Christians as I offered the Sacrifice of the Mass there daily with Eastern Rite Catholics, attended also by some Orthodox.

There is a great need for both understanding and appreciation between the East and the West, between Orthodox and Catholic Christians. I hoped my book of about 240 pages would make some contribution to that. Before publication the manuscript for the book was gone over, line by line, by those in the Church and Soufanieh community in Damascus. Among others in researching my book I met in Damascus, was the Greek Melkite Catholic Patriarch Gregory III of Damascus; Bishop Diego Causero, the papal nuncio of Damascus; Orthodox Archbishop Dionysius Behnam Jajjawi; His Holiness, Moral Mor Ignatius Zakka I, part of his title being "Prince Patriarch of Antioch and all the East, Supreme Head of the Universal Syrian Orthodox Church." The book, once published and distributed, was well received in the East and shared with Orthodox leaders as well as Catholic. Myrna, with whom I became acquainted, receives the stigmata and undergoes the Passion whenever Catholics and Orthodox celebrate Holy Week and thus Easter at the same time.

Many, especially priests, are allergic to mystics, especially those reportedly receiving messages. There is an abundance of reported "mystics" today. I too am cautious. I need convincing evidence. But for priests where these mystics may live to mark such people off without evidence, study, investigation, is not being responsible. When there have been healings of bodies and souls, hundreds of people returning to the Sacraments and intensifying their prayer life as the result of messages which reaffirm the Gospels and the Magisterium, we ought to ask, "Could these messages possibly be supernatural in origin?" It appears some are.

Should not, especially priests, look especially at the fruits. "By their fruits you

will know them" (Matt. 7:16).

Then consider the approved apparitions. I am of the opinion that the greatest harm done to the Fatima message today is by those who misrepresent it and who think their personal interpretation is the only right one.

For over 30 years I've known the bishops of Fatima and the rector of the shrine in Portugal. They've also spent time with me in America. Besides adult pilgrimages, I've taken approximately 2000 youth in groups, twice each summer, for about 20 years to Fatima. I endeavored to give them education and formation for about two weeks at a time. Many of them are known as Catholic lay leaders today. Hundreds of others are in the priesthood or Religious life. I meet others from these pilgrimages with large families of their own now. The Fatima Family Apostolate International was formed to educate and help form families according to Pope John Paul II in *Familiaris Consortio*, the Church's document on families.

But some movements are distorting the Fatima Message. They do much harm to souls. They even accused the authorities at the Fatima shrine in Portugal and the Diocese of Leiria-Fatima in 2003 of selling the Fatima shrine out to pagan religions. As I see it, those who distort the Fatima message and claim to be the only reliable witnesses to the Fatima message are themselves keeping millions from taking Fatima seriously as a reaffirmation of the Gospel and discovering more deeply the power and love of the Immaculate Heart of God's holy Mother.

It did not surprise me then when some suspicious souls would intimate that Little Mary's messages were of the devil. It was said that anyone supposedly receiving messages must have an exorcist for a spiritual director. Sr. Lucia of Fatima did not have an exorcist for a spiritual director, neither did St. Bernadette Soubirous of Lourdes and others recognized by the Church, such St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, apostle of the Divine Mercy.

"But when the Pharisees heard it they said, 'It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons.' Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, 'Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand, and if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself, how then will his kingdom stand?" . . . (Matt. 12:24-27).

Could the devil encourage people to frequent the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Sacraments? Could the devil advise people not to live in mortal sin and in darkness? Could the devil urge people to pray the Rosary properly by meditating on the Mysteries of Jesus Christ? Could the devil urge people over and over to pray, even on one's knees at times, and for parents to educate their children in the true faith and form their children in virtue? The devil, the father of liars and disunity, could never do that. Yet such is what the messages given to Little Mary repeat over and over.

# February 3, 2004, Tuesday, 8:10 A.M.

My daughter,

God is love. God is merciful and He truly understands all that you are going through. You will feel better in days to come, so be at peace and know that we are with you. Be at peace and continue to offer your suffering for those who do not believe in God's love and mercy. Those who are choosing to walk alone do not have peace. They do not have peace because they do not turn to God for consolation. They do not feel God's love

because of their refusal to embrace Him. How difficult it is for one to walk alone.

Jesus must be at the center of your life. He is a patient and compassionate God who loves you very much. Each of you needs to go before Him with confidence and trust, trust in your hearts. You need to trust in His love for you and ask, ask for His assistance. You must understand that you are weak without God's help. You must understand that when you turn to God you receive His grace. Nothing can be accomplished on your own.

Each time you pray my Son is truly with you. Each time you come to Mass Jesus gives Himself to you when you receive Communion. My Son has given you the gift of

life and He desires that you imitate His ways.

Please desire Jesus and turn to Him each new day. Rely on God and not yourself if you truly want peace and happiness. Let go of your ways and thirst, thirst for Jesus. My Son waits for you to come to Him but very few ask, ask for His assistance. So many today continue to crucify my Son when they choose darkness. It is time now to truly live this message so that you can come to know my Son's love that He has for each of you.

Will you respond wholeheartedly or will you deny God's love? If you choose the path that will lead you to heaven my Son will protect you. He will save you from darkness

and He will truly console you. I plead with my children today to rely on God.

You have been truly blessed by God to receive words from heaven, so please, please respond today. Change your ways and follow Jesus and believe, believe, dear children, in His love for you., Believe and conform to His ways which are that of love and truth. Amen.

#### February 5, 2004, Thursday, 7:45 A.M.

My daughter,

If my children truly loved Jesus they would spend more time with Him. They would pray throughout the day and converse with God. They would not be afraid of sharing their love of knowing Jesus. They would not lose hope or worry, worry about the future.

Dear children, your first love must be God if you truly want to blossom. You must adore our Lord and follow His way of truth. You must be grateful for all that God has given you and strive to be humble, loving children. Please imitate Christ and take heed to the Gospel. Live all that you are being taught so that you truly come to know our Lord in this time of preparation. Be more prudent with your time so you stay close, close to Jesus. Do not allow the world to add busyness to your life.

Set time aside each new day kneeling before Our Lord.

You can do this by truly building a chapel in your homes. All you need is a crucifix and a quiet corner to kneel before our Lord. Each of you can do this if you truly want to spend quiet time kneeling and adoring our dear Lord Jesus. Today I must remind my children for so many spend such little time with Jesus. Many spend endless hours entertaining themselves with their material wealth. This is why so many children are being led farther away from God.

Take a look today at how much time you spend with Jesus. Take a look and then take hold of your life. If you feel distant from God then increase your time to be with Him. If you feel alone then take Jesus with you wherever you go. Invite all the holy angels and saints to be present in your home. Call them by name and they will surely assist you.

Now please let go of the noise that surrounds you and be silent so that you can truly, truly hear God. Through silence God will give you the wisdom needed to be more prudent. This time is so precious, so do not delay. Give more time to Jesus and adore Him each new day. Amen.

The weeks following the surgery of January 28 were most stressful and

painful. During this time she shared these thoughts with me:

"The recovery I am going through is slow as I have many spasms throughout the day. It is very painful and is supposed to go away soon. I offer this suffering to Our Lord. I miss Mass and this is hard for me but I have had Holy Communion brought to the house a few times.

"Sometimes it is hard to understand all this suffering one must go through on

this earth. I hope I am being purified so I can go to heaven one day.

"I can only imagine what it will be like when I see Jesus again. I remember the

pastel colors when I saw heaven. It was nothing like I've ever seen before.

"How wonderful it will be to see Jesus' eyes again as they were so beautiful. That is what I especially noticed when I saw Jesus. Beautiful rays poured forth from His Heart as it was beating. I remember when I feel pain that heaven is our true home and that time is short on this earth.

"I remember the choir of angels. The music penetrated my heart. I remember the banquet table that was so beautifully set. The gold from the dishes truly shined forth.

As I walked with Mother Mary I remember those empty chairs waiting for those who would soon be coming to heaven. I know the day will come when there will be no more pain and suffering. How I look forward to that glorious day to be with Jesus and all the heavenly angels and saints.

"It is difficult to be on this earth after seeing heaven. I think of heaven so often, now I can only imagine when that day will be that I can be with Jesus for all eternity."

February 9, 2004. During the weeks of recovery, Little Mary had a special spiritual experiences which she shared with me. It was on February 9. I found it difficult to describe in this book as it was not dictation as in an interior locution.

The description reminded me very much of what actually happened some years before when I was pastor of St. Mary of Mercy Parish, Alexandria, South Dakota, I remember it as May of 1998, as we prepared to celebrate Memorial Day weekend. Three tornadoes were sighted around Alexandria. There was an eerie silence about 8:30 in the evening when I came out of the confessional. Directly above the town the thunderclouds seemed to reach up for miles into infinity as I looked skyward. Yet the sun was shining on all this, making it a spectacular sight.

The tornadoes lifted, went over Alexandria where less than a year before a new contemplative Carmelite Monastery had been founded, directly across from the parish property. Even non-Catholic Christians speculated that the prayers of the contemplative Sisters had spared Alexandria. It was where I had built Mid-America's Fatima Family Shrine and thousands would come yearly for a Marian Congress. Whereas the tornadoes seemed to lift, it appears they came together and came down not many miles to the northeast, utterly destroying the rural town of Spencer, South Dakota, killing some people, injuring many. Spencer looked like pictures of Hiroshima and Nagasaki from World War II when they were devastated by atomic bombs. This was not a dream but a reality. In this case no sirens went off to warn the people. The governor of South Dakota appointed me as one on the advisory financial team to help rebuild the town from the donations that came in.

Returning to Little Mary's experience. She said that the sky was getting dark,

yet it was morning. She prayed and asked God if a storm was coming. Jesus said to her, in this spiritual experience, that there is still time before the storm so tell each person to gather in those groups that have formed. "Those who gather and who place a scapular on their door will be protected." Jesus said: "Tell them to pray throughout the storm for many lives will be shaken. Many will suffer and they will need a repentive heart."

This spiritual experience was not exactly like the usual interior locutions so I am calling it here a spiritual experience of Little Mary. Jesus said that much will be taken away all around the world. "Many were outside looking at the sky and wondering why it was slowly getting darker. I wanted to scream and to tell them to take shelter. For an instant I could see people laughing and carrying on with

sinful acts. They did not care that a storm was approaching."

With that Little Mary saw a vision, in her spiritual experience, of what was to come. It seemed as though the wind was blowing in every direction. Several tornadoes came from the sky and they were all twirling in the air. Sirens were blowing and people began to panic. Some were so angry as none of this was forecast on the radio. Many looked puzzled and did not know what to do. Everything was spinning in the sky, yet God was allowing time for people to go to safety.

People came to Little Mary's house and the Blessed Mother told her to take them to the basement. Blessed Mother said, "All you need is a crucifix and your rosaries. All else will be provided." Blessed Mother then said that this is a warning to wake mankind. Those who pray will have peace and they will be protected.

Little Mary concluded this experience with: "Later one could hear things outside being ripped apart. We must take heed to our Blessed Mother." Little Mary personally believed that such destruction is coming.

# February 11, 2004, Wednesday, 7:45 A.M.

My daughter,

Continue to be obedient to God and do what He is asking of you. Continue to write and share all that I am teaching you. Continue to share from your heart and live each day for Jesus.

Each new day pray the Rosary and pray, pray for your most holy Pope. Pray that more of my children will take heed to the messages that are being given all around this world. The truth must be made known, so tell my children to go forth in love and witness their faith. Tell my children not to be afraid to witness their love of knowing Jesus.

If each child does their part in saving souls conversion will happen. More will come to know Jesus in this time of God's love and mercy. I ask that each of you trust in my Motherly intercession for I am truly here to assist you. Each time you pray the Rosary I am truly, truly there for you. Each time you turn to Jesus I am ever so close to His Most Sacred Heart. I am truly present wherever there is true devotion to my Son Jesus.

I truly love all my children and I hold you ever so close to my Immaculate Heart. I love my priests, even those who are refusing my motherly assistance. I want each of you to remember you are all my children and I truly, truly love you.

Today, give thanks to God for allowing this time for me to be with you in such a personal way. Amen.

Our Blessed Mother asks not only that we pray the Rosary but that we offer it for the Pope. We should pray too that people will accept these messages which lead souls to the Gospel, Church, the Sacraments.

The alliance of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary is evident again in this message. "Each time you turn to Jesus I am ever so close to His Most Sacred Heart. I am truly present wherever there is true devotion to my Son Jesus." We cannot go to Mary without going to Jesus at the same time. Jesus is the invisible Head of the Church; Mary is the Mother. It is through the Church, the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ with the Sacraments being the acts of Jesus extended in time and space, that we come into union with Jesus. Coming close to Jesus in the Church, in this way we come close to the Mother of the Church.

Unfortunately we know of certain priests who do not seem to manifest a devotion to Mary. Still, they too are Mary's special beloved sons as they bear the special indelible character of the ordained priesthood of Holy Orders. She loves and prays for them nonetheless and has a special concern for them. So should we pray for them. Mary is constantly reassuring us of her great love for all of us and Jesus' great love for us. This personal love and relationship with Jesus and Mary is what God wants for each one of us and each priest.

#### February 12, 2004, Thursday, 7:30 A.M.

My daughter,

My children must march in unison. They must join hands and work, work together. They must be loving and forgiving and not fight with one another. In times to come, you will need each other, so please do not harbor hate in your hearts. Do not gossip; instead pray, pray for one another. Through prayer you will have peace and darkness will not rule your lives.

Evil loves darkness, so please, please live the Gospel. Live the Gospel so that this love of knowing Jesus shines through you. Your actions must be that of love and holiness. Your actions must imitate Christ each new day. If you desire to be like Jesus then you must be humble, loving children. You must be truthful and willing to change in those areas where you are weak. Your words and actions must be that of love and holiness. Your actions must imitate Christ each new day.

If you desire to be like Jesus then you must be humble, loving children. You must be truthful and willing to change in those areas where you are weak. Your words and actions must be that of love and peace. Strive hard to be faithful to your commitment to pray, pray daily.

Come to Mass more often and receive Jesus. Cleanse your soul and do penance daily for your sins. Darkness will prevail without more prayer and acts of love. This world will truly suffer if man does not repent and amend their ways. Yes, destruction will happen if man chooses darkness and continues to live in sin.

Now please let go of your ways and turn to God with all of your needs. God will then give you the strength to be the children He intended you to be. God will give you the grace needed to work in love and unity. Amen.

As Jesus prayed for unity in His followers, in the Church, especially at the Last Supper (John 17), so Mary, the Mother of the Church, in these messages is

concerned about unity in her children who are members of the Church. Unity between members of the Church requires genuine love for all others. It is a special mark of authentic Christianity.

If we are to live the Gospel, as so often called for in these messages, we must live lives of humility and holiness. We must be charitable in our speech about others and never harbor hatred for anyone. St. James in the Bible speaks strongly of the need to control our tongues (James 3:10). A loose tongue can destroy reputations, wreck lives, and cause divisions.

St. James compared the tongue to the rudder of a ship; how comparatively small it is but what a mighty ship it steers. He told us that a small flame can enkindle a mighty forest fire. The apostle tells us that if one entirely controls his tongue he is a perfect person. Thus our Blessed Mother in this message is asking us to love one another and not foster hatred and divisions.

We are encouraged to participate in Mass more than just on Sundays, if at all possible. Jesus is placed on our tongue in Holy Communion, thus the tongue should be used only for blessings, utterances of love, not for divisions.

#### February 16, 2004, Monday, 7:45 A.M.

My daughter,

Many today are choosing to walk alone. They do not include God because they do not pray. Without prayer and a true relationship with Jesus one will become entangled by the serpent's tail. Satan is strong and he will truly grasp those who have allowed themselves to become distant from God.

My daughter, this is why it is so important to make these messages known to all your brothers and sisters. These messages are that of love and truth and the truth must be made known. All must wake up in this time that has been allowed by God. All must turn to God and believe in His love and mercy.

These messages are God's way to wake those who are sleeping. If these messages were not from God they would have ended long ago. My daughter this is why it is so important to write each time I come to you. For each time you write they are truly embedded in your heart. Each time you write, souls will be saved.

God is truly using many in these times, but due to lack of faith many are not listening. Many are denying God's ways because they do not want to change. Change takes time, so I plead with my children, amend your ways now. Turn away from sin and rely on God's loving assistance. Come to Mass and take heed to the Gospel. Take heed to the Gospel and obey, obey God now. Listen to your Most Holy Pope, for he is not afraid to make the truth known. This Pope is truly being guided by God, for he has been chosen for these times. Be wise and listen carefully so you come to know the whole truth.

There is no longer time to be ignoring God, so respond now. Come to know my Son in a deeper way so you grow in holiness. Take my hand and I will truly help you. Return to God and join me in prayer. Seek to be like Jesus and I promise you, your life will change. Please respond now and look to Jesus for knowledge, wisdom, and truth. A response is truly needed, so please look to Jesus and desire to live a pure and holy life. Amen.

Again and again our Blessed Mother alerts us to punishments to come if mankind continues on its sinful path. We must not walk alone. We must always walk with Jesus, do everything in love and in union with Jesus.

God, through His Blessed Mother and our Mother in the order of grace, has for decades been giving us warnings and calling us to prayer and penance. There was Lourdes in 1858. There was Fatima in 1917. Still the world was thrown into wars because of the lack of love in the world between peoples. The aftermaths of such wars have been more and more sin. In our time, while Lourdes and Fatima remain the universally recognized calls of heaven by the Church, yet there appear to be scattered throughout the world others like Little Mary, people receiving messages which tell us nothing new but call us to live the Gospel, to obey the Holy Father, obey the Commandments of God and His holy Church.

Thus our Blessed Mother reminds us over and over: "God is truly using many in these times, but due to lack of faith many are not listening. Many are denying God's ways because they do not want to change. Change takes time, so I plead with my children, amend your ways now. Turn away from sin and rely on God's

loving assistance."

Mary keeps begging for a response of deeper faith and love on our part lest we suffer punishments to come.

#### February 18, 2004, Wednesday, 7:30 A.M.

My daughter,

A true warrior is one who does not deny Christ. In order to be true to God one must go forth and be willing to be persecuted for sharing their faith. One must not hide their love of knowing Jesus. I ask that my children take heed to this message today so more come to know my Son Jesus. I ask that you keep your hearts open and embrace the love being offered by your heavenly Father. In doing so this love will flow, flow through you. By your example more will come to know my Son.

Please, dear children, put on your armor of faith and rescue those who are sleeping. Reach out in love, not fear, and make the Gospel known. You are all God's chosen children and you each have work to do. You must come out of hiding and do your part for the salvation of souls. You must use this time wisely and believe that time is short on this earth. You must believe that this is a time of special graces but this time will not last.

There will be punishment for those who are choosing darkness. There will be punishment due to so many innocent lives being destroyed. God's justice will prevail and I

am warning my children you will need to be prepared, and in a state of grace.

Woe to those who are hoarding their wealth for it will be taken away. Woe to those leaders who are leading others astray. Woe to those who are not obeying God's Commandments. Each of you must examine your conscience and then ask yourself, are you picking and choosing which Commandments to obey. So many today are truly, truly on the wrong path. So much evil has been accepted and is truly corrupting this world. Do not think your country will be spared, for evil is widespread.

My Heart truly bleeds for my children for I see behind closed doors. I see how many of my children are behaving yet so many are refusing to amend their ways. How I weep, weep for those priests who are not shepherding their flock. Today is the day to wake up, so please, please, dear children, respond and live these messages today. Do penance for your sins and convert before it's too late. Pray and fast for this time is critical and change; change must happen soon.

Pray unceasingly and start fasting, for this is what will lessen what is coming your

way. My message has not changed, so take heed to God's warning. Be light to this world by truly living the Fatima Message. I am here for all my children. I am your Mother, Mother of grace. Amen.

We must be willing to suffer persecution for living and practicing the true faith. The Catholic religion is fair game for the secular media to ridicule it at every opportunity. Only those families where parents are conscious of what is going on and form their children in Jesus Christ and teach their children willingness to suffer martyrdom will survive as Catholics. The persecution to come will be far greater if things are not turned around. We must be willing to die for our Catholic faith if necessary. There are signs all around us that greater persecutions for the faith are coming.

At the same time, don't hide your faith, don't just keep the faith, share it. Call others to true faith. Speak in love, not force. Give example, not scoldings.

Sin is so widespread. Nothing is hidden to God. His Blessed Mother is aware of the sins of her children and is sorrowful. "My Heart truly bleeds for my children for I see behind closed doors. I see how many of my children are behaving yet so many are refusing to amend their ways."

Too many priests are not teaching the fullness of true faith. People in many parishes do not hear about mortal sin, the gravity of artificial birth control, permissive impurities among youth and people of all ages. Many have forgotten that the Mass is the Sacrifice of the Cross perpetuated. Many even have forgotten whom they receive in Holy Communion and do not examine their consciences but receive the Almighty God become man in Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin. They have lost the sense of sin. "How I weep, weep for those priests who are not shepherding their flock."

# February 19, 2004, Thursday, 7:45 A.M.

My daughter,

Spend time with Jesus so you do not lose hope or confidence in Our Lord. Quiet time is needed so that you can truly hear God. Without quiet time, you will become distracted by the world. Keep your focus on Jesus and He will fill you with His love and grace.

I say to all my children, be silent and increase your time to be with our Lord. Let go of all that is preventing you from spending quality time with Jesus. Let go of your worldly ways and allow my Son to guide you. Turn to Jesus throughout the day and you shall be given the strength needed to endure your trials and difficulties. If you truly want to grow in holiness then you must listen to what I am telling you. You must respond and keep your focus on my Son so you are not distracted by the noise and busyness in this world. Now please, pray and give my Son your whole heart for He truly, truly loves you.

Those who have faith and who trust in my Son will never stop loving Him. They will grow in holiness and will not be distracted by the noise of busyness of this world. Now please be thankful and loving children and give all honor and glory to God. Be thankful and turn to God for He will truly guide you if you allow Him to be first in your lives. Amen.

Our Blessed Mother is very practical in her advice in these messages. We must not become so absorbed by the fast pace and noise of the world that we forget to keep focused on Jesus. To keep focused and keep a balanced perspective we must develop practices of having quiet time for reflection each day. All should spend a minimum of 15 to 20 minutes in good spiritual reading each day. There are many good spiritual books available today. The Fatima Family Apostolate International itself, through the *Immaculate Heart Messenger*, offers many solid spiritual books and catechetical materials for all ages. We cannot survive on a ten-minute Sunday sermon, and God help those parishes where the sermons leave much to be desired.

Spend quality time with Jesus. How many drive by or near the Catholic Church without ever stopping to go in for some minutes in quiet reflection and adoration? How powerful it would be if the father of the family had a spiritual book from which the rest of the family knew he was reading. They would learn not to bother him in his quiet time of spiritual reading. Best, where small children are involved, if the father also would read spiritual books at their level to the family. The lives of the saints would be ideal.

The meditated family Rosary is frequently encouraged in these messages. How powerful if the father would give a short meditation on each particular mystery, not simply the mother. If the father would gather his children and while leading the Rosary, even if alternating with different members of the family to lead a decade, and would spontaneously give a few sentences of meditation on the mystery, or read from some prayerbook on the mysteries, he would indeed give powerful teaching and formation to his children.

The Fatima Family Apostolate (FFA) has prayerbooks with such meditations. *The Marian Manual* has over 100 meditations on the 20 mysteries of the Rosary. [They can be shortened or simplified for young children.] Mary's White League, children's division of the FFA, has illustrated Rosary meditations on the level of young children which could be used for the family Rosary. The Icon given for the various Rosary meditations could be set up for children to look at as the ten Hail Marys are prayed after the meditation is read. Pope John Paul II, in his apostolic letter on the Rosary of the Virgin Mary, suggested such use of icons in meditating on the mysteries.

#### Chapter 13

# Importance of Sacramental Adoration

The parish to which Little Mary belongs is a relatively young parish. Yet it marks at least ten vocations, six of them to the holy priesthood, five since perpetual adoration began.

Learning of this growing trend of perpetual adoration in the Catholic parishes of the general area, I could not help recall the importance that Little Mary, as a result of the messages, has placed on adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. She has a high regard for the holy priesthood of Jesus Christ. I would tell her of my opportunities to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the lower Church of the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament which Mother Angelica of EWTN had built at Hanceville, Alabama. Also that I could spend time in adoration there, as well as in the upper church where there was perpetual adoration of our divine Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. She would speak of her desire to have the same opportunity.

# February 24, 2004, Tuesday, 7:30 A.M.

My daughter,

A good confession takes time. One must examine their conscience and be truly sorry for their sins. One must be honest and then work on those areas where they are weak. One must take time to prepare their heart and soul.

I say to my children, do not receive the Sacraments out of habit. Take quiet time before Mass so you are not distracted. Be prayerful children and begin your day with prayer so you truly hear God. Your focus cannot be on God if you rush through your prayers. Your focus cannot be on God if you do not spend time with Him. It is time now to turn to my Son and ask for assistance. It is time now so you are truly guided on this earth.

My Son wants for each of you to come to Him with an open heart. His most Sacred Heart is loving, merciful, and forgiving. He truly loves you and longs to hear from each of you. Please ponder my Son's love for you and accept, accept His love and grace. Open your hearts today and allow my Son to embrace you. Allow my Son to heal you so you do not become distant from God.

Now please do not give in to Satan's worldly ways. Reflect on our Lord's passion and prepare your heart and soul. Prepare, prepare now for Lent is a time to truly come to know our merciful Lord. Amen.

The Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation is the cleaning of our souls. The

precious blood of Jesus flows over the repentant soul to cleanse it. We must be properly disposed with sorrow and a firm purpose of amendment. We must be willing to do penance. We must make an entire confession in a spirit of humility. No known mortal sin must ever be concealed or it would be a sacrilegious confession and no sin forgiven but rather a mortal sin of sacrilege would be added to the sins on our soul.

Mary is telling us when we prepare for this sacrament of forgiveness: "Reflect on our Lord's passion and prepare your heart and soul."

When we look at Jesus and ask, WHO IS HE? We know He is the infinite God. God is the creator of heaven and earth and all things. But when we say that God is the creator of heaven and earth, we grasp little of what we say. Let us then meditate a bit on God, the Creator who is infinite in power and majesty.

In Gen. 15:5-12, 17-18 we read: "The Lord God took Abram outside and said, 'Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so,' he added, 'shall your descendants be.' Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. . . . When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces. It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates."

In Old Testament times, into New Testament times, people had a very simplistic view of the universe, the heavens and earth. The earth was, as it were to their understanding, this earth we live on, and the blue dome in the sky was above us. And yet God's people marveled at the power and majesty of God revealed in His creation.

It was only a little over 500 years ago that it was proven that the earth is round—not flat. That dome in the sky, with water above—like a sieve—occasionally opened to let the rain come down. At times God would open up the floodgates, in their simple understanding.

Today, with the advancement of scientific knowledge, with spacecrafts and

telescopes in outer space, we know more.

Why do I bring this up? Well! after the Mel Gibson's movie, *Jesus—The Passion of the Christ*, which opened on Ash Wednesday, 2004, people phoned, wrote, inquiring what I thought of this film.

People reacted differently. This is a little of my own response. First, I kept in mind who Jesus Christ is: the Lord of heaven and earth. To appreciate a little more who He is, think of this:

There are 100 billion stars in our galaxy of the Milky Way. That is but one galaxy. Scientists now know there are AT LEAST 100 billion *other galaxies*. We can't comprehend that. I have a friend who is somewhat of a genius at using calculators. He figured this out. If I counted one star per second—night and day, without interruption—it would take me 3,170 years to count just the stars in our Milky Way galaxy.

Now, if instead of counting stars, I started counting only the number of galaxies, one galaxy per second, it would take me more than 3,000 years, going day and night, to count the number of known galaxies.

And God made all out of nothing. This enhances the words: GOD IS THE CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

Now this is the God who is the divine Person of Jesus Christ—who became man—to save us by dying for us on the Cross because He loves us.

It is this divine, Second Person of the Most Blessed Trinity, who became man and suffered and died for us. So I kept thinking during the movie, pictured before me in image form—the infinite God who is the perfect image of God the Father—and we are doing this to him, the scourging which was unbearable, carrying of the Cross, crowning with thorns. The movie imaged perhaps only a part of the actual sufferings of Jesus Christ which caused many to weep as they watched, look away, and leave the theater in deep silence.

During the movie I thought: "Dear Jesus, how you love us to go through this, so we can spend eternity in heaven with you. Help me never to commit even a little sin again. During the movie I kept thinking, "Jesus, I love you. Jesus, make this movie an instrument of conversions for many to Jesus Christ and to His holy Catholic Church." The movie, in my view, was thoroughly Catholic.

I could point out many symbolic things I saw in the movie. I mention only two: like Simon of Cyrene, who did not want to carry the Cross at first but then did help willingly and lovingly. Venerable Anne Catherine Emmerick tells it this way in approved visions of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ, a source Mel Gibson used for details besides the Bible. What a reward must be that of Simon's: he helped carry the very Cross of UNIVERSAL REDEMPTION. Whenever I make the Stations of the Cross I think at the fifth station, how I must willingly carry the cross that comes into my daily life—not only for self, but for the conversion of sinners.

Secondly, when Jesus was taken down from the Cross, placed in the arms of our Blessed Mother, I saw one arm of Mary holding the Body of Jesus and her other arm was on His chest—near His Sacred Heart—and that hand of Mary's was cupped open and extended toward us. What does this gesture mean? To me it means Jesus is the Author, the Source of all grace—and Mary is the Mediatrix, the Dispenser of all grace. We must live a total consecration to Jesus through Mary.

And did you notice Our Blessed Mother and Mary Magdalene mopping up the precious Blood of Jesus after the scourging. That activity was done with deliberation, with an Eucharistic meaning. We must never handle and treat the Body, Blood, Soul, Divinity—the Real Presence of Jesus Christ, God-Man in the Holy Eucharist—carelessly, thoughtlessly, but always with a sense of adoration.

Did you notice the occasional flashbacks during the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus—flashbacks to the Last Supper? What are they meant to convey? The Sacrifice of the Mass which we celebrate at this altar today and that is offered at every Catholic altar is the perpetuation of the Sacrificial Death of Jesus Christ. Jesus offers His Sacrifice of the Cross continually at every Holy Mass—here and now. And when He died and there was the earthquake, all those events recorded in Sacred Scripture, the film took us quickly to the temple where the curtain separating the Holy of Holies was torn in two from top to bottom. Why? Because the Old Covenant ended; and with the Sacrifice of the Cross the New Covenant is struck. With the Holy Eucharist, we strike, Christ Jesus that is—and we in Christ Jesus, or should we say Jesus Christ in us, primarily the priest, reenact—perpetuate the Sacrifice of the New Covenant.

Mel Gibson was right; the Scriptures are clear. Some proud biblical scholars read it and interpret it as just another book. What's their problem? Their problem

is lack of faith—faith in the infinite God-Man who suffered, died, rose and ascended to heaven to prepare a place for us.

While viewing *Jesus—the Passion of the Christ*, I was grateful for being called to be a Catholic priest, with ordination and the indelible character of Christ's priesthood on my soul, to be able to perpetuate the Sacrifice I saw imaged before me. I knew Jesus was suffering this for the sins of all mankind, but I thought, "Jesus, you must have suffered in a special way for priests who betray you."

### February 28, 2004, Saturday, 7:25 A.M.

My daughter,

My children must not rely on you for answers. They must turn to God and spend time with Him. They must deepen their relationship with my Son so they become strong, strong in their faith. Begin today by praying together as a family. It is truly God's desire that you join hands and pray. Through prayer you will be strengthened and the answers will be given to each of you. Through family prayer your relationship with Jesus will deepen and your desires will change.

I am here today to remind my children the importance of family prayer. I am here today to remind my children to look to the Holy Family as your example. It is through prayer that you will be able to discern what is good and what is evil. So much is accepted today and this is truly confusing the youth. It is not acceptable in God's eyes for man to be marrying man. The Sacrament of God's love in marriage is for man and woman. Marriage is a blessing from God so that one may bear children and raise them with good morals.

Without more family prayer much more evil will enter this world. This world is truly changing because so many have different values from those of Christ. So many are making up their own rules because they do not want to obey God's laws. Many are refusing to obey true teachings. So many are on the wrong path because they are giving in to the world's wicked ways. Daily prayer together is essential in the family in order to combat evil. Please, dear children, obey each Commandment and follow the path of God's truth.

I am warning my children today for Satan is vicious and he is truly trying to pull families apart. Satan will gain more ground if parents don't live their vocation. Parents must be an example to this world by truly promoting family prayer. Parents, you must pray together, love one another and he open to life. You must spread the Gospel by truly living it. You must keep your eyes on Jesus and not allow yourselves to become distracted by the world., so please join hands and pray together as a family. Pray and embrace God's Commandments and live, live his love and peace. Amen.

Our Blessed Mother, in the message above, given at the very time when so-called "gay marriages" of the same sex were taking place from New York to California, repeatedly calls for family love and unity through family prayer.

Here the Mother of the Church is saying what the Bible teaches, what the Church teaches, what Pope John Paul II reiterated: that marriage is a union between one man and one woman. America is fast approaching the days of Sodom and Gomorrah, we must repeat it again, if the sanctity of marriage is not respected.

When President George W. Bush called for a constitutional amendment to defend the sanctity of marriage which would outlaw so-called unions of the same

sex recognized as marriage, he was strongly accused of wanting to use the Constitution to deny certain people equal rights. There is no right to such sinful

unions which could bring the end to civilization if it keeps spreading.

Our Blessed Mother rightly speaks of youth being confused in this modern world. They hear those things discussed openly and defended openly as if those deeds should be regarded as normal. Young minds still in the process of formation cannot help but be confused. What is the remedy? It must come from good Christian family life in the home where there is daily prayer. Parents must teach the true values in their homes, not be silent and not let the world take hold of their children. There is no choice if parents want to enter heaven and lead their children there.

#### March 1, 2004, Monday, 7:40 A.M.

My daughter,

If one wants to be a true follower of Christ one must be willing to pick up their cross with joy. One must not deny Christ, they must be willing to suffer for our Lord. Today one must ask oneself, "Are you willing to be persecuted for sharing your faith? Do you hide your love of knowing Jesus or do you shine, shine for our Lord?"

I am here today to remind my children that you must let go of all fear and go forth and live, live the Gospel. You must go forth in love and truly share your faith. You must

not sit back and be silent. You must speak the truth.

This world needs to know that sin continues to crucify my Son. Jesus' wounds are becoming deeper because so many are choosing darkness. So many today are living in mortal sin. Sin has become widespread because many today are refusing to pick up their cross and follow Jesus. Many are choosing darkness because they do not want to give up their worldly ways. I weep today because so many are on the wrong path. Many are choosing hell because they do not want to repent or amend their ways. So many innocent lives are being destroyed because of pride and selfishness.

Abortion is the greatest sin in this world. All of heaven weeps each time an abortion is performed. Please, dear children, weep with me today. Examine your conscience and be truly sorry for your sins. Repent and do penance for your sins before it's too late. Get

down on your knees and pray, pray from your heart.

Take part in healing Jesus' wounds. Stop complaining and accept each cross that is given to you. God has allowed each cross for your salvation, so be thankful and let go of bitterness and fear. Be thankful for all trials, suffering and persecution for God truly knows what is best for your soul. God knows what will truly help you. God knows how much each of you can endure.

God is truly with you so be brave and do your part for the salvation of souls. Do your part or you will feel the earth tremble more. Now please, turn to Jesus and look to Him for strength for you shall never have to carry your cross alone. Go forth as true believers and take heed, take heed to heaven's call. Amen.

The Fatima Family Apostolate, which had Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J., as its theological advisor, from its beginning until his recent death a few years ago, would say to the national Fatima Family Apostolate Congresses: "Only heroic Catholic families will survive. . . . Only families willing to suffer martyrdom will survive. . . . The survival of civilization depends upon the Catholic response. . . . "We can see echoes of this in the message above. Recent popes have said repeatedly, "Mankind is losing its sense of sin." On occasion Pope John Paul II has said, "Mankind has lost its sense of sin." We need only watch the daily news to see that what is obviously immoral and unnatural is defended and promoted.

Our Blessed Mother is telling us that we should evangelize, share the true faith with others, not fear but go forth, for Jesus and Mary are with us. If Christ Jesus be with us, who can be against us? "What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? (Rom. 8:31-32).

Edmund Burke is often quoted as saying: "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." Here our Blessed Mother says: "God is truly with you so be brave and do your part for the salvation of souls. Do your part or you will feel the earth tremble more. Now please, turn to Jesus and look to Him for strength for you shall never have to carry your cross alone. Go forth as true believers and take heed, take heed to heaven's call."

#### March 3, 2004, Wednesday, 7:20 A.M.

My daughter,

This world would not be in trouble if all my children would pray, fast and do penance for their sins. I come today with the same message: repent and amend your ways. Obey God and take time to be with Him. Take heed to the Gospel and live each day for Jesus.

I say to each of you, if you give your hearts to Jesus, your desires will change. Your love for Jesus will grow and your ways will become more pleasing to Him. It truly takes effort on your part and a true desire to follow Jesus.

Will you please take heed to this message and respond, respond now? Take a look at your life and then reform your ways. Be humble, honest children and let go of all that is displeasing to God. Take time to do this so that change can begin in you.

Believe that this world will not last forever and that heaven is your true home. Believe that my Son is truly present in the Eucharist so you spend time with Him and nourish and cleanse your soul. Believe, believe in the Gospel for it is truly unfolding now. Each of you are being molded and formed so do not presume that you have control of things. God is in charge and he knows what is best for your soul.

All will be accomplished in God's most perfect timing. All will soon know that God exists. For now, you must live in harmony and be hope-filled children. You must obey God and love, love one another. You must seek the Kingdom of heaven and work hard on this earth. You must continue to join hands and pray, pray together. You must not allow the world to confuse you. You must stay close to Jesus' Most Sacred Heart. You must spend a great deal of time in prayer and believe that your prayers truly reach the throne of God the Father.

Now please prepare your hearts, for a pure heart will be the greatest gift you can give my Son for Easter. Go now as God's chosen children and prepare the way for the coming of my Son Jesus. Amen.

Many who are attached to worldly and sinful ways cannot bring themselves to give up these desires. They do not know that if they give themselves to Jesus from their heart, they will find so much satisfaction and happiness already in this life. They will be assured of eternal salvation and will no longer have sinful desires. With the grace of Jesus, especially through the sincere reception of the Sacraments and daily prayer, they will overcome these temptations. "The truth will make you free." Jesus is the Truth.

For sincere Catholics who truly believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ, Our Lord, God and Savior, in the Tabernacle, in the Holy Eucharist, life becomes meaningful and happy. Heaven is our true home and it is the way to heaven to obey the Commandments, receive the Sacraments worthily and frequently to keep in union with Jesus Christ.

We must work hard on this earth doing our daily duty. We must love one another, live at peace with one another. In this way one will find fulfillment in this life and for eternity.

#### March 8, 2004, Monday, 7:30 A.M.

My daughter,

All must be grateful for this time that God has allowed so that His children would repent and amend their ways. One must ask oneself today, "Are you truly grateful, grateful for this time to turn your life around? Are you praying as you should and truly building your relationship with my Son, Jesus?" The wise are those who are grateful for they will truly come to know our dear Lord Jesus.

Dear children, you must believe that time is short on this earth. You must believe that God is merciful and that He always warns His children first. Many warnings have been given but yet so many are still sleeping. Today I plead with my children to take heed to the Gospel. I ask that you turn away from sin and live a life that is pleasing to God. I ask that you come to Mass more often so you stay close, close to Jesus. I ask this of you because it is impossible to walk alone.

Each soul needs nourishment in order to stay healthy. True nourishment comes from my Son, not the world. Please let go of pride and laziness and kneel, kneel before our Lord. Ask God to help you overcome your desires so that you grow in holiness. Ask and I promise you God will help you let go of those things that are hard for you to give up.

God is love and He truly cares for each of you. God is merciful and He is always there to assist you. Please, dear children, allow God to be in charge of your life. Allow God to assist you so that change can occur in your life. Don't wait to change your ways, turn to my Son now. Turn to Jesus and He will truly help you carry each new cross.

I plead with you once again, keep your hearts open to prayer, fasting and being obedient to my Son. Keep joyful hearts and do not allow evil to rule your life. Be open to all that God and I are asking of you and keep climbing God's holy mountain.

The way, dear children, is forward, so please pray, fast and do penance for your sins. Remain faithful now and avoid the things of this world which are hindrances to eternal life in heaven. Amen.

If one has been following these messages, taking them seriously, one should thank God to be living in this special time of mercy before the justice of God is more manifested and falls upon us. Spiritual observers of the scene in American society, and throughout the world, cannot but think from time to time, that we are in danger of the wrath of God falling upon us.

Wrath of God? Does that seem extreme? Hardly. There is doubtlessly much more

serious sin in the world today than at the time of the deluge. Numerical figures of population alone would account for millions of times more evil. But those people then did not have the fullness of revelation in the merciful redemption of Christ Jesus.

Look at all the opportunities for education and yet, at the time the above message was received, in the United States, public officials were openly endorsing so called homosexual "marriages." Even a "Catholic" publication came out in favor of legalizing "Gay Marriages." Such concepts which seem to grow in acceptance endanger civilization as it has been known for centuries.

Thank God for this time of mercy. Thank God for His patience. God, especially through His holy Mother Mary, has been giving His children many warnings. Chastisements for our purification are inevitable if there are not true conversions in great numbers and a taking heed to living the Gospel. March 8, a Monday, when the above message was received, was followed by March 11, a Thursday in the same week, with a series of bombings in Spain within 20 minutes of each other. Terrorists thus took the lives of 200 people and injured more than 1,500 people in Spain and reportedly thereby even turned around the elections the following Sunday. Such could spread and is a reminder of what happened in America 9/11/2001. What took place in Spain was 9/11 days after 9/11. And daily, a year after the war in Iraq, we would hear of our soldiers being killed and suicide bombers and terrorist acts in Israel. And the United States was bracing itself for similar terrorist acts within its borders. "Yet, so many are still sleeping."

Wars are caused by sin. We are at war with terrorists who reflect the sinful state of society in many countries. We must "let go of pride and laziness and kneel, kneel before our Lord. Ask God to help you overcome your [sinful] desires so that you grow in holiness." To ask is to desire holiness. God's grace is always sufficient to overcome every sinful weakness, if we ask and if we desire union with God. "God is merciful and He is always there to assist you."

Each one of us needs to ask if evil is ruling one's life. We must be open to all that God and His holy Mother are asking of us. "Keep climbing God's holy mountain." This reminds us of Moses climbing Mt. Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments. "Remain faithful now and avoid the things of this world which are hindrances to eternal life in heaven."

#### March 10, 2004, Wednesday, 7:25 A.M.

My daughter,

Pray for the United States for many are falling further away from God. Many are denying that God exists because they do not take time to be with Him. In times to come many will suffer because of their refusal to listen to God. Many will suffer because they will not know which way to turn when God shakes this earth. Evil has become widespread and God will not tolerate much more.

There is so much unnecessary bloodshed. War exists in many parts of the world. So many innocent lives are being destroyed because so many do not cherish life. So many hearts are infected with sin so that is why so many children are turning to drugs.

Adultery and homosexuality are on the rise due to lack of prayer and obedience to God. Jesus cannot help those who are not sorry for all their sins. If my children do not repent then they are choosing to walk alone. So many souls are condemning themselves because of their refusal to repent and amend their ways.

I say to my children today, your lives must be transformed by prayer. You must pray unceasingly and do much penance in order for your hearts to be transformed. You must read Scripture in order to live it. You cannot live a life of sin and go to heaven. You must obey God and live, live a holy life. You must obey each Commandment and reject Satan and all his lies. Those who obey God will be filled with His love and peace. The love of God will truly dwell in their hearts. God's love and mercy will protect all who accept and live by His ways.

So please, please, dear children, abandon yourself to the shelter of God's love. Abandon yourself and turn to God with deep gratitude for His unending love. Amen.

In this message our Blessed Mother singles out the United States, the leading country of the world, which in its sinful and growing pagan ways is having an ill effect on the entire world. When people don't take time to pray their faith weakens and finally dies. A punishment is coming and then these souls will be so utterly confused because of their refusals to listen to God and the many messages He has given through His holy Mother.

As we commented on the message prior to this one, before we had an opportunity to read this message of March 10, we are in danger of the wrath of God falling upon us. "God will not tolerate much more. There is so much unnecessary bloodshed. War exists in many parts of the world."

We are at war. It is a war against terrorism. The early Church Fathers and Our Lady of Fatima in 1917 said, "Wars are caused by sin." It is no longer men and soldiers who suffer and die. In the war of terrorism civilians are wounded and killed, including men, women and children. Our country has not in its legal system respected the family and human life. "So many innocent lives are being destroyed because so many do not cherish life. So many hearts are infected with sin so that is why so many children are turning to drugs." Suicide among young people is on the rise and makes national news. When families don't form children in faith, its practice, and by lives of prayer, the results are what this message speaks of.

Our Blessed Mother tells us we can transform our lives by prayer. But faith is required for one to pray. Faith requires humility, an acknowledgement of dependence on the Supreme Power we know to be God. The Sacred Scriptures contain the very Word of God. As often before in previous messages the Mother of God here calls us to read the Scriptures. If we attended Mass every day, after three years, with the rotating cycles for the Bible to be read at Mass, we would have virtually heard the entire Bible, both Old and New Testaments, read in Church during the divine liturgies.

Our heavenly Mother calls us to contemplate the Scriptures. And did we not notice in the Lent of 2004 when Mel Gibson's film: *Jesus—the Passion of the Christ*—which was so Catholic in content and so biblical—resulted in great controversies, even among some Catholics who should rather have been grateful for such a film that had educating and motivating forces to evangelize. If only they would protest the multiple immoral films.

No one can live a holy life unless one obeys each and every one of the Ten Commandments. Rejecting Satan and all his lies, which we see on television and various media day by day, and turning to God in prayer, will bring us God's love and peace. We should not fear the future if we are living lives of faith and love of God and neighbor.

#### March 15, 2004, Monday, 7:35 A.M.

My daughter,

Please continue to write and relay my words for this is the time to repent and live, live the Gospel life. This is the time to truly come to know our dear Lord Jesus. This time is a time of preparation, so please do all that you can to assist me. I need this army of mine

to go forth and be true warriors for Christ.

The battle is on, so please, dear children, join hands and rescue those who are sleeping. Time moves quickly, so be wise and reach out now to all your brothers and sisters. When God shakes this earth all will happen very quickly. Much will be taken away and my children will need to be strong, strong spiritually. All will need to trust in God's love and mercy or they will panic. A true relationship with Jesus is how you will be strengthened for all that is to come. Those who are choosing darkness will suffer, suffer interiorly. Those who are choosing darkness will not have comfort or peace. Many will run in the wrong direction and they will be truly frightened.

I say to all my children, decide today to follow Jesus. Decide today for in the end the bad shall be punished and separated from those who did good on this earth. Those who turned to Jesus will have the strength needed to face their trials and difficulties. Those who have total trust in God will have joy, peace and strength. They will be led to higher ground and will be comforted with God's love, peace and strength. God's mercy will flow and blessed will be those who are obeying God. Blessed will be those who are willing to suffer for the conversion of sinners. God will truly defend those who live and speak the truth.

Now please go forth as faith-filled children and light the way for those who are choosing darkness. Desire what is good and be prayerful, loving, humble children. Amen.

Readers of these messages must surely wonder why our Blessed Mother so often begs to "please continue to write and relay my words for this is the time. . . ." The reason is because of the great burdens, trials, and diabolical attacks a messenger endures. Many messengers throughout the world have given up the mission to which they were called. They took an easier path of no longer being a messenger, no longer taking messages, and thus each was relieved of suspicions, attacks by fellow humans, even within the Church, and attacks by the devil. I can appreciate this only because during the past few years the hundreds of hours I've spent with Little Mary, often encouraging her not to give up under the attacks.

"The battle is on..." As stated in the commentary of the previous message: "We are at war with terrorists who reflect the sinful state of society in many countries." We must "let go of pride and laziness and kneel, kneel before our Lord." I've preached on that from the pulpit and wrote the previous commentary above before reading that our Blessed Mother said "The battle is on..."

We are to be concerned, not just for our own safety and salvation but all our brothers and sisters around us. "When God shakes this earth all will happen very quickly. Much will be taken away and my children will need to be strong, strong spiritually. All will need to trust in God's love and mercy or they will panic."

We must develop, each one of us, a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through the Immaculate Heart of His Mother which is our refuge. Great trials and tribulations are coming. They have happened in various parts of the world already. They are coming nearer and nearer to us. Only with a close and true relationship with Jesus will we be strengthened to endure all that is to come.

Yes, some who learn of these messages will be disturbed by the messages becoming more and more pointed. Can we not see what is happening to society, to our country? The very definition of marriage and the family is being changed, at least in violent efforts in that direction. The very basics of society and civilization are under severe attacks. The wrath of God's justice has fallen in the past, recorded in Sacred Scripture. We are not immune from this happening again.

If we turn to Jesus, Mary, the angels and saints in prayer and in the kind of lives we live we will have been led to higher ground, to a higher spirituality, and so be comforted with God's love, peace and strength when the trials come. Then God's mercy will flow about us and in us and we will retain peace. Be not among those who ridicule and/or ignore such warnings. Repent and become identified with the GOOD NEWS. Let the Word of God be embedded in your hearts.

#### March 17, 2004, Wednesday, 7:45 A.M.

My daughter,

Accept my Son's peace by accepting His will for you. Continue to use those gifts God has given you so that more come to know Jesus. Each new day offer your prayers and suffering to our Lord so more wake up from their slumber. Many are living a lukewarm life which is causing many to become distant from God.

I am asking all my children to pray the Rosary and meditate on the Mysteries. I am asking for more prayer so more turn to God before it's too late. Many today are in need of prayer, so please, please pray more. Offer everything to God and seek His glory, not yours. Give up your leisure time and do more penance. Do more penance with joy and love, love in your hearts. Fast on those days that I am asking you to, for then your prayers become even more powerful.

Prayers, fasting, and penance will bring great salvation to many, many souls. Conversion will truly happen if you do what God and I are asking of you. Each of you must pick up your cross with joy and do your part for the salvation of souls. This world will truly suffer more if you choose to be lazy. This world will see much more destruction if hearts remain cold to the truth. Prayer and penance are the only way to peace in this troubled world. So please, do not wait for me to remind you, pray more.

Prayer for all your brothers and sisters around this world. Pray for all religious for many are making up their own rules. Many are allowing evil to enter due to lack of prayer. Please live these messages and pray; pray for peace. Pray throughout the day and live, live in holiness. Amen.

Each one of us is unique in God's plan and each one has unique gifts. We can learn something from everyone. God has given each one of us the gifts He wanted us to have and use for His ultimate glory and for the good of others. When we discover and use our gifts we come to know Jesus in a deeper way.

Begin each day with the Morning Offering. Our Blessed Mother puts it this way: "Each new day offer your prayers and suffering to Our Lord...." We should offer our prayers, works, joys and sufferings of each day for the conversion of souls. Our Lord despises a lukewarm faith. "I would that you were hot or cold...."

The daily meditated Rosary is crucial, especially in these times. Meditating on the 20 mysteries of Christ in the Rosary leads us to a certain contemplative life and to a more fruitful participation in the divine liturgy of the Mass and the Sacraments. Pope John Paul II pointed this out in his 2002 marvelous apostolic letter, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, on the Rosary of the Virgin Mary, in which he declared the Year of the Rosary (October 2002-October 2003).

There are many who pray little or not at all. The Mother of the Church is thus asking us to pray more so more are converted to God before it is too late and they lose their souls.

"Offer everything to God and seek His glory, not yours." Isn't that what we do when we pray the Morning Offering. "O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. . . ." At every moment of the day and night, someplace in the world a priest is offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, perpetuating Calvary's Sacrifice. We are to unite our daily duty, our entire day to Jesus in His Sacrifice, in union also with the Heart of Mary. Her Immaculate Heart is the model of everything the Church is and hopes to become.

We should do penance and pray more in joy, not reluctantly. "Each of you must pick up your cross with joy and do your part for the salvation of souls." Venerable Ann Catherine Emmerick saw Simon of Cyrene, reluctant at first to carry the Cross with Jesus. Jesus turned and looked at him. The eyes of Jesus penetrated Simon's soul and so he gladly took more of the weight of the Cross. At first reluctant to carry the Cross, converted, he gladly carried the Cross. What a high place in heaven Simon of Cyrene must have for helping to carry the very universal Cross that redeemed the entire world. Converted, let us with joy, with the joy with which Jesus embraced the Cross, take up our Cross in union with Jesus' suffering in a spirit of reparation—for the conversion of sinners.

We must pray and sacrifice for all our brothers and sisters of the entire world. It is no secret that many Religious have lost their way. Why? "Due to lack of prayer." "Oh!" they may say, "but we do pray." How? Like the Pharisee in the temple with the tax collector, who prayed to himself, praised himself, and did not praise God?

Jesus is recorded in Sacred Scripture as saying that we should "pray always." In the above message our heavenly Mother says: "Pray throughout the day and live, live in holiness."

#### March 19, 2004, Friday, 7:20 A.M., Feast of St. Joseph

My daughter,

Tell my children to call upon St. Joseph for he is truly there for those who ask for his intercession. This world needs much protection, so remember to call upon St. Joseph for he has always been the Protector of the Church and Protector for Families throughout the world. He is truly a model for fathers as he was very humble and prayerful and dedicated his work to God.

Families today need to embrace St. Joseph and ask, ask for his intercession. Families need to join hands and pray the Rosary. Without prayer there can be no protection. Many graces are given to those who pray together as a family. Through family prayer your love for one another will grow. Much peace will be given to you and there will be less turmoil in the home.

Please, dear children, make a commitment to begin praying together as a family. Pray in faith like little children and your prayers shall be answered. Prayer is what will combat evil. Prayer is the only way to peace in this darkened world.

Now please stay hopeful and pray and surrender your hearts to God's holy Will. Amen.

Next to our Mother Mary St. Joseph is the greatest saint in heaven after Jesus Christ, the King of Saints and Author of Grace. Who did St. Joseph represent to the Child Jesus? No less than God the Father, the First Person of the Blessed Trinity. Think of it, St. Joseph took the place on earth of God the Father in relationship of the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ.

As head of the Holy Family, we can see then why the Church has bestowed many venerable titles on St. Joseph: Spouse of the Mother of God; Foster Father of the Son of God; Watchful Protector of Christ; Joseph, most Just; Most Chaste, Most Prudent, Most Obedient, Patron of the Dying, Terror of Demons, Protector of Holy Church; Mirror of Patience; Model of Workmen; Glory of Family Life; Guardian of Virgins . . . and many other titles.

The Bible does not record a single word that St. Joseph spoke. Scripture simply describes St. Joseph as "a Just Man." But for the Word of God to describe one as "a Just Man" is to say much. That divinely inspired description, in Biblical language, tells us Joseph possessed all the virtues; he was a righteous man. It describes the attitude needed to undergird and sustain a covenant between two parties.

To say that St. Joseph was just or righteous is to say that Joseph strove to understand what God expected of him in the covenant and that he desired with all his heart to conform his will to what God wanted. In this way St. Joseph was able to serve God in the midst of his responsibilities in the world and was ideally suited to raise the Child Jesus.

Can you imagine family prayer in the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph at Nazareth? Let your imagination carry you back 2,000 years to the Holy House of the Holy Family in Nazareth and see St. Joseph, with Mother Mary at his side, and the Child Jesus, as St. Joseph leads family prayer. What do you see? What do you sense? How do you see the Christ Child responding, praying, listening attentively to the leader of family prayer, St. Joseph?

Pope John Paul II has commented on Joseph's suitability for this task as head of the Holy Family as follows:

"St. Joseph was called by God to serve the Person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood. . . . His fatherhood is expressed concretely in his having made his life a service, a sacrifice to the mystery of the incarnation and to the redemptive mission connected with it. . . . In having turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of self, an oblation of his heart and all his abilities into love placed at the service of the Messiah growing up in his house."

Joseph, not Mary, was the head of the Holy Family. The Christ Child put Joseph's authority first in the family. Imagine this dignity, God becomes man in Jesus Christ and this God-Man obeys the man Joseph. Only in heaven will we be able to have some idea in depth of the love the Christ Child had for St. Joseph, seeing in Joseph the representative of His Father, the First Person of the Blessed Trinity.

To fit Joseph for this tremendous dignity, Almighty God conferred on him supernatural gifts, second onto those conferred on our Blessed Lady. St. Joseph thus received the fatherly authority of Almighty God over Jesus Christ as far as it is possible for mortal man in human affairs of the Word's incarnate. St. Joseph

thus entered into communion with the fatherly love of the first Person of the Blessed Trinity toward the eternal Son of God. The love of St. Joseph for his virginal Son, Jesus, was modeled after the eternal love of God the Father for the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. As it took centuries of development for God's people, Daughter Sion, to have among them one woman worthy to be the vessel to hold the infinite God incarnate, so Joseph descends in a long line from Abraham and David and his worthiness and time on earth coincides with that of his wife, Mary.

These unique qualities and holiness of St. Joseph make him the unique Protector of the Universal Church and unique Guardian of Families. If you are having family problems, go to God through St. Joseph. If problems with purity, go to St. Joseph. He never committed a mortal sin. He is Joseph Most Pure.

Fathers of families will find in St. Joseph every virtue to be imitated. If one's faith is tempted at times, St. Joseph, Most Faithful, can be our model again. St. Joseph's faith was tempted when he knew his wife was with child but knew not the source since he and Mary had taken vows of virginity. Only after some time did the angel reveal to Joseph that the Child was conceived of the Holy Spirit. Our Blessed Mother revealed to a saint that her greatest suffering, next to standing at the foot of the Cross on Calvary, was when she was with Child and Joseph did not know how. She did not tell Joseph how because Our Lord had not told her to. So obedient was her faith.

Joseph can be a model for prayer-life as well. The silence of Joseph inspires us to the need for silence in order for us to listen and hear the Lord in prayer.

Even for the sick, St. Joseph is a model. St. Joseph has been named by Mother Church the "Patron of the dying." He died in the arms of Jesus and Mary. We ought often to pray to St. Joseph for the grace of a happy death and the grace to receive the Sacraments of Christ, Viaticum and the Anointing, at the time of our death.

St. Joseph is a model in penance and sacrifice. The penance, sacrifice, he offered up during the months of trusting in faith, his wife Mary, not knowing the origin of the child; his going down into Egypt in the middle of the night, without questioning the Word of God given him through the angel when Herod sought to kill the Christ child; the poverty of the Holy Family.

It was with good reason near the end of the second decade of the 20th century—a century of so much unrest, sin, wars, breakdown of faith and family life, that when God sent His Mother to Fatima—at the final vision during the miracle of the spinning of the sun, the Holy Family appeared. St. Joseph appeared with the Christ Child, both were blessing the world. The Bishop of Fatima when he came to one of our national Fatima Family Congresses said that the Church interprets the final vision of the Holy Family as the call of heaven for the sanctification of family life.

Let us look to the Holy Family as our model of family life, and go to St. Joseph in all our needs. His intercession is powerful with God through Jesus Christ.

The message of our Blessed Mother above is in harmony with the teachings of the Church when she says: "Remember to call upon St. Joseph for he has always been the Protector of the Church and Protector for Families throughout the world. He is truly a model for fathers as he was very humble and prayerful and dedicated his work to God."

# March 22, 2004, Monday, 7:20 A.M. The Rosary and Priests "The Rosary can truly stop what is coming your way.... Dear priests, this is part of your vocation, so please, please do your part.

My daughter,

Peace comes from knowing Jesus. Until my children turn to God there cannot be peace in this world. This world is in trouble due to lack of faith and trust in Almighty God. Due to lack of prayer, violence is increasing all around this world. Terrorists roam this earth waiting for their signal to attack. Many innocent lives will be destroyed if my children don't get down on their knees and pray, pray more.

Why aren't my priests promoting more prayer? I have asked my priests to lead the Rosary. I have asked them to join hands in those groups that I have formed. Where are

my priests?

The Rosary can truly stop what is coming your way. More of my children would gather and pray if priests would teach their flock the importance of praying the Rosary. I am truly asking for your assistance for much prayer is needed around this world. Please, dear priests, let go of all fear and gather my children now. Without more prayer you will see much destruction. Much more evil will enter this world if you ignore my motherly requests. Take time after Mass to pray the Rosary with your flock. Take time so more will stay to pray and meditate on the Mysteries of the Rosary.

Let go of your desires and I promise you God will truly protect you. Let go of your worldly ways and make time to pray with your flock. A true leader is one who guides and shepherds those around them. A true leader promotes prayer, not war. True leaders are those who are faithful to God.

Dear priests, this is part of your vocation, so please, please do your part. Let go of your free time and listen, listen to your heavenly Mother. This world is in danger and I need your assistance. I need your assistance in order to stop what is coming your way. I plead with you today to truly live, live your vocation. Your hands and voice are needed in order to make a difference in this world.

It is time now to join hands and pray for peace around this world. It is time now to teach your flock the importance of family prayer. Time is running out, so please take this message seriously. Please do your part for when you pray together your prayers are even more powerful. I will assist you each time you pray, pray with your flock. Now please take my hand and be true warriors for Christ. Take my hand and walk with me and use your hands and voice for Christ.

Today you must begin, for I say to you, prayer is truly needed around this world. Amen.

On the day that the above message was received and for the following days Little Mary was under much diabolical attack. She was being overwhelmed by the attacks and thus phoned me. It was easy, under the circumstances and experiences with her from the immediate past years, to see that she was under such diabolical attacks. I felt that the devil knew that souls were soon to be helped through her mission and thus the attacks. I had noticed before that when souls were coming forth and being held such things took place. As we continued our conversation our Blessed Mother said to Little Mary: "The devil is furious because of the book [Messages from the Heart of Our Mother] to come out [soon]." Our Lady also said

on this occasion that many priests were not praying the Rosary. Our Lady added: "Many priests would read this book [on the messages]." Now for the compiler's commentary on the above message.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Surely, if we know Him, we love Him and will have peace. To know Jesus we must engage in regular daily prayer from our hearts. If we don't pray daily from our hearts, the reason is that we don't know Jesus for to know Jesus is to love Him. When one loves, one responds.

The violence, fear of terrorism and acts of terrorism we hear of so often, we are told in this message, in so many words, is "due to lack of prayer." When people truly pray from their hearts, they turn from sin and to love of God and

neighbor.

The beautiful thing about this message is that it reminds us that the warnings of destruction, innocent lives being destroyed, etc., which we have heard with greater frequency in the later messages as of this date, are conditional. This is to say, as said in the words of this message: "The Rosary can truly stop what is coming your way."

Much responsibility for the condition of the world is laid upon priests when the Mother of the Church says: "More of my children would gather and pray if priests would teach their flock the importance of praying the Rosary." In this message, the Mother of God begs priests for their assistance "for much prayer is needed around this world."

When I was in the seminary, as seminarians, we were reminded of two things that impressed me. "You will be the kind of priest that you are a seminarian. If you are a man of prayer, faith and love now, so you will be as a priest." The spirituality of the parish will depend upon the kind of priest that parish has. If the priest is excellent in spirituality, the people in general will be good. If the priest is good, the people will be fair. If the priest is only fair in his spirituality, the people will be very weak in faith and its practice.

Obviously the Mother of the Church is expressing urgency in our times when in this message she says: "Where are my priests?" and "Why aren't my priests promoting more prayer?" Our Blessed Mother even loves to see the priest lead the Rosary for the people. Our heavenly Mother even ask priests to join hands in those prayer groups which she herself has formed. What are we to say if a priest puts roadblocks in the way of prayer groups, even those groups loyal to the Pope, to the magisterium? Is it the case that certain priests of only "fair" spirituality are envious of certain laity whose spirituality is good or even excellent?

The warning of great destruction of things on earth and in human lives is conditional when we hear our Blessed Mother say: "The Rosary can truly stop what is coming your way." The blame for more of the children of the Church not gathering and praying is placed on priests, for Mary says: "More of my children would gather and pray if priests would teach their flock the importance of praying the Rosary. I am truly asking for your [the priests'] assistance, for much prayer is needed around this world."

Having been directly involved as a parish priest for just over 48½ years and in Catholic journalism for at least 43 years, I can hear some smirking at the promise of the great power that can come from the Rosary when they read the above message and/or this commentary. To those who would so regard this message and commentary, I would refer them to the apostolic letter, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae (The Rosary of the Virgin Mary)*, which Pope John Paul II issued

in October, 2002, calling for the Year of the Rosary. In that letter he called upon bishops and priests to promote the Rosary. First, they were to pray it well themselves. In that letter the Vicar of Christ spoke of the meditation on the Mysteries of Christ in the Rosary, which he increased to twenty when he added the Luminous Mysteries. The Pope instructed us on the relationship of the Rosary, properly prayed to the divine liturgy as in contemplating the face of Christ with Mary, we would be led to a more fruitful participation in the divine liturgy, the Mass and the Sacraments. Can we not see then why our Blessed Mother lays great importance on the Rosary?

Perhaps some priests have fear of preaching the Rosary, leading the Rosary, promoting the Rosary. Mary promises to protect those who let go of their world-

ly ways and fears and to make time to pray with their flocks.

It seems that our Blessed Mother is saying that some priests have not been true or good leaders. "For a true leader promotes prayer, not war. True leaders are those who are faithful to God." Can priests deny that many priests have not been strong leaders and men of prayer in giving good example of a life of prayer and instructing the faithful in the same? The priest must be "faithful to God" if he is to be a true leader. The priest who does not lead his flock to fervent prayer is certainly not shepherding or leading well. Priests must remember: "This is part of your vocation, so please, please do your part. Let go . . . and listen, listen to your heavenly Mother.

This message must be taken seriously by all and by priests in particular. We only have to listen to the news and the plunging downward of morals and common sense regarding morals to know that the time is already late.

#### March 24, 2004, Wednesday, 7:25 a.m.

My daughter,

I am here to remind my children because so many are allowing the world to add busyness to their life. So many are running in so many directions that they have no time for God. So I say to my children, slow down and make time for God. Take time to pray and converse with God. Take time to listen as God speaks to you so you do what God is asking, asking of you.

Many do not hear God because they don't take time to listen. God truly speaks to all His children but it is up to each individual to listen, listen to their heart. In order to grow and blossom for Our Lord you must make time for prayer. You must let go of your worldly ways and truly serve Our Lord. You must embrace each new cross and carry it with joy. You must obey God and live according to His word. You must trust in Jesus with your whole heart.

If you truly trust in my Son then you will respond when He calls you to do His works of mercy. You will be obedient to His call if you trust and give your entire life to Jesus. You will be drawn closer to my Son through your response and love, love for Him. My dear children, I am truly here to bring you closer to Jesus. Through your obedience and love for my Son He will bring you to God the Father. For this to happen you must detach yourselves from the possessions of this world. You must let go of your earthly desires and truly seek God. You must let go of pride and selfishness and be open to God's holy Will. You must let go of fear and be willing to carry your cross.

It does take effort on your part and willingness to be persecuted for living your

faith. This is how you will be led to holiness. This is how you will become more disciplined and obedient to God's call. Without discipline and effort and trust Jesus cannot draw you closer to your heavenly Father. Each of you has work to do, so please respond to all that I am teaching you. Respond with love in your hearts and be loving, merciful and compassionate.

Turn to God each new day and ask the holy angels to assist you to do God's holy Will. Now be confident in God's love for you and make a sincere effort to change and be more like Him. My prayers are truly with you so go forth in Jesus' name. Amen.

On this day, the vigil before the Feast of the Annunciation, Pope John Paul II renewed the Act of Entrustment to Mary which he had performed 20 years earlier for the world and for Russia in particular. He then did so in union with the bishops of the world. The compiler of this book had a personal letter from Sr. Lucia that the Collegial Consecration for the conversion of Russia [away from Communism] was accomplished. Subsequently I was asked by the Catholic Archbishop of Moscow to find the means to build the first shrine to Our Lady of Fatima in Russia in thanksgiving. The Fatima Family Apostolate raised the necessary funds over a period of six years. The shrine was recognized by Sr. Lucia, by the Bishop of Fatima and most importantly by Pope John Paul II in his personal message and apostolic blessing on the day of its dedication in St. Petersburg, Russia.

The custodian of the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth said his community joined John Paul II when he entrusted to Mary the world again on March 24, 2004, as it is beset by violence. The Pope was prompted to renew the Entrustment because of the many acts of terrorism in the world.

Franciscan Fr. Samir Sarouz said, "to hear the Pope's voice from here, especially in these very difficult days, enables us to hope. We unite ourselves to the Holy Father's prayer for peace, which has lost the road in the land of the Gospel, in the land of Jesus, in the land of Mary.

Pope John Paul II had prayed through Mary's intercession at Wednesday's general audience, March 24, 2004, in St. Peter's Square, on the eve of the solemnity of the Annunciation, as he renewed the consecration of 20 years previously.

It was the very time when a 14-year-old Palestinian youth who was detained by the Israeli army when the boy realized he had been used as a potential suicide bomber. Explosives he was carrying on his body were set by others to go off at a control post in Hawara, south of Naplusa, in the West Bank. The wires were successfully disconnected when he sought help by the Israeli army.

"This child is not to blame; it is surely not this boy's fault," the Franciscan said. "All this helps us understand, however, how his psychology has been violated, how his very thinking has been interfered with.

"This is sad, as it seems that life has no value. All this is repeated, unfortunately, in every attack, on both sides," the Franciscan said. "This is the atmosphere in which we live here in the Holy Land."

We can ask if it was the renewed entrustment of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, a repeat of the Consecration or Entrustment by the Pope and bishops of the world as done 20 years earlier—is what gave this boy the knowledge and grace that he was being used as a suicide bomber? In the Vatican's news release on this day of the Pope's repeating the Entrustment that aided the downfall of Communism in the Soviet Union, mention was made of the request of Our

Lady of Fatima. In the Polish language "Entrustment" has an even stronger meaning of what is meant in English by "Consecration."

In the message Little Mary received this day we were alerted again not to be so busy that we do not hear our Lord when He speaks to us. "Take time to listen as God speaks to you, so you do what God is asking, asking of you. . . . Many do not hear God because they don't take time to listen. God truly speaks to all His children but it is up to each individual to listen, listen to their heart."

We have repeatedly been called to consecrate ourselves and our families to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, alongside consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mary leads us closer to Jesus who brings us to God the Father.

#### March 26, 2004, Friday, 7:35 A.M.

*My daughter*,

Today is a day to meditate on our Lord's passion. So please pray and fast and meditate on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. Through your prayers and sacrifices you will help heal Jesus' wounds. One must never deny the pain and agony that Jesus endured for each of you.

My Son's wounds were deep, yet He suffered in silence. Jesus bled profusely, yet He

picked up His Cross and suffered, suffered for humanity.

Dear children, please follow the ways of my Son. Embrace all your crosses with love and joy in your heart. Embrace each new cross and offer your suffering to our Lord. Each time you do this you are truly embracing my Son in His passion. Please, dear children, surrender your hearts to my Son and be humble and pure. Turn away from sin and live, live a holy life. Do penance for your sins for then you will be taking part in healing Jesus' wounds.

Much strength will be given to those who live this message. By truly living all that I am teaching you, you will desire purity and holiness of heart. You will not have to suf-

fer long in purgatory if you do your part in healing Jesus' wounds.

Through prayer, sacrifice, and penance, you will be imitating Christ. Through prayer, sacrifice, and penance God will truly help those souls that you offer your prayers and sacrifices for. Now please kneel before our Lord and meditate on our Lord's passion. Meditate on our Lord's passion and be willing to suffer with love in your soul. Pray, pray the Rosary together and believe that this will truly help you live your vocation according to God's holy Will.

Go now as prayerful children and let my words and all that I am teaching you pen-

etrate your hearts. Amen.

Our Blessed Mother repeatedly calls us to meditate on the mysteries of Jesus Christ as contained in the Rosary. Being a Friday in Lent, when this message was

received, emphasis is especially placed on the sufferings of Jesus Christ.

To heal the wounds of Jesus refers especially to the wounds the Church, Christ's Mystical Body, is suffering in every age and especially in these times. Many who have been baptized into the Church, into Christ's Mystical Body, nonetheless are living in mortal sin. Whether it be by failure to pray daily, or by not participating in the Sacrifice of the Mass even on the Lord's Day, or acts against God's intentions in human sexuality, sins of impurity—all wound the Body of Jesus.

Many saw the movie, *Jesus—The Passion of the Christ*, during Lent of 2004. Some thought the scourging and sufferings inflicted were exaggerated. If they only knew! Roman crucifixions were even greater than the film depicted. But Jesus is especially concerned about the millions living in sin today who continue wounding His Mystical Body. We can help heal these wounds in the Church by living our Consecration to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, by acts of penance and reparation, by praying meditated Rosaries devotedly and where possible with our family, by adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament as we meditate on His sufferings.

#### March 29, 2004, Monday, 7:30 A.M. There is a great trial coming your way, so please turn to God now.

My daughter,

This is a time of grace, so please tell my children to prepare their hearts through prayer and quiet time with Our Lord. Tell my children this is a time of preparation and one should not waste this precious time. Time moves quickly, so please come to know Jesus in a deeper way. Come to know Our Lord so you have peace through all trials and storms.

Dear children, I am here now to assist you. I am here to help each one of you in a personal way to embrace God's holy Will for you. My time to be with you will not last, so please trust in my motherly intercession. Take refuge in my Immaculate Heart and I will truly lead you closer to my Son, Jesus. I will light the way if you let go of darkness. I will shower you with my grace if you obey God and allow my words to penetrate your hearts.

Oh! dear children, if you only knew my love for you. There is a great trial coming your way, so please turn to God now so you have the proper armor for each new battle. Turn to God and repent so your soul is pure and clean. Don't allow Satan to entangle you with his tail. Rebuke him for he is full of lies. Satan wants you to believe that God does not exist. Are you listening to Satan? Are you living simply or are you giving in to worldly ways?

If you do not have peace in your hearts then you must build your relationship with Jesus. You must repent and amend your ways. You must come to Mass more often and cleanse your soul regularly. You must pray together as a family and unite your hearts to God's holy Will. You must pray more and receive the Sacraments often. You must choose whose side you want to be on and ask God to strengthen you each new day.

There is no longer time to be living a lukewarm life. There is no longer time to be ignoring God's warnings around this world. Time moves quickly, so please turn your life around. Do all that you can to live, live a holy life. Today I must remind my children, for many are still sleeping. Many are giving in to the ways of the world. Many do not believe that hell exists and are living in mortal sin. Please wake up now, for the earth can only tremble for so long. Evil is truly entering this world, so please join hands and pray. Pray for unbelievers. Pray and gather in those groups that I have formed. Amen.

We live in a time of grace. We can still draw from the merits of Jesus Christ which he earned for all of us. There will come a time when we can no longer grow in grace when we have left this world. One in mortal sin, after death, which can come at any time, could no longer repent. One who becomes hardened in sin does not desire to repent.

"We are in a time of preparation." Preparation for what? First, for heaven. There are many signs in the world, in society, in the way governments are going when, as many can already sense it, persecution will more openly descend upon Christians and Catholics in particular. Time flies and we must now make use of the grace of the present moment to come to know and love Jesus in a deeper way. Then we will be able to have peace in our hearts through all the trials and storms that lie ahead.

Our Blessed Mother is here now to assist us, giving us messages, calling us into closer union with Jesus in His Church, through daily prayer, especially through devout participation in the Sacrifice of the Mass and the reception of the Sacraments.

"My time to be with you will not last, so please trust in my motherly intercession." More than once Little Mary has been told that a time is coming when the messages will no longer be given. Make use of the grace of the time now.

You may have noticed from time to time in the messages, even within the same sentence, our Blessed Mother switches from the singular to the plural. An example of my own: "One should pray the Rosary daily and properly, for it will bring great blessings to them." I asked Little Mary why occasionally in the messages there is a switch from the singular to the plural. By interior locution she heard our Blessed Mother say that the messages are for each individual person. This is to say, the messages are for all and, at the same time, are directed to each one.

"Dear children, I am here now to assist you. I am here to help each one of you in a personal way to embrace God's holy Will for you. My time to be with you will not last, so please trust in my motherly intercession. Take refuge in my Immaculate Heart and I will truly lead you closer to my Son, Jesus. I will light the way if you let go of darkness. I will shower you with my grace if you obey God and allow my words to penetrate your hearts."

As in the message of the Gospel regarding the Good Shepherd, which is the same message as that of the Sacred Heart devotions as taught to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Our Lord Jesus Christ loves each one of us individually, not simply as a flock of many. He will leave the 99 and go in search of the one who is lost. The messages are for all. Mary's love, as the love of Jesus, is for each one of us individually. The invisible Head of the Church, Jesus Christ, and Mary, the Mother of the Church, love each member, each child.

Battles are coming. We must armor ourselves now to fight successfully in these battles. We should spend no time with temptations. Rebuke Satan at once in time of temptation. Spend no time listening to his lies or considering them. If we listen and entertain such temptations we could lose our faith.

If one does not have peace in his soul it is a sign something is seriously lacking in one's relationship with Jesus. Repentance is needed, then a good confession, and a response with loving prayer and the reception of Jesus in Holy Communion. One should cleanse his soul frequently, even if the sins are venial. Growing accustomed to venial sin can weaken the will so that we are not sufficiently strong with proper armor to resist the temptations to mortal sin. Mortal sin separates us from God, removes our sharing in the life of God from our souls which is necessary to enter heaven. Dying unrepentant in mortal sin means eternity in hell.

There are many who need to turn their lives around. Many are still sleeping.

They are indifferent to all this, to what is contained in the messages, which correspond to the Gospel and the teachings of the Church. Many go on living as if hell does not exist. The time to wake up is now. The time to repent is now. We have no guarantee we will live on this earth tomorrow. We have the guarantee that our immortal souls shall live all eternity.

#### Story of a Vocation to the Priesthood

There is one special incident among many incidents why the author-compiler of this book puts credibility in the messages given through Little Mary. It is this. On March 30, 2004 a young man approaching 24 years of age phoned me long distance for approximately one hour. To appreciate what I am relating here some history is needed.

When this young man was a small child, as I remember about two years old, he tipped over in a high chair, hit the refrigerator and had to be rushed to the hospital with a brain concussion. The child was unconscious. I was called to the local hospital where doctors were tending to him. As I recall, through a slit in his ankle

they drew blood to relieve pressure on the brain.

It appeared the small child would die. Thus I administered Confirmation to him. One cannot give Extreme Unction, or Anointing of the Sick, to one so young who has not yet reached the age of reason and has never committed a personal sin. But the priest may administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to a dying child so that he can enter heaven for all eternity with a deeper identity with Jesus Christ.

The Sacrament of Baptism already seals a soul with the indelible character of Jesus Christ, the priesthood of the faithful, and makes one a member of the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ. The Sacrament of Confirmation places another seal of Jesus Christ, a further identity to our Lord, and for all eternity, a special indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation brings special graces to the soul to witness for Jesus and His Church. Confirmation brings a spiritual maturity to the soul, not to be confused with physical maturity. It was thus that I gave the Sacrament of Confirmation to this small boy in danger of death.

Almost immediately afterwards the small child was taken by ambulance helicopter to Sioux Falls, our major city in South Dakota where there are larger hospital facilities and medical staffs. During this transfer there was again danger of

losing him.

The child survived. He grew to be an intelligent child and teenager, recognized for his gifts even before reaching adulthood. During these years I was annually conducting two pilgrimages each summer to the Shrine of Fatima in Portugal. I conducted two pilgrimage-retreats to Fatima each summer, each about two weeks in duration. One was for young ladies, one for young men. The youngest age permitted was fifteen years.

The father convinced me to permit this boy of only thirteen to accompany me on the pilgrimage to Fatima because he knew his Catholic faith then already so well and was mature for his age. His participation in the pilgrimage with older

boys was admirable in my mind.

I always kept track of this young man, always remembering that I had given him the Sacrament of Confirmation when he was only a child and I recognized his deeper piety each time I met him through the years. During his adolescent years, since he would come to Alexandria, South Dakota, where I had national Fatima Family Congresses at the shrine I had built there, I kept contact with him, had conversations with him, and became convinced he had a vocation to Christ's holy priesthood. He would assist with special work at the congress.

It was a surprise to me then when, after his high school years, he did not enter a Catholic seminary. Instead, he entered a non-Catholic college in North Dakota, where he retained his strong Catholic faith and organized an active pro-life group on campus. One day, while he was away at college, his mother, relatively young, died suddenly and unexpectedly, leaving the father with six children, some still very young. At this time of great grief for the family, this young man acted as a

stabilizing factor in the family.

Next he transferred to Minnesota where he went to a Lutheran college for some time. This bothered me a bit but I learned that he had frequent contact with his priest-uncle on his mother's side. In a class where a professor not infrequently spoke unfavorably about the Catholic Church, this young man defended Catholicism at every turn. The Lutheran college offered a class in Catholicism taught by a "Catholic" woman who taught that one could be a Catholic in good standing while holding different positions than the Church. That tells us where that "Catholic" teacher came from. My response to that was, "She was teaching Protestantism."

On March 30, 2004, the young man who had majored in accounting, now had a job with an accounting firm, phoned me to share with me that he would be entering the seminary the next fall. I told him, "I could have saved you time. I felt long ago you had a vocation to the priesthood but you needed these years to mature and discern." In the course of the conversation I shared with him that I was writing this book, Messages from the Heart of Our Mother. He had heard of

Little Mary and was surprised that I had contact with her.

"Would you talk to Little Mary for me and ask her two questions. First, do I have a vocation to the priesthood? Second, is my mother in heaven?"

On March 31, 2004, I talked to Little Mary and shared a small bit of history of this young man with her and asked if she would ask Our Blessed Mother, "whether he had a vocation to the priesthood, and what should he do?" I totally

forgot about "Is my mother in heaven?"

In less than two hours Little Mary was calling me back saying she had received a beautiful message for this young man. Then she said: "Before I could get my paper and pen to write down a message our Mother had for that young man our Blessed Mother kept saying something I did not understand. She kept saying 'It all began in Fatima. It all began in Fatima.' What does that mean? Did he ever go to Fatima?" I explained to her he had gone with me on one of the boys' pilgrimages to Fatima when he was only 13 years old.

Then Little Mary gave me the message from our Blessed Mother for him as

follows:

"He was chosen the day he was conceived to do great work for our Lord. He knows in his heart God's will for him. Tell him his mother is in heaven and she

thanks him for his prayers."

When Little Mary gave me this message for the young man who entered the seminary later I responded, "Oh! Yes. I was supposed to ask you about his mother too." It reminded me that in the past few years when I would desire to spell out details of a request, Little Mary would assure me that it was not necessary for her to know the details. She said our Blessed Mother would know and if she received an answer it would apply to all details whether she knew them or not. When I shared the answer with the young man he admitted to me it began at Fatima.

In the instance, described above, Little Mary had received the message mentioning "Fatima" regarding this young man, which I had not previously related to her that he had gone with me on one of my many "Youth For Fatima" pilgrimages. She received mention of the young man's mother now in heaven, which I had forgotten to present to Little Mary.

Not long before the above incident a young man I had befriended two and half years previously in Damascus, Syria, contacted me. He had been baptized into the Church, converted to Catholicism from the Islamic religion, became engaged to a good Catholic French girl. His Islamic family for all practical purposes disowned him because of his conversion to Christianity. He was trying to figure out how to get out of the country so they could raise their children Christian. Then shortly before marriage he came down with cancer, was without a job. I was requested to tell Little Mary about this case. The young man still believed in Jesus Christ but was asking, "Where is Jesus?"

The answer of encouragement for this young man was: "What we find sorrow in, God finds joy. Suffering is a gift from our Lord."

Most of such experiences of our Blessed Mother talking to Little Mary during our conversations were never written down. One thing was clear to me. She was incapable on her own of coming up with the responses she often gave me.

#### March 31, 2004, Wednesday, 7:40 A.M. You must all become teachers and relay my messages around this world.

My daughter,

Please listen to me and live, live my messages. By your example more will come to know my love for them. Many today are refusing to take my hand. Many today are refusing to live my messages. Many are not listening to the Gospel because in their hearts they do not want to change. This is why there is so much sin in the world. This is why the earth is trembling now.

If many do not wake up soon much will be taken away. Many will suffer if they continue to choose darkness. I say to all my children, open your hearts and live, live my messages. Open your hearts and obey, obey God. Amend your ways now and do penance for your sins. Believe in the Gospel and spend time with Jesus. Spend time with my Son for then your hearts will open and you will have true peace.

I plead with my children today. I ask that you take refuge in the Sacred Heart of Jesus and in my Immaculate Heart. I ask that you pray together as a family and teach your children to love and obey Almighty God. Invite your children to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament for this will truly help them come to know my Son. Teach your children about the power of prayer so they pray, pray more.

So many do not realize that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. You must all become teachers and relay my messages around this world. This will help wake those who are sleeping. This will remind my children that they have a soul and they must care for it in the proper way. Yes, all must wake up before it's too late.

Now please fast and pray so more convert in this time in which God has allowed.

Please do your part for the salvation of souls. Please assist me now for I am truly here for each of you.

Go forth now as true believers and fast and pray in reparation for your own sins and for the sins of those who are furthest away from God. Amen.

Good example in the practice of our faith, not simply to be seen, but from the sincerity of our hearts, will draw many others to God's love for them. When we are in the state of sanctifying grace, and live that state with clean speech, respect for the name of God and never join in improper talk and expressed attitudes and actions contrary to faith, we turn hearts to God more than we may think. We can become a person around whom people know they must guard their tongues and be uplifted to what is reverent and proper. Christ dwells in us. It can often be sensed by others. They may not be able to vocalize it but they notice something different and special.

Jesus was put to death because people did not want to change. They did not want to accept the truth. Thus sin multiplied and it continues yet today. Jesus overcame sin for us to make satisfaction to God, in His infinite mercy, for what justice required. When one commits mortal sin it is like putting Jesus to death in his or her soul. Such sin drives sanctifying grace, the indwelling of the Blessed Trinity, from the temple of our bodies.

"To choose darkness" means to live deliberately in serious sin, not waking up to where this will lead and where it will end. Our Blessed Mother, Mother of the Church, thus pleads earnestly to us: "Open your hearts and obey, obey God. Amend your ways now and do penance for your sins. Believe in the Gospel and spend time with Jesus."

How many who consider themselves practicing their faith think little of God from Sunday to Sunday. They relegate union with God to an hour on Sunday and some are not deeply engulfed in spirit with the infinite Sacrifice being perpetuated before them on the altar even while at worship because they are little attuned to God as the world comes with them in spirit.

We must pray daily. We must live our faith. Husbands and fathers as heads of their families must live that role. Mothers and wives must live in the submission to their husbands as to Christ, as the Bible, God's own word declares. There is much unhappiness in homes because of the confusion of roles, even the attempt to blend roles. Wives work outside the home with little time for the family and their chief vocation, being the heart of the home, is then often neglected. Too many men have become wimps and do not act as the heads of the family. The father is to be the head, representative of Christ to wife and children. The mother is the heart, representing the body of the Mystical Body of Christ in the home. At least that is what God intends and many ignore. Thus we have a crisis of family life. Incidentally, the veil or head coverings women wore in Church for centuries was Scripturally based and was a sign of submission. When men exercise their role of headship in the name of Jesus Christ and women as submissive, that does not weaken women, it strengthens them and brings happiness to the family.

It will be important to spend time in deep prayer, in union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, contemplating these truths. Otherwise, if we go to Mass regularly, say our prayers, but do not change where change is needed in the way we live, especially in our homes, we will still be

unhappy because we are not living our true vocation as husband, father, wife, mother, or the single state as ordained by God.

"Invite your children to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament." They need the example of parents in having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ so by this example they too develop a personal relationship with their God in Jesus Christ. Talk to your children about the power of prayer. Take nothing for granted that they are developing in the faith in these matters. Parents must talk, form, encourage, not take for granted that their children are developing in Jesus Christ and His Church.

"So many do not realize that Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist. The lack of attention, the nervous gestures wanting to get things over with at church, even during Mass, does not convey that one has a deep spirit of reverence and awareness of the Real Presence in Jesus Christ, our Lord God and Savior, truly present with His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. Nor does it convey an awareness that the Sacrifice of the Mass perpetuates the self-same Sacrifice that Jesus Christ offered on the Cross of Calvary.

"You must all become teachers and relay my messages around this world." Hopefully, many who read this book prayerfully will tell others about it, invite others to get the book and read it prayerfully. "This will help wake those who are sleeping. This will remind my children that they have a soul and they must care for it in the proper way." Is it not true that many go from day to day hardly thinking that they have an immortal soul that will live forever, either in heaven or hell?

When we pray to our Blessed Mother, the angels and saints, it invites a presence of these persons to come to us. They are aware of us. They hear us. They intercede for us. There is at least a spiritual presence of these saints and our heavenly Mother as we call forth to them.

Jesus, of course, is present by transubstantiation in the Eucharist. That is why the Church calls it a REAL PRESENCE of the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. There is not a presence of the substance of bread or wine in the Eucharist. It is rather the substance of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ together with His Soul and Divinity. He is present, true God and true Man.

Jesus' divine Person also lives in our souls with the Father and the Holy Spirit as in a temple so long as we are in the state of sanctifying grace. It is the indwelling of the Blessed Trinity in the soul. We can then say, with the saintly Elizabeth of the Trinity, "I have found my heaven upon earth for heaven is where God is and God is in my soul."

Since so many pray little and do little penance we need to make reparation for others as well as ourselves. Penance for one's sins is essential. As members of the Mystical Body of Christ we are called to make reparation for others. There is a fine distinction between penance and reparation. Reparation is especially for other souls.

## April 2, 2004, Friday, 7:25 A.M. My beloved Pope.... His life has been filled with many crosses and thorns because he speaks the truth.

My daughter,

This is the time to go forth and save souls, so please continue to write and share all that is embedded in your heart. Souls will be saved if my children go forth in love and share the Gospel. Souls will be saved through prayer and loyalty to God. I say to my children, go forth and share your love of knowing Jesus. Go forth now for this time will not last forever. Many souls are still in danger, so please, rescue those who are entangled by the serpent's tail. Your example and words of love will truly help those in darkness.

So many today are living in sin and they need to hear the truth. They need to know that God exists and that He truly loves all His children. Your prayers and sacrifices are truly needed for the salvation of souls. The Church needs your love and prayers, so continue to join hands and pray, pray the Rosary together. Pray for your priests for they are truly God's chosen sons. Do not criticize those priests who are sleeping, instead pray for them.

Pray and love, love one another. Pray for my beloved Pope for he truly suffers and endures much pain. His life is in danger because many terrorists roam this earth. His life has been filled with many crosses and thorns because he speaks the truth. So every day pray, pray for your Pope.

Pray for all Religious so they stay strong, strong for Jesus. This world is in need of much reparation, so please, pray and do your part so more convert before it's too late.

Now please listen to my motherly request and respond by truly being prayerful. Every day pray, pray the Rosary for this will truly help many in the end. Now please take my hand and walk with me during this Lenten season and allow me to assist you so that change occurs in your hearts.

This is the time to truly respond, so please, accept my love and assistance. Accept each message with gratitude for they are truly God's gift to each of you. Go now in peace and be faithful servants for our Lord. Amen.

Our Blessed Mother is calling us not only to do that which is required for our personal salvation but also to work for the salvation of other souls. This work includes loving and sharing the Gospel with others; praying for others and giving good example by our loyalty to God, and making reparation for others as well as do penance for our own sins. We must not hide our light under a bushel basket as Jesus mandated but radiate love and truth to others.

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 5:14-16).

In various messages our heavenly Mother has spoken of the importance to share our "love of knowing Jesus." We cannot love anyone until we first know that person. We cannot love Jesus if we do not know Him. It is important that our personal knowledge of Jesus grows so that our love of Jesus may grow. By our example and words in living our Christian faith we can lead others to know and love Jesus.

"So many today are living in sin and they need to hear the truth." Many have deadened their consciences to the reality of sin and what it does to the soul and

the offense committed against God. This deadness to the reality of sin in many cases comes from ignorance of the truth, never having been taught, or having no desire to learn the truth from the many sources available today. Thus many are guilty of culpable ignorance. They are attached to worldly desires and have no desire to change.

The Fatima Family Apostolate is but one source that has many books, audios and videos that are helpful for small children, teenagers and young adults and adults of all ages. Apathy too often is the barrier. Our Blessed Mother says that these people are sleeping. We are called by our good example and words to awaken them.

Praying the meditated Rosary is powerful, next to the devout participation in the Sacrifice of the Mass and loving participation in Jesus' holy Sacraments with a living faith wherein we encounter our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is best to spend more time praying for priests and less time criticizing them.

Prayers for the Pope are important. He suffers pain, not only physically but spiritually. Pope John Paul II has had a life "filled with many crosses and thorns because he speaks the truth." Thus we are called to pray daily for the Pope.

We should pray for all Religious so that they stay strong for Jesus. Many Religious have suffered much when some among them have compromised the faith and the living of the Religious life in community. Each of us must do our part to bring conversions to people at every level. This means lay people who do not believe and do not live the faith as they should. It means praying and sacrificing for priests who do not live the priestly life as strongly as they should or teach the fullness of the faith but rather compromise as they have been affected by the secular culture too in many cases. How many priests have failed to give sermons instructing husbands on their responsibilities as heads of the home? How many priests have failed to teach wives St. Paul's injunction on being submissive. Thus many unhappy marriages and many divorces.

Each one of us has areas where change, deeper conversions, are necessary in our hearts. We should be thankful that the Mother of the Church, as a gift from God, has been giving us these messages so as to be more faithful servants of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

#### April 5, 2004, Monday, 7:25 A.M. Let go of any hurt or negative feelings. Let go and give it to God.

My daughter,

Pray and persevere so you stay strong, strong for our Lord. Follow my Son and carry your cross with you. All my children must do the same. They must open their hearts and seek His ways. They must be true followers of Christ and live, live a holy life. They must trust in Him always and live in His faith daily.

All must pray and accept God's love and mercy if they truly want to be guided on this earth. All must be faithful servants and live and speak the truth. Begin today by truly imitating Christ. Be loving, forgiving and compassionate. Join hands with those around you and live in harmony and peace. Be good and loving children and let go of any hurt or negative feelings. Let go and give it to God so that you can move forward. Be good and pure so that you can live in the fullness of God.

Unite together in the love of my Son Jesus. Discipline yourselves now so that you may

grow in truth and blossom for our Lord. His truth is the only way, so please be true disciple for our Lord.

The dawn is near, so please walk in faith and believe that God is truly, truly with you. Walk in faith and believe in God's love that He has for each of you. Amen.

Jesus took up His Cross for all of us with a certain joy in His Heart because by the Cross He would redeem the world. Rather than bemoaning every difficulty, every cross in our daily lives, we too should embrace the cross with a certain love and joy. In this way we will be true followers of Jesus Christ and live holy lives. The crosses God permits in our lives then become occasions of grace. When we unite our sufferings to the sufferings of our Lord Jesus Christ we can draw from the infinite merits of Jesus Christ for ourselves and for others for whom we thus make reparation.

"Jesus, I trust in you" should be our frequent prayer and attitude in faith. We must accept God's love, believe He loves us and beseech His divine mercy for any failures.

To nurse hurts or negative feelings toward others or another holds us back in our progress toward union with God and growth in holiness. Thus our heavenly Mother says: "Be good and loving children and let go of any hurt or negative feelings. Let go and give it to God so that you can move forward."

"Discipline yourselves now so that you may grow in truth and blossom for our Lord." Many, many people have never learned self-discipline. They are victims of their moods, their emotions, their selfish desires. The consequences of original sin reign supreme within them. They do not rise above their human weaknesses which they could by self-discipline and being open to God's grace to help them and lift them up. For that they would have to die to self, to their lower natures. We have been redeemed and by rising above our lower nature God's grace, His love and His life, will be what will govern us. God has redeemed us but we must willingly open our hearts to His redeeming graces. Then we will be happy in this life and for eternity.

## April 7, 2004, Wednesday, 7:40 A.M. Prayer is the key to truly embracing each new cross.

My daughter,

Satan is strong and he truly wants to destroy hope in your heart. Today I must remind my children to trust their prayers. Pray as often as you can so you stay close, close to Jesus' most Sacred Heart. Pray throughout the day and bind your rosaries around this world.

Each time you pray together as a family Satan loses power. Prayers from your heart will truly strengthen you through each new battle. Through prayer you will have peace because through prayer the enemy will flee. This is why I tell my children to pray throughout the day. This is why I remind you so often because so much evil exists in this world. Through prayer hearts will soften and conversion will truly take place. Prayer is the key to truly embracing each new cross. So continue, dear children, to pray, pray from your hearts.

Pray daily and believe in the power of prayer. Believe that when you pray you are drawn closer to God and to one another. This is a day to pray, so pray with me and take refuge in my Immaculate Heart. Pray with me and believe that I am truly praying with you. Amen.

Those who enter hell leave all hope behind. There is not a drop of love or hope in hell. When one becomes very bitter and all seems black with no hope, one should ask if one is under diabolical attacks. At such times one should turn to God, in union with Our Blessed Mother, and believe in the power of prayer. Thinking that there is no value in prayer, or nothing will become of prayers, is not on the side of the good holy angels. With good reason did Jesus Christ, through St. Faustina, recommend the short prayer: "Jesus, I trust in you." In praying it we can see the water and blood flowing from His sacred side.

At different times our heavenly Mother has said in these messages: "Bind your rosaries around this world." We are members of the Communion of Saints and the Mystical Body of Christ. When we live in grace, grow in grace and pray, it is good for the entire world, not simply for ourselves. What a great transformation could take place if millions devotedly prayed the meditated Rosary daily throughout the world. Doubtlessly, many evils and punishments in the past have been averted by the many who do pray the Rosary. Many praying in the world can bind mankind throughout the world to Jesus Christ through His Mother.

Satan hates the Woman Mary who became the Mother of God and gave us the Redeemer who crushes the head of the serpent. Satan loses power whenever we pray the Rosary and he especially loses power when the family prays the Rosary. Satan cannot long endure when one turns to the Mother of the Church in devout prayer. He then loses ground and must back away. The devil is constantly at work to destroy souls and in his evil ways has made much progress in recent decades. It is important then to turn our thoughts to prayer frequently each day, even while we go about our work and daily duties. One can utter aspirations of faith, hope and love, without interrupting one's daily schedule.

When we turn our thoughts to Mary as we pray, she joins us in prayer and prays with us as we pray with her.

### April 8, 2004, Thursday, 7:30 A.M. Spend time with my Son in the Blessed Sacrament.

My daughter,

Tell my children that in order to come to know God's mercy and love they must repent and turn away from sin. They must obey God's Commandments and take heed to the Gospel. They must examine their conscience and be truly sorry for their sins.

All must do their part if they truly want to blossom for our Lord. Today I ask that you each spend time with Jesus. I ask that you let go of your worldly ways and spend time with my Son in the Blessed Sacrament. I ask that you make time to be with Jesus for He truly awaits your love. He longs to be with you in a special way. He is your refuge and strength. So please, turn to God and pray and take time to converse with Him.

God's love is endless, so please do not reject Him. He is merciful, loving and truly knows what is best for your soul. He desires to share His love, His love with each of you. His love is unconditional so do not be afraid to come to Him. Receive His grace and believe that God is merciful to those who turn to Him with a repentant Heart. Now please spend time with Jesus for His mercy brings victory to all who repent and come to Him. Spend time with Jesus for His Heart radiates His love for each of you. Unite your hearts to Jesus' Most Sacred Heart. Unite yourselves to the Heart of my Son's mercy, suffering and unending love. Amen.

Mercy is God's greatest attribute. No angel has ever directly experienced God's mercy for no angel has ever sinned and been forgiven. The good holy angels are thus in awe of God's mercy as they witness the precious Blood of Jesus redeeming millions. We cannot know and appreciate God's love and mercy which are infinite unless we repent of sin with an intention to avoid sin in the future.

Mankind has lost its sense of sin, according to the present Pope. Popes before Pope John Paul II, beginning with Pope Pius XII, said: "Mankind is losing its sense of sin." Pope John Paul II said: "Mankind has lost its sense of sin." With good reason then does our Blessed Mother here tell us to obey the Commandments and examine our conscience.

To get to know the love and mercy of Jesus our Blessed Mother asks that we spend time with Jesus. Spending time with Jesus can be accomplished at any time of the day or night when we seek some silence in prayer. We can always withdraw to the innermost sanctuary of our heart and pray in faith and love in, with and through Jesus Christ. Spending time with Jesus before His Real Presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament is ideal. But frequently during the day we should withdraw into the innermost recesses of our hearts to unite with the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This can be accomplished with short aspirations uttered in love and faith: "Jesus, I love you. . . . Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in you. . . . All for Thee, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus . . . . O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine."

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is an excellent way, taught to us by Jesus Himself through St. Faustina, to unite ourselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, His mercy, His Passion and His unending love.

## April 13, 2004, Tuesday, 7:35 A.M. Take refuge in our heart and live, live your consecration.

My daughter,

Prayer is truly needed for there are so many innocent lives being killed all around this world. So much evil, so much bloodshed because so many are on the wrong path. Many today seek control instead of allowing God to be in charge. Without more prayer mankind will truly suffer. Without more prayer you will see much more devastation.

Please, dear children, get down on your knees and pray more. Pray for peace, pray for unity around this world. Pray for all your brothers and sisters for many do not know God in a personal way. Many are choosing to walk alone which is pulling them farther away from God. So many are refusing God's assistance.

So many seek power due to pride and hatred in their hearts. Nation is turning against nation because so many are not listening to God. A response is truly needed, so please join me in prayer. Let go of your worldly ways and make more time for prayer. Desire God's will, for you are weak without his assistance. Strive to live a holy life instead of choosing the easier road.

Serve our Lord by truly living the Gospel. Serve our Lord by truly being loyal to Him. Be faithful followers by truly imitating Christ. Don't allow Satan to rule your lives. Let go of any pride or hatred that has entered your hearts. Let go of your selfish ways and repent of any wrongdoing. Let go and return to God.

It is foolish to think you can walk alone. Prepare, prepare now so you are ready for the battles yet to come. Respond, for these are truly messages from heaven. Take refuge in My heart and live, live your consecration. Open your hearts and believe that all I am

teaching you is truly, truly the Gospel.

Believe and accept my love and motherly concern for each of you. Believe that time is running out so you turn your lives around. Believe that this grace period will not last forever. Believe and accept God's love, mercy and grace. Believe that God is merciful and through His love justice shall unfold. Believe so that God can purify you on this earth.

The time is soon at hand, for God has been warning you for some time now. Each of you must pray and prepare your soul now. You must join hands and gather and pray. You must pray for unity to be restored. There will not be much time after the warning,

so please, please dear children, respond now.

Receive the Sacraments while there is still time. Receive God's grace and mercy that He has for each of you. It is time now to join God's army of love and truth. It is time now to pray together as a family. It is time to trust in God's love and guidance.

Please stay close to Jesus and increase your time to be with Him. Stay close to Jesus for then I promise you, you will have peace, peace in your hearts. Peace comes from trust

and total obedience to Almighty God. Amen.

Tens of millions of innocent people suffered greatly and were killed during the two World Wars of the 20th century under Nazism and Communism. The suffering and killing goes on yet today. Terrorism is widespread: "Many today seek control instead of allowing God to be in charge. If people prayed from their hearts to the one true God without seeking power there would not be the hatred, the divisions, the attempt to control. Instead, God would be in control and peace and happiness would reign among people.

If prayer does not increase, grave punishments are coming. Without God mankind brings punishments upon himself. Our Blessed Mother is here pleading with us to get on our knees and pray more. "Pray for peace and for unity around this world." Many do not have a personal relationship with God. They look to their own power and choose to walk alone, to be in control of themselves and others. This only pulls them further away from God and from their

fellow human beings.

If we do God's will, striving to live a holy life, we will become strong in the Lord. St. Paul said, "When I am weak, then I am strong." When we recognize our own weaknesses and turn to God in prayer, obeying the Commandments, then we become strong. Receiving Jesus worthily and reverently in love in Holy Communion makes us stronger and stronger. In this way we truly serve our Lord. We then walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

Satan is always on the offensive to rule our lives. When we are proud and let hatred fester in our hearts we open the door to Satan's control of our lives. We must be humble, not walk alone. We must acknowledge our utter dependence on

God and pray from our hearts: "Jesus, I trust in you."

Time is running out for punishment to befall mankind if people do not return to God in faith and love. "This grace period will not last forever." We must become strong in faith. We should pray with others. The world is more and more divided. Even within the Church members are often divided from one another. We should receive the Sacraments with faith and love and grow in God's grace and let the precious blood of Jesus flow over our souls so that God's mercy will prevail in peace within each one of us.

We must develop a close union with Jesus and live in His presence and let

Him live in our hearts. We should consecrate ourselves, our families, to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Then live that consecration.

## April 15, 2004, Thursday, 7:45 A.M. God is allowing this time so more repent and do penance for their sins.

My daughter,

Continue to pray and be open to God's holy Will. Continue to write each time I come to you. No one can stop God, so please go forth and live the truth. Go forth in love and share all that I am teaching you. In time all will know that these messages are truly from heaven.

The Blood of Christ will be made known and all will see just how many wounds they have added to Jesus' Most Precious Body. The day will come in God's most perfect time. The day will come and many will fall to their knees. Many will feel much sorrow and Oh! how they will weep.

God is allowing this time so more repent and do penance for their sins. God is allowing this time because of His love and mercy for all His children. This time cannot be wasted, so please, be open to His love and mercy and put your trust in Him. Open your hearts each new day and allow God's love to shine through you. Allow God's love to inflame your hearts so it can be spread across this world.

Amend your lives and listen, listen to God. Turn away from your sins and obey, obey God. Allow God to be in charge of your lives so you do not give in to worldly ways. Pray each new day. Pray for simplicity so you have more time to be with God. Pray for my priests so they will not grow weak in their love for God. Pray that more will let go of fear so more come to know the truth. Pray that more will be willing to be persecuted for living their faith.

Pray for your leaders for many are not listening to God. Pray for your country for there is much division taking place all around this world.

Pray to St. Michael, the Archangel, for he is truly protector of your country. Pray to

your guardian angels and ask, ask for their assistance.

Now please be living witnesses of the Gospel and share your love of knowing Jesus. Share your joy with others and be at peace and love, love one another. By truly doing what I am asking of you Jesus will flood your hearts with His love, mercy and grace. This is the time to respond, so please pray, give thanks to God and live, live all that I am teaching you. Amen.

"No one can stop God." If these messages are truly from heaven because of God's will, nothing can stop them. They are to be shared in love relating how Jesus and Mary have been calling, pleading for souls to repent, come to the Sacraments in sorrow and love. Those who have resisted the messages, which really reaffirm the Gospel and the teachings of the Church, have added wounds to Jesus' Most Precious Body.

Hopefully the forthcoming punishments, mentioned occasionally, will be forestalled and even prevented by more and more turning to God and seeking His mercy, the greatest of His attributes. Some, indeed many, will, however late, realize how Jesus through His holy Mother has been pleading to mankind to give up sin and come to faith and love. Then they will fall to their knees and feel much sorrow. They will weep at their slowness to believe. God is still allowing this time so more repent and do penance for their sins.

We must not waste this time of mercy but open our hearts and souls to God's love and mercy and put our trust in Jesus. We should let the love of Jesus shine through us, inflame our hearts so that others will come to Jesus, listening to God

and amending their lives.

We should pray for simplicity. The sophisticated, the worldly wise, the busy and complex persons without simple faith, do not take time to be with God. They do not hear God. It even happens at times that priests lose simplicity or do not seek simplicity and thus grow weak in their faith and love for God. Their people then often suffer the consequences without good spiritual leaders. Priests in our modern times too often have fears. They may fear to speak the truth boldly and openly lest they be criticized. Priests and all Christians must be willing to be persecuted for teaching the truth and living the fullness of their faith. If we are not willing to suffer and die for our faith we are hardly willing to live it.

We should pray for the leaders of our country and pray that we get good leaders, God-fearing leaders for our country. Many in politics do not listen to God. They do not realize that all power and authority comes from God and they are responsible to God for how they use their authority. They claim to listen to their constituents but unfortunately seek power for themselves and are not open to truth. They live in darkness and thus will speak as if they are "Catholic" while promoting what is contrary to faith, even on basic important issues such as protecting human life and the sanctity of marriage. There is much division in our country because too many leaders and people are not forming their thoughts according to the mind of God, His teachings, His Commandments, His Church. Some even vote into power people they know who fail in these areas.

St. Michael the Archangel is the Protector of the United States of America. In fact, this great prince of the heavenly host is a protector for every nation and person who strives for faith and love. This archangel should be called upon to drive away all evil spirits that influence false thinking and actions. Together with our Guardian Angels we must call upon the angels for enlightenment and help.

If we obey the Commandments and the teachings of the Church, bear witness to the Gospel, we will have joy and peace in sharing our love with others. Then Jesus will flood our hearts with love, mercy, and grace.

## April 19, 2004, Monday, 7:30 A.M. You will see many changes throughout the world.

My daughter,

When my children gather and pray they truly take part in healing Jesus' wounds. So please, tell my children to continue to gather and pray, pray that more will come to know my Son Jesus. Through prayer conversions will happen, so join hands and pray, pray from your hearts.

This world is in need of prayer, so please pray, pray more. Pray for all your brothers and sisters, especially those who are farthest away from God. Prayer is so important in this time of preparation so more repent and live a life that is pleasing to God.

You will see many changes throughout the world, so do not delay. Prepare, prepare your hearts now. Open your hearts and live my messages for then you will have peace through all trials and storms. Prayer will keep your hearts open, so turn to God each new day. Come to Mass as often as you can and take hold of the Gospel.

Live all that you are being taught so you are ready when it is your time to leave this earth. Pray your Rosary every day and pray, pray with your family. This will truly, truly strengthen you and it will lead each of you closer to Christ. Please understand that each time you pray I am bringing you closer, closer to my Son, Jesus.

Each time you live my messages I am able to protect you with my mantle. Those who take refuge in my heart are truly showered with my grace. They will feel my presence in a special way if they truly obey and honor God. Yes, each person must do their part. They must live the Gospel. They must turn away from sin and be true followers of my Son Jesus. They must trust in His love and mercy. They must take refuge in His most Sacred Heart.

If you truly want to grow in this time of God's great mercy then please take heed to what I am telling you. Respond now and trust in my motherly intercession. Respond now and pray, pray from your hearts. Respond by truly living your consecration and taking refuge in Our Heart. Our Heart is truly open for those who come. So please come and take refuge in the Sacred Heart of Jesus and in my Immaculate Heart. Come and adore my Son and give thanks and praise to Almighty God.

Now please live these messages and allow me to help you draw closer, closer to God. Amen.

Praying in groups is encouraged by Jesus as recorded in Sacred Scripture. "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matt. 18:20). There is power in prayer, especially when we gather with others in like mind and heart and pray. Jesus then comes into our midst. Conversions are the fruit of prayer. We should pray for those not responding to the call of Jesus, as echoed by His Mother in these messages.

The state of the world is such that our heavenly Mother pleads urgently for prayer. When the forces of evil were gathering for the sufferings and death of Jesus Christ He prayed intensely. He then led his disciples into the garden where He Himself prayed and told His apostles to pray. The apostles were told to pray that they enter not into temptation, and God's Mother here says, "Pray for all your brothers and sisters especially those who are farthest away from God." This means those who have given in to temptation and live in sin.

Many changes will come throughout the world that can change further the way we live and bring great punishments. Thus the urgent call to prayer and to "prepare your hearts now. We must live the Gospel so we are ready for the moment of death. We are asked to pray the Rosary especially with the family. Participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and praying daily the meditated Rosary will lead us closer to Jesus Christ and protect us for what lies ahead. Mary will put her mantel of protection over such souls.

We will experience the presence of Mary if we take refuge in her Immaculate Heart while obeying and honoring God. We are to take refuge in the Sacred Heart of Jesus as well as we reject sin. At times our heavenly Mother in these messages has spoken of her Heart and that of Jesus' Heart in the singular. She speaks of "taking refuge in our heart." The hearts of Jesus and Mary are inseparable and thus she speaks in the singular.

On April 17, 2004, I went to see the film, *Jesus—The Passion of the Christ*, again. I was accompanied by a priest from Mobile, Alabama, and some pilgrims who had come to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament at Hanceville. Before

viewing the film one of the ladies from Georgia identified herself as a new member of the Catholic Church as of a year previous. After the movie, although all had seen it before, it was obvious all were deeply touched again. The lady from Georgia then said to me, holding back her tears, "I know what it is to lose an only child." She obviously was thinking of the role of Mary in the film and the crucifixion of her only Son, Jesus Christ. Then she said to me: "Five years ago my only child, a daughter, committed suicide. Twenty-one years ago my husband died in my arms." I felt great compassion for that lady left alone in the world.

Finally, after some conversation, I shared with her that I was writing a book on Little Mary who receives messages. She asked if I'd ask Little Mary about her daughter who died from suicide. I said I would, although Little Mary does not always receive answers. She replied that she felt this time she would receive an

answer. I E-mailed the request to Little Mary.

On April 21, 2004, Little Mary had a response from our heavenly Mother for the lady from Georgia.

We know that suicide is objectively seriously sinful. We do not know the mitigating circumstances which may have existed so that a person did not have full responsibility in not realizing what she was doing. The girl had not been Catholic. Little Mary interpreted that the girl was not in heaven. "But," I said, it seems to say she is in purgatory." What is five years in purgatory compared to eternity? Billions and billions of years is a drop compared to eternity. What if she must spend some more years there, it is a trifle compared to eternity.

We do not know the circumstances. Was there a few seconds before death, time for repentance? The soul it is thought does not leave the body immediately in the case of sudden death of one in good physical health. An Angel of Light can reveal to a soul much in a moment. Whatever the circumstances, the following is the message Little Mary received for me to deliver to that mother who lost both her husband and then her only child:

"Your pain is real. It is very difficult to lose a loved one. Know that I held her in my arms and protected her with my mantle. Your prayers are truly helping her."

#### April 20, 2004, Tuesday, 7:25 A.M. Now please love one another as a family.

My daughter,

All must ask themselves: "Is there love in your hearts? Is there love in your homes?" This love of knowing Jesus must be spread across this world. In order for this to happen you must allow God's love to enter your hearts. You must love God more than your desires. You must let go of any hate or bitterness and be forgiving children. It is time now to truly live these messages so that God's love can truly shine through you.

Please do not criticize or judge one another. Be merciful, humble, gentle and kind. Love unconditionally. Love all your brothers and sisters and forgive those who have hurt you. Begin today by asking God to help you be more loving. Turn to God each new day and receive His love. Love is the answer, so please obey, obey God and truly love, love those around you.

Through your actions God's love will multiply in you. God will use you in many special ways if you love, listen and obey. Now please love one another as a family and sup-

port each other in a loving way. Love God above all else and accept His love that He has for each of you. Amen.

The first two questions of this April 20 message are crucial and unfortunately so many are busy and preoccupied with concerns that are not of the essence for happiness on this earth, in this life. They forget the chief concerns for eternal life require genuine love. Stop and think. Each one examine your conscience. "Do I really have love in my heart for others? First, for my immediate family? Is there love in my home?"

In the book, *Light from the East—Miracles of Our Lady of Soufanieh*, that I wrote as a result of flying into Damascus, September 11, 2001, the very day so much hatred and bitterness was unleashed in the United States, the essence of the Damascus' messages concerns love and peace in the Church to lead all to Christian unity; love and peace in the family to sanctify the family. With millions of families living in love and peace it will lead to Christian unity, to unity and love among Christians.

"You must love God more than your desires." What does that mean? Many give in to concupiscence, to sinful desires, to selfish pleasure. If one truly loves God one rises above such desires. If one simply has a selfish love for oneself he will give in to sinful desires and be separated from God and from living union in grace with the communion of saints, and the Mystical Body of Christ on earth.

"You must let go of any hate or bitterness and be forgiving...." God's Mother came to Fatima at the beginning of the 20th century to call all to love, like the love of her Immaculate Heart. Why? Because so much hatred and lack of love was developing in the world, between individuals, between nations, in hearts desirous of power.

We are living in the time of mercy which is drawing to a close. Criticizing and judging one another, so easy as the drop of a hat, is not being merciful. Sacred Scripture tells us to be merciful as our heavenly Father is merciful. Divine mercy, revealed in the Gospel, does not mean simply God being merciful to us but we must be merciful to one another. We are to "love unconditionally."

Terrorism has been spreading in the world, even in the name of [false] religion. The power of prayer, sacrifice, penance, all in love, is the answer to bringing unity and love, and ending war and conflicts in the world. It must start with each individual and be lived in families. We must accept the love God has for each one of us and then we must love one another in our lives of believing in and loving God.

## Special Message for Priests to Preach the Fullness of the True Faith and Morals

April 21, 2004, Wednesday, 7:40 A.M. Priests, you have been chosen to make the truth known.

My daughter,

Keep your focus on Jesus for then the enemy will flee. It is so important to keep writing no matter what others think of you for time is short, short on this earth. All must come to know Jesus before it's too late. These messages are the truth and those who open their hearts to them will come to know God's love and mercy.

My daughter, I ask that you continue to be obedient to God and share, share your blessings with others. I ask that you continue to pray and fast for world peace. I ask that you continue to teach others all that is embedded in your heart. I ask this of you for you have been chosen to make the truth known. Many today have been chosen to do great work for our Lord but very few are willing to be persecuted for sharing their faith.

Dear priests, you too have been chosen to make the truth known. I say to you, live your vocation and let go of fear. Teach my children the importance of obeying the Ten Commandments. Teach my children the importance of receiving the Sacraments in the proper way. Tell my children there is no excuse for sin and that one day each person will have to answer to God.

Don't tell stories at the pulpit. Speak the truth. Let your flock know that time is short on this earth and all must do their part for the salvation of souls. All must repent and live, live the beatitudes. All must come to know Jesus in a personal way in order to truly live the Gospel.

So many children are sleeping and they need to hear the truth. Wake up, dear priests, and live your vocation now. Lead your flock in prayer and teach them the importance of praying the Rosary. Teach them how to truly meditate on each mystery of the Rosary. Let go of your leisure time and teach, teach, teach your flock.

Sin has become widespread because so many are not hearing the truth at the pulpit. Many are making up their own rules and are not living their Catholic faith. Parents are not teaching their children. They are allowing the world to raise them. Many families no longer pray together. Many families do not spend quality time together. Many are in denial that God exists. Many parents are on the wrong path and are leading their children astray.

How I weep when I see what is happening around this world. I weep because so many priests are giving in to the world. Many today are not listening to God. Very few spend time adoring our Lord.

I am here to remind you today for God has been warning you for some time now. This is the time to harvest souls. This time cannot be given back to you. Will you tend to your flock? Will you listen to my motherly pleas? Much is coming your way. Are you prepared to answer to God? Terrorists will attack when you least likely expect, so please respond and assist me for I am a Mother to each of you.

Be obedient now and share your blessings with others. Be obedient and use your hands and voice for Christ. God will truly, truly bless you. You are truly God's chosen ones, so please put your trust in my Son, Jesus. Amen.

Our Blessed Mother asked us to keep our focus on Jesus. She knows how the world with all its allures to pleasure and sin has captivated mankind. If we keep our focus on Jesus we will not be endangered of living in serious sin habitually, as many are. That is what is meant throughout these messages when our Mother says that many choose darkness.

Many think and feel as though life here below is endless. It is extremely short and is a fraction of a second compared to eternity. Thousands die every hour of every day, fearfully many in serious sin. All must come to know Jesus before it is too late. Many have become lukewarm in their faith. They have some vague faith, perhaps even a dead faith, which is not unto salvation. Sacred Scripture tells us that people lukewarm in the faith are abhorrent to Jesus.

Why do some reject these messages? Why did many reject Jesus, the Truth, in the Gospel? "These messages are the truth and those who open their hearts to them will come to know God's love and mercy. Whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God's wrath" (John 3:36). God's wrath is real. His anger is not the uncontrolled, emotional anger people experience. It is rather the only response pure love has when confronted by sin. God who is Love must refuse communion with evil.

God created us for happiness. He is opposed to any sin by which we destroy others' happiness and our own. If we embrace evil, we place ourselves in the position of experiencing God's wrath against the evil we embrace.

God does not want anyone to suffer or be destroyed. He wants all to be made pure and brought into union with Him through and in Jesus Christ. We can understand then, in these very sinful times, why the God-Man has His holy Mother bring us these messages. "These messages will touch the hearts of those who are choosing darkness. These messages are the truth and those who open their hearts to them will come to know God's love and mercy."

Little Mary has often shared with the author-compiler of this book of messages from the Immaculate Heart of our Mother that she has much embedded in her heart. She finds it difficult to share. That may surprise many. The following account may help one understand. The memoirs of Sr. Lucia were first published in Portuguese, French and English in 1972 by Fr. Antonio Maria Martins, S.J., without her knowledge. Both Sr. Lucia and the Bishop of Fatima were greatly disturbed.

Fr. Martins became the friend of this author-compiler, and shared with me. In fact, he shared with me so that I could publish through the Fatima Family Apostolate the most complete book on Fatima in one over-size volume, known as: Documents on Fatima & The Memoirs of Sister Lucia—Pictorial Documentary & Historical Update.

The bishop of Leiria-Fatima made Fr. Martins, who, in 1972, was the first one to publish the *Memoirs of Sister Lucia*, go to explain to Sr. Lucia what he had done. He shared with me his delight in being able to go see Sr. Lucia. Once explained, she understood. Finally the bishop came to recognize the great value in the *Memoirs* being released to the public. They spread the true message of Fatima throughout the world.

Fr. Martins subsequently shared with me the right to publish *The Intimate Life of Sister Lucia*, translated from the Portuguese. To date, the Fatima Family Apostolate is the only publisher that has ever published *The Intimate Life of Sister Lucia*.

Sr. Lucia found it most difficult to obey the bishop in writing the first four memoirs. But she did obey. (She wrote two more in later years about her family, especially her father, at the request of Msgr. Luciano Guerra, rector of the Shrine in Portugal.) Sr. Lucia herself felt stripped bare like a skeleton when finally she had written the first memoirs and delivered them to the bishop. Such intimacy with heavenly things and persons is not easy to reveal to others. Can we be surprised then that Little Mary finds it difficult to share at times the many things embedded in her heart? She too often has found it hard to obey. But she does.

In the message of April 21 Our Blessed Mother pleads strongly with priests, and with a Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart, to live their priestly vocations truly and let go of fear. Many fear to speak the truth openly and clearly. Many give generic sermons that could fit any denomination. In this message priests are told: "Teach my children the importance of obeying the Ten Commandments. Teach my children the importance of receiving the Sacraments in the proper way."

In May, 2004, Pope John Paul II ordained 26 priests from different countries and urged the new priests to be fearless. "You are becoming priests at a time when, also here in Rome, strong cultural tendencies seem to want to make one forget God, especially among young people and families. But do not be afraid. God will always be with you! With His help you will be able to walk on the ways that lead to the heart of every man and to proclaim to him that the Good Shepherd has given His life for him and wishes him to participate in His mystery of love and salvation. To carry out this work, which is so necessary, Jesus must always be at the center of your life and you must remain in intimate union with him through prayer, daily personal meditation, faithfulness to the Liturgy of the Hours, and especially the daily devout celebration of the Eucharist. If you are full of God, you will be true apostles of the new evangelization, because no one can give what he does not have in his heart.

I can well understand why our Blessed Mother is speaking to priests in this way. I've known many youth, who in late teen years and early adulthood, realize for the first time they have been living in habitual mortal sin, even receiving the Sacraments after mortal sins of fornication or solitary impure actions, or after missing the Sacrifice of the Mass on holy days and Sundays. They've considered these as no sin, or venial sin at the most. Then they would go to receive the Eucharist without repentance and confession. Priests will have to answer for not teaching the fullness of true faith and morals. Fearfully many reach adulthood and never learn these truths. Many never realize that the Sacrifice of the Mass, of infinite value, perpetuates the Sacrifice of the Cross. Many of these leave the Church altogether. Others who come to a fuller knowledge in adulthood experience anger that they had never been taught these truths.

"Don't tell stories at the pulpit. Speak the truth," says our Blessed Mother to priests. Some priests want to be popular and well-liked. Thus they attempt entertainment and to be funny. If the people laugh they think they've made a hit. In the meantime people are starving for the truth. In the meantime many live in sin without being exhorted to repent, confess in humility and live in the state of sanctifying grace. Thus they are deprived of growing in grace and union with Jesus Christ through the worthy reception of the sacraments. This would give them a happier place in heaven for all eternity.

Priests in their teaching and example must not be minimalists. That means doing and getting by with the least in practice and in teaching. At least some think

they get by, but they will have to answer for it. Both priests and parents will have to answer for it.

While teaching repentance priests and parents must live the beatitudes and teach all to "live the beatitudes." The beatitudes mean living positively the Christian faith. The beatitudes are the promises of happiness made by Jesus Christ to those who faithfully accept His teachings and follow His divine example. Jesus preached the beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount. They are recorded in St. Matthew 5:3-11 and in St. Luke 6:20-22. In St. Matthew there are eight blessings of a spiritual nature, which apply to all Christians. In St. Luke there are four blessings of a more external character, addressed to the disciples. St. Luke's version also includes four maledictions for those who do the opposite. Both versions express the New Covenant where happiness is assured already in this life if one gives himself totally to imitating Jesus Christ. Note the message above began with: "Keep your focus on Jesus. . . ."

Priests are to teach families not only the importance of praying the Rosary but how to meditate on each of the 20 Mysteries of the Rosary. There are many meditations printed and available today to which priests can direct their people. The Fatima Family Apostolate has over 100 Rosary meditations in the inexpensive prayerbook, *The Marian Manual*.

The family wherein the meditated Rosary is prayed will be a family that spends quality time together. Parents will be responsible for the souls of their children lost, if they do not teach them the fullness of faith in the home and teach them to pray and pray with them. The father, the head of the family, is most important in this.

The father is the spiritual head of the family. Many fathers have relegated their duties to the mother. The sad state of the family finds more and more, both mothers and fathers, not teaching and forming their children.

Can you see why our Blessed Mother says frequently: "These messages must be taken seriously"?

# April 23, 2004, Friday, 7:30 A.M. Many more changes will occur and many will be persecuted for living their faith.

My daughter,

Listen, listen to your heavenly Mother for I am truly here to assist you. I am here for all my children and they too must live the Gospel. They must obey God and not give in to temptation. The road ahead will not be difficult if you each turn to God and live, live these heavenly messages. Much peace will be given to those who listen and who live their faith. The enemy will flee each time you pray and turn to God. The enemy will lose power each time you gather and pray, pray from your hearts. The enemy can do no harm if you stay close to Jesus' most Sacred Heart.

Today I must remind my children that evil exists. I must remind my children that if you allow your lives to become too busy you will fall farther away from God. If you allow the world to pull you in so many directions you will not hear God. I say to my children: slow down so you have more time to be with God. Let go of your worldly activities for this will not give you happiness on this earth. Only God can give you true happiness. Do not allow Satan to distract you from this joy and peace.

Turn to Jesus each new day and stay close, close to His most Sacred Heart. Stay close to Jesus and you will learn to resist temptation. God will be your strength and you will truly, truly have peace. Live your consecration and you will be protected from daily temptations. You will live in holiness if you truly obey and honor God. This is a time of great tribulation so you must stay close to Jesus. Many more changes will occur and many, many will be persecuted for living their faith. Much division will take place as many more Catholics are not living their faith. Many today are giving in to the evil one. Many are making up their own rules which is causing much destruction. Many Catholic families no longer pray together. Parents are not open to life because of selfishness and pride. This is why abortion is on the rise. This is why terrorists roam this earth. This is why evil has entered this world. This is why you are seeing so many earthly changes around this world. God cannot assist those who are living in mortal sin. God cannot assist those who are choosing hell.

Wake up, dear children, and repent now if you are not living your Catholic faith. Repent and amend your ways or you will see even greater destruction. Turn to God and ask, ask for forgiveness. Turn to God and allow Him to be in control of your life. Let go of your desires and make more time to be with Jesus. Let go now so that change can occur in your lives. Get down on your knees for there is no longer time to be sleeping.

See the signs that are happening around this world. Many countries are at war with each other and China is getting ready to strike. You have no idea what is taking place behind closed doors. Sin is truly destroying this world. So please listen, listen to my heavenly pleas and respond, respond today. Do your part to bring peace and unity to this world. Do your part, pray more and live, live your Catholic faith.

This message is for all my children, so please light the way and remove the darkness that is truly covering this world. Amen.

Our Blessed Mother has been alerting us to trials, temptations and great difficulties to come. Even, it appears, because of the great sinfulness into which mankind has fallen, great punishments, chastisements, are coming. But in this message we are told: "The road ahead will not be difficult if you each turn to God and live these heavenly messages. . . ." Further, in spite of trials and tragedies which may befall the world, and our country, "much peace will be given to those who listen and who live their faith."

If we stay close to the Sacred Heart of Jesus the enemy cannot harm us. Some are so busy, distracted, they hardly advert to the great evil and lack of Christian values into which peoples of even traditionally Christian areas have drifted. They are so busy that they take little or no time to pray and reflect. Thus many drift away from God.

Many are not happy. Why are they not happy? They do not live in union with God and do not seek to do God's will but only their own will based on pride and selfishness.

We all should have consecrated ourselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. But then we must live it. Such a consecration is not a recited prayer, then forgotten. It is a way of life. It must be lived. I wrote the book, *Immaculate Heart of Mary—True Devotions*, to get at a root meaning of living a consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Heaven called for it at Fatima. Our Lord and Mary have called for it repeatedly. Consecration to both the Heart of Jesus and the Heart of Mary are important; these two hearts are inseparable. They are so united that our heavenly Mother speaks of the Two Hearts as "our Heart."

Many Catholics are Catholic in name only. They are nominal Catholics. They pick and choose what has been called "Cafeteria Catholicism." There is much indifference and ignorance of the faith. Many have no desire to dig deeper into the rich treasuries of Catholicism to live in union with Jesus, Mary, the angels and saints.

Why do many parents not have larger families? "Parents are not open to life because of selfishness and pride." The author-compiler now lives near the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Monastery of Our Lady of the Angels of the Poor Clare Nuns founded by Mother Angelica of Eternal Word Television fame. This is in Hanceville, Alabama. I offer daily and Sunday Mass in the lower Church of the Temple. I am acquainted with excellent Catholic families that live in the area and have moved into the area. They are open to human life at all stages. From such families, and they exist in ghettos across the country, the future of the Church, the future source for religious and priestly vocations will come.

Because so many families who are only nominally Catholic live as they do, this lifestyle contributes to terrorism and a lack of peace. One has to appreciate the doctrine of the divine nature of the Church as the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ to understand in some measure what our Blessed Mother is saying here. We have the fullness of true faith in the Catholic Church. But many don't live, don't study it, don't contemplate its divine truths. They will have more to answer for as they live in darkness when the light of Jesus is available to all of good will.

#### April 23, 2004, Message from Jesus My Mother will never leave you but her messages will soon end for the world.

My Child,

You hear my Mother's voice just as I am speaking to you. Share all that you hear for all must wake up now. Your cross will become heavier and you will feel my wounds but I will assist you. I will hold you on those days when you feel weak. I will be with you for my words are deep in your heart. Your interior suffering will feel like the chains that whipped my Heart.

I am with you, so move forward now and make these messages known. Move forward for the earth is trembling now. Much light will be needed, for darker days await those who are walking alone. My Mother will never leave you but her messages will soon

end for the world.

Direction will be given to you for you have been chosen to assist my Mother so more see light instead of the fire of hell. Be still and hear my voice.

I am Jesus your merciful Lord. I am here to bring light to the world. My love is everlasting. Pentecost is near.

On April 23, 2004, Jesus also gave a message to Little Mary as well as the message from the heart of our Mother. It seems the time is fast drawing to a close when explicit messages will no longer be given to Little Mary for the world. It is to be noted that the messages have become stronger and ever more explicit as that time approaches. Little Mary has been told of sufferings she will undergo and she has already undergone many.

It seems that persecution is awaiting those who practice the fullness of true Catholic faith. It will be easy to become confused if many continue to ignore the true faith, call themselves "Catholic" but live opposite of the reality of the fullness of true faith.

"Pentecost is near." Hopefully this means not just the yearly feast—but a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit for a renewal of the faith in the hearts of many, even if it is preceded with persecution and chastisement.

#### April 26, 2004, Monday, 7:40 A.M. All must take a stand for life and make the Gospel known.

My daughter,

Many today are not obeying God's Commandments. Abortion is murder and it is not acceptable in God's eyes. All of heaven weeps when they see so many innocent lives being destroyed. It is not man's choice who should live and who should die. Abortion is on the rise due to disobedience to God's laws. All must take a stand for life and make the Gospel known. If man continues to destroy life they will see much more destruction. God will not have mercy on those who are choosing to live in mortal sin. God will not have mercy on those who know the truth and who refuse to defend life.

Bishops must not remain silent. They must shepherd their flock and make the truth known. They must let the world know that abortion is murder. They must defend life and teach others what is morally right and what is morally wrong. Bishops must teach the truth to all their brothers and sisters.

Dear bishops, there is no long time to be ignoring what is happening around this world. Each time an abortion is performed the earth trembles more. It is time now to use your hands and voice for Christ. It is time for you to wake your flock for many are living in mortal sin. Many are making up their own rules and are picking and choosing which Commandments to obey.

Dear bishops, many, many Catholics are sleeping and they need to hear the truth. It is your turn now to go to the pulpit and wake your flock. Make the Ten Commandments known and pray, pray for an end to abortion. Make the word "repent" known, for many are living in mortal sin. Be firm and let the world know that hell exists. Sin is sin and you can no longer be silent.

I am addressing bishops now because many priests are sleeping. God truly needs your assistance, so please do not ignore heaven's call. There cannot be world peace when abortion is on the rise. There cannot be unity when so many are not living their Catholic faith. Jesus' wounds are bleeding profusely, so please, please do your part for the salvation of souls. Pick up your cross and be willing to be persecuted for making the Gospel known. Pick up your staff and be true leaders. The greatest sin in this world is abortion, so please do not be silent. Defend life by truly using your hands and voice for Christ. I will assist you, so please, do not be afraid. I will assist you for I am truly here now to wake those who are sleeping.

I am your heavenly Mother, so please do not ignore my messages that are being given around this world. The truth must be made known for there is no longer time to be silent. This world is in danger, so please be true shepherds and guide your flock. Time is running out, so please do not delay. Time moves quickly, so please pray and then do your part for the salvation of souls. Amen.

Mankind faces grave punishments if it continues to destroy human life. God cannot have mercy on those choosing to live in mortal sin because they are not

open to God's love and mercy. They do not seek forgiveness with a firm purpose of amendment.

As these messages have progressed our heavenly Mother has become more and more explicit in speaking to bishops and priests and parents. In these messages bishops are told they "must not remain silent" especially on such a subject as human life which is being killed by abortion. There are politicians who favor laws for the killing of human life and yet consider themselves Catholic. "Bishops must not remain silent. They must shepherd their flock and make the truth known."

Surely one living in mortal sin cannot approach the great Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist and receive our Lord worthily. Abortion is of the greatest evil and to defend abortion is a most terrible serious sin.

On every subject concerning faith and morality bishops and priests need to speak out the truth fearlessly and with clarity. Many Catholics are sleeping and when their shepherds do not speak out strongly and clearly their consciences become deadened.

Bishops are asked to pick up their staffs, their croziers. The crozier is a sign of the office of a chief shepherd who guides, protects, and teaches his flock.

Hardly a week after the above message was given news releases stated things such as follows: "House Minority Leader, a Catholic who supports abortion rights, said Thursday she will continue to ask for Holy Communion in spite of Vatican opposition to Catholics doing so.... A top Vatican cardinal said last week that priests must deny Communion to Catholic politicians who support abortion rights. . . ." The "Catholic" quoted was described as being "raised in a devout Italian Catholic home." She told reporters, "I believe that my position on [abortion] choice is one that is consistent with my Catholic upbringing, which said that every person has a free will and has the responsibility to live their lives in a way that they would have to account for in the end. I'm certainly concerned when the Church comes together and says it's going to sanction people in public office for speaking their conscience and what they believe."

Notice that this well-known politician says nothing about the obligation to form one's conscience correctly and according to Jesus Christ and His Church. It is a rejection of Christ's authority in His Church and implies that one can be Catholic and go against the teachings of Sacred Scripture and the authoritative teachings of Christ's Church even on most important issues like defense of human life. If one believes the opposite of the faith of the Catholic Church it is not honest to call oneself Catholic. One thus deprives oneself of the Sacraments of the Church. A presidential candidate at the same time in 2004, who would not answer whether his marriage was recognized by the Church and who had a total pro-abortion voting record, was reported as saying that the Church would not tell him what to do if he became president. He, like others who did not permit the Catholic faith to influence their decisions on basic human life issues, considers himself Catholic and continued to receive Communion.

Surveys among young Catholics, even in Catholic colleges, have shown not a small percentage holding that one can be a good Catholic and believe in abortion, or not believing in the infallibility of the Church on doctrines of faith or morals, or that artificial birth control is all right. Obviously, they are not being taught the fullness of truth. Bishops, priests, and parents who do not teach the fullness of truth to young people as they grow up on such subjects and other important subjects of faith and morals will have to answer for it.

What did Jesus say about people who will not hear the Church but reject His Church? "He who hears you, hears me; and he who rejects you, rejects me; and he who rejects me, rejects him who sent me" (Luke 10:16).

During the same week when so-called "Catholic" politicians were openly defying Church teaching, Pope John Paul II told visiting U.S.A. bishops that the key to restoring the health of the Catholic Church in America would be their pursuit of personal sanctity. The Pope spoke in a most kind and charitable manner to convey that message.

Pope John Paul II, recognized for his holiness, has not remained silent on any of the issues of faith or morals. Bishops, priests and parents, must not remain

silent either.

#### April 27, 2004, Tuesday, 7:20 A.M. Each time you gather and pray, souls are saved.

My daughter,

Move forward with joy in your heart for God's love is everlasting. Each time you gather and pray, souls are saved. Each time you pray from your hearts, I am with you in a very special way. Today I ask that you trust in my motherly intercession for I am truly here to assist you. I am here to assist those who take refuge in my heart.

I say to each of you, do not lose hope. Do not allow your trials to draw you away from my Immaculate Heart. Do not allow the world to fool you. Trust, trust in my motherly intercession. Live each new message with love in your hearts. Be light to this world. Be the reflection of my Son. Live your consecration and embrace God's Commandments. Persevere each new day no matter how dark it becomes.

Many hearts today are filled with darkness, so persevere and pray, pray for God's mercy and strength. Persevere in your prayers and be humble, loving children. Now please go forth and share God's love around this world. Amen.

Again we are reminded that prayer is powerful for souls. "Each time you gather and pray, souls are saved." Our Blessed Mother more and more encourages group prayer which brings special blessings. Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered together for my sake, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20). Each time you gather and pray, souls are saved. Our Blessed Mother in this message tells us that she too joins us.

If we truly live our Catholic faith, live our consecration to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, we become a light to the world as Jesus is the Light of the world. We

then reflect the Son, Jesus Christ.

# April 29, 2004, Tuesday, 7:25 A.M. Those who wear a scapular and who live their consecration are truly consecrated to my Immaculate Heart.

My daughter,

Pray for those souls who are farthest away from Jesus. Pray, pray for the conversion of your country. Pray for the world, for so many are choosing darkness. Repentance is needed in this world for many continue to live in sin. So many are not

obeying God's Commandments. A great chastisement will come sooner if man does not wake up.

I continually plead with my children to turn away from sin, but many refuse to listen. Many are refusing to change their lifestyle. Many, many are living in mortal sin. So many hearts are full of hatred, jealousy and pride. So much killing and bloodshed because so many do not have peace in their hearts.

Suicide is on the rise because so many do not know Jesus. Bless your homes often with holy water and say, say the St. Michael prayer. Wear a crucifix, a scapular and blessed medals.

Armor yourselves each new day; come to Mass and cleanse your soul regularly. Do penance every day and truly be sorry for your sins. Spend time with Jesus and ask, ask for assistance. Take Jesus with you wherever you go and invite all the holy angels and saints to be in your home. Do what I am asking of you for this will truly keep evil away.

Those who wear a scapular and who live their consecration are truly consecrated to my Immaculate Heart. Those who pray the Rosary from their heart will truly feel my presence. Their prayers will be answered in the way that is best for their soul. They will truly be protected by my mantle if they live a holy life.

Please let go of pride and pray and meditate on the mysteries of the Rosary. Pray every day so you stay close, close to Jesus' most Sacred Heart. Please pray and allow my messages to penetrate your hearts. Today I plead with you, stop sinning and pray, pray more. Reconcile before it's too late and amend your ways now. Stop crucifying my Son. Repent and be converted. Trust in God's love for you and allow Him to transform your heart. Allow God to guide you on the path that will lead you to heaven.

Ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten you so you stay strong, strong for our Lord. Now please pray with me and do not give up on my motherly requests. Pray with me and you will truly bring joy to my Immaculate Heart. Pray as a family and pray your Rosary every day. Pray and armor yourselves and stay close, close to our Heart. Amen.

We must pray for the conversion of America and the world, for every country, "for so many are choosing darkness."

"A great chastisement will come sooner if man does not wake up." If many turned from sin and lived in Christ the great punishments threatened could be avoided, at least lessened. There is lack of happiness and peace in so many hearts who live in mortal sin. The devil is active. We must pray the prayer to St. Michael often and bless our homes with Holy Water to keep away evil spirits..

Wearing the scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is a sign of our consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The miraculous medal also places one under the special protection of Mary's intercession. Our Lady emphasizes the importance of this sign of consecration and for protection. "Satan is attacking many because of their refusal to wear the protection God and I have given them. I cannot keep repeating myself, so please, reflect on the beginning messages."

It would be good to go back to chapter 8 to discover "the beginning messages."

Sacramentals are important to resist evil attacks. Many wear or carry the St. Benedict Cross on their person, and in their cars, etc. It is powerful against the devil.

When we are living in grace we take Jesus with us wherever we go. We should invite the good holy angels, the saints, who loved to be called by name, to come into our homes.

If we have not been rushing through these messages with a sense of curiosity, but contemplating them with some effort of reverence and slowly, then the messages penetrate our hearts and lead us to Jesus. "Trust in God's love for you and allow Him to transform your heart."

We should frequently pray to the Holy Spirit to enlighten us on truth and the ways of God.

## Notes from Little Mary's Journal

Little Mary writes personal spiritual experiences in her journal which few know about. Our Blessed Mother told Little Mary to keep a personal journal, in addition to writing the messages. Since her heart is very heavy and burdened with the mission given her, writing experiences in the journal help relieve some of the heaviness. The author-compiler shares some limited excerpts of them here.

Often mentioned in this book were the many diabolical attacks designed to get her to give up the mission as a messenger. Satan shows her many beautiful things and tells her they will be hers if she listens to him. She speaks in response: "Lord, I do not want any wealth. All I want is you. You are the one that gives me peace and joy."

Little Mary senses evil when it comes into the room and realizes how vicious Satan is. He does not want her to write the messages and keeps telling her to rip them up and gives threats if she does not do so. At times the attacks are so strong and prolonged that she feels as though she cannot fight Satan any more. When that happens Jesus comes and tells Satan "be gone." Satan backs off instantly and she then has peace.

People whom Little Mary has known but have died, some long ago, come to her at times. It is usually those who are in heaven. But a man she knew when she was growing up came and asked for prayers as he had been in purgatory a long time. He had been an alcoholic and was very abusive to his family at times. He was a sick man, yet would always go to Mass. Jesus helped him go to Mass, and he finally quit drinking but then he died shortly afterwards. She saw the importance of praying for him.

Little Mary writes in her journal: "Other people who are in purgatory thank me for praying for them. Jesus explained to me that these prayers raise them higher in purgatory. Jesus said that some chosen souls in purgatory are allowed to come to me and ask for prayers. Jesus said to me that His wounds bleed profusely when priests or lay people do not respect His holy Mother. "This is my Mother's time and if people don't live all that she is relaying, then greater chastisements will come."

I have seen so many terrible visions of people running and I have seen the sky red with blood, coming down like arrows. What one sees at such times one cannot forget. It brings tears to my eyes.

When I pray with people Jesus' words come through me. He tells me what to

say to people when they want to give up.

When weighed down heavily Little Mary has prayed: "Why, Lord, must I continue? I ask that you give some other chosen soul the messages. I have done it for years now and I feel exhausted internally. Please, Lord, help me through this suffering as it seems too much to bear today. Please do whatever is in your will or

help me carry this cross. I shall offer this suffering up today for priests and those souls who do not believe that your Mother is here. . . . "

One time Little Mary did not trust that our Lord and His Blessed Mother were really with her, but then with our Lord's strength she got up again. Jesus then showed her His wounds. That is all it took. She said to Our Lord, "My suffering is nothing compared to yours."

One time Little Mary wrote in her journal: "Lately I see priests who are begging me to pray for them. They are in purgatory pleading for my prayers. Their faces are so sad, yet some of them are able to ask me for prayers. They say so many people think they are in heaven but they are not. The Blessed Mother tells me that many are in the lower ends of purgatory. Blessed Mother tells me that by these souls [coming to me], especially souls of priests who come to me, is a gift from God because my prayers and sufferings help them get closer to heaven. Blessed Mother said, 'Soon you will see light around these priests' faces.' Right now I see darkness and their faces look so sad.

"It is so hard when I see Jesus' wounds at times. I see His blood coming down upon me. I don't understand, but every drop of blood somehow fills my soul. His wounds are so deep and it makes my hands and feet hurt more. During Mass I feel like my hands and feet are swelling up and it feels like needles going through them. Jesus tells me it's all part of sharing His passion. . . .

"It is hard for me to explain all that I see and hear. At times I can just be sitting there and I see much of heaven. Blessed Mother tells me this is a gift from God and that all I see is real and can never be forgotten. As I see things it makes me yearn for heaven more. . . .

"A blessing from a priest seems to help the most. I see such awful things and I still don't understand how Satan can do this to me. No matter what Satan does to me I will never deny Jesus. I love Jesus too much [for that] and I will suffer if I can help save souls. . . .

"I had a vision one night. I was walking beside Jesus as He was carrying His cross. He was beaten, thirsty, and His eyes just looked through me. I said to Jesus, 'Let me help you' and He turned to me and said, 'My child, you already are.' I said, 'Lord, increase my pain in my feet and hands. Please let me help you,' and Jesus said, 'do not be afraid to pray with my priests for so many are in need of healing. Many have been wounded and they need to touch our hands so that my warmth can come through them.' Jesus told me that my hands are blessed and I must use them when people come for prayer.

"Holy Thursday I experienced so much pain in my feet that I woke my husband and he rubbed them. I tried to offer it up but the pain was excruciating. I wanted to cry and scream but instead I said, 'Lord, you know what I can endure.' Just by talking to Jesus, I was able to get through the pain and heat that went through them. I could not stand any sheet touching them. I felt a sorrow for my sins and a pain in my heart which I cannot explain.

"Tonight is Easter and I feel much joy and peace. I feel this love for Jesus that I cannot describe. During Mass I saw Blessed Mother smiling and I saw Jesus.

"The Blessed Virgin Mary came to me last night. She was beautiful and her eyes glimmered. She told me to call upon St. Bernard and to say the *Memorare* for those who are living in darkness. She told me to say it every day and she told me to say it with her. I do not know this prayer by heart so Blessed Mother helped me say it. I looked in my Bible this morning and found the prayer on a card. I will

add it to my morning prayers, Blessed Mother told me so many need prayers and

this prayer would help many. . . .

"The devil starts in right away in the morning. The devil is non-stop and repeats himself and at times it's so engrained in my head. Tuesday morning the devil was shouting at me. He said, 'You are a liar. You are teaching others lies.' I must have heard that for an hour. My heart aches by the time he is done with me. . . .

"After the message yesterday I could see perfectly formed babies, laying on top of each other. The Blessed Mother said, 'this is what heaven sees.' She said, 'So many babies are disposed of and there are many more abortions being done than people realize.' Tears of blood were dripping down from her eyes. He voice was shaky and you could hear her sadness. This, dear people, you cannot forget. The Blessed Mother shows me so much and so much is hidden in my heart.

"Tve seen visions of the earth cracking in half and I could hear thunder like I've never heard before. People were still drinking and doing lustful things, even in the midst of what was happening to the earth. Blessed Mother pleads with me to pray and suffer for priests. She pleads with me to pray more and not turn to my friends for relief. She tells me often to get a blessing many times during the week from my spiritual director. I do not like to bother him but yet a blessing is what helps me most. . . .

"I say to myself, 'even an author goes dry after a while, but the Blessed Mother keeps on, day after day, giving me messages. She is always with me and instructs me what I should be doing.' She does this because the devil is tempting me more to throw away my journal and the message books. . . .

"I feel a great love for those who are suffering and no matter what cross I must bear afterwards I know it's worth it. I have to hold each person's hands when I pray with them and at times I feel more pain. It feels as though needles are going through my hands. I want to let go of their hands but I just keep offering up my pain so they can be healed. I don't understand this suffering but I know I must accept it. Padre Pio tells me 'suffer as much as you can for Christ.' I know right now I need much encouragement to keep doing what God and Blessed Mother are asking of me. . . .

"Dear Jesus and Blessed Mother, thank you for the beautiful trip to Alexandria, in South Dakota (June, 2001). (Little Mary was there also in June, 2002 and 2003 for the national Fatima Family Apostolate Congresses.) I was most definitely on holy ground. I felt so drawn to the outdoor Holy Family Chapel. Blessed Mother came alive and told me 'thank you for coming. You will be truly blessed.' I also felt drawn to the outdoor crucifix (life-size, associated with Stations of the Cross). Jesus spoke to me and said, 'Suffer for unbelievers.' I told Jesus I will and I will offer my suffering for those who refuse to believe that God exists. I met with Fr. Fox and shared some of this with him. In my heart I know he really understands what is happening to me. At times I feel so alone and wish I could explain the beauty of hearing and seeing Jesus and Mary.

"Blessed Mother told me after Mass [at the outdoor Shrine Congress Mass] when I was in South Dakota that Fr. Fox would be a martyr for his faith. I didn't want to tell him but he told me to share with him what was bothering me. Fr. Fox understood as he is persecuted now for living his faith."

[Father interpreted "martyr" not necessarily to mean a physical killing by martyrdom but an ongoing martyr for witnessing to truth and doing what was right in spite of opposition.]

"I never know when the devil will show up and that's what is so hard for me. I don't know how I can keep going when I get so little sleep. Last week the devil told me to stay away from Fr. Fox. The devil told me he was not holy and that he was a fake. I told Fr. Fox part of what the devil said and he replied, 'I'm glad the devil doesn't like me.' He told me not to believe the devil's lies. . . .

"Fr. Fox calls and writes often and always ends with a special blessing. This is helping me but does not always seem to last. Blessed Mother said that the devil becomes even more furious each time souls are saved. She told me that I will be blessed for all this suffering but to continue, for so many souls are being saved. . . . Thank you, Lord, for those you have sent this way who believe in the messages. It gives me much encouragement because so often I feel alone. So often I feel as though no one believes in these beautiful messages. The Blessed Mother told me that if everyone believed in the messages it would be more difficult for me to be humble. So I say 'Good night' to all of heaven and I thank Padre Pio for letting me see him so much last week. It really helps me because he knows how awful the devil can be. . . . "

#### May 3, 2004, Monday, 7:40 A.M. Those who believe in the Gospel will know that these messages are true.

My daughter,

These messages are for all my children. They are tools to help my children grow in holiness. They are being given to wake mankind before it's too late. They are being given all around this world because of God's love for you. These messages are the Gospel, so please let go of fear. Let go of fear and respond to all that I am teaching you. Let go of fear for I am truly here to assist each of you. Let go of fear and accept my love that I have for each of you.

Much joy will be given to those who respond to my motherly requests. Those who believe in the Gospel will know that these messages are true for they will guide my children on the path that will lead them to holiness. They will truly help those who open their hearts and who desire to be fed the truth. The truth must be made known for so many today are sleeping. Many are not listening to the Gospel because of their refusal to come to Church. So many have become blind to the truth.

The Ten Commandments are being ignored because man does not want to change, change their lifestyle. Many find it easier to live in sin which is pulling them farther away from God. Today I plead with my children to pray more. Pray that more will take heed to the Gospel before it's too late.

Pray for conversion for so many hearts have become cold. Pray for all your brothers and sisters for each person has a soul. Pray each new day and go forth and truly, truly live the Gospel. Pray, dear children, for much destruction is taking place all around this world. Violence in the family is growing stronger every day. There is no love or respect in so many hearts. So much violence, so much bloodshed because so many have turned away from God.

Please be light to those who are choosing darkness. Be compassionate and love those who are suffering in any way. Be humble, merciful children by truly imitating Christ. Be prayerful and receive my Son often so you have the grace needed to do what is right.

Turn to God each new day so you have the strength needed to respond to my

urgent requests. Pray the Rosary faithfully for this will truly keep you close to my Immaculate Heart.

Now please listen to me and do your part for the salvation of souls. Listen and respond and give all honor and glory to Almighty God. Amen.

"These messages are the Gospel, so please let go of fear." Our Blessed Mother is telling us in practical but very simple and warm ways in these messages how to live the Gospel, serve God and save our souls and help in the salvation of other souls. Why then does she say, "so please let go of fear"? There is a certain caution that is needed in accepting private revelations. Some, however, have undo fear of being considered gullible, simple, in taking such messages seriously. They fear reprisals from others. We must discern the spirits to see if they are good or evil. The good Holy Spirit is recognized by peace of mind and readiness for sacrifice for the love of God. Jesus said, "By their fruits you will know them."

Fruits of the Holy Spirit are supernatural works that, according to St. Paul, manifest the presence of the Holy Spirit. One who performs them recognizes God's presence in the happiness he experiences. Others can recognize the divine presence in witnessing the good works which result. These are identifying effects of the Holy Spirit. Scripture lists them as charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, longanimity, mildness, faith, modesty, continency, and chastity (see Gal. 5:22-23). If you have studied and meditated the messages so as to live them, what kind of effects have they had in your life?

Joy is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit of whom our heavenly Mother is the Spouse. She says in this message: "Much joy will be given to those who respond to my motherly requests." The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of holiness and truth. We are told "that these message are true for they will guide my children on the path that will lead them to holiness. They will truly help those who open their hearts and who desire to be fed the truth."

Many are careless in coming to church to participate in the Sacrifice of the Mass. Some come not at all. They have deadened their consciences to the serious obligation of worship through the Sacrifice of the Mass and coming to holiness through the devout reception of the Sacraments which lead to union with Jesus Christ and thereby with the Father. With deadened faith "many have become blind to the truth." With that state of soul "the Ten Commandments are being ignored" and they have no desire to change as it would require giving up their sinful lifestyle.

Again we hear the power of prayer in the call to "pray more. Pray that more will take heed to the Gospel before it's too late. Pray for conversion for so many hearts have become cold." All these careless and cold hearts belong to persons who have immortal souls. We must be concerned about their eternal salvation. In living this way they are not happy in this life nor will they be in eternity.

"Each new day," not occasionally or once a week, "turn to God" to "have the

strength needed to respond" to our Mother's "urgent requests."

The daily meditated Rosary will keep one close to the Immaculate Heart of our Mother. Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of our Mother, as announced at Fatima, was the desire of God, will lead one to live the fullness of the faith.

# May 5, 2004, Wednesday, 7:45 A.M. Priests too will see their souls and must live the message of Fatima in bringing souls to Christ.

My daughter,

Do not feel alone in your suffering for I am truly with you! I am with you wherever you go so be at peace. Each new day offer your suffering to our Lord for this will truly help those souls who are living in darkness. Each time you write souls are being saved. They are being saved because you are being obedient to God.

These messages are truly waking those who are not living the Gospel. These messages are God's way to wake mankind. Those who take heed to what I am relaying to you will be drawn closer, closer to my Son Jesus. Those who take part in making these messages known will be truly blessed by God. So I say to my children, remain obedient and steadfast. I say to my beloved priests, make these messages known. Share all that is embedded in your heart so more repent and turn their lives around. Tell my children the truth for there is no longer time to be silent. Do not wait for God's justice to prevail. Live your vocation now. Tell my children to obey God. Tell my children to obey each Commandment. Tell my children to cleanse their souls so they have the grace needed to live these messages.

Dear priests, the warning will come and you will each see your soul. If you have been living a worldly life then you will suffer tremendously. If you have only been working part-time for God then you are not living your vocation. Every day souls need to be saved, so please, please pray more and assist my children.

Live the Gospel to your fullest and be loving, humble priests. Do not be judgmental, assist your flock. Keep your church doors open and live a priestly life. Do not give in to the world. Be responsible and live, live your vocation. Time is running out and each soul needs to be in a state of grace. God has blessed your hands so please use them by truly embracing each child that comes to you. A great awakening will come. Will you be ready?

Now please do your part for the salvation of souls. Do your part by truly living the Fatima message. Allow my sons peace now to dwell, dwell in your hearts. Amen.

It seems that when God uses one with special charisms, which are for the good of others, that the person often has to suffer loneliness. It is difficult, even impossible, for others who have not experienced the same to understand why one who is favored with heavenly messages suffers interiorly and often feels alone. Perhaps what has been written about the dark night of the soul will help. Explained earlier was the fact that Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who was known for her radiant smile, which also radiated Jesus Christ, yet she spent most of her years without spiritual consolation. Did not Jesus Christ, hanging in agony on the Cross of Calvary, call out, "Father, why have you abandoned me?"

Little Mary was particularly feeling alone on the day the above message was received as I talked to her that day. Even though the messages are for the world, opening sentences in the messages repeatedly have reference to Little Mary's present challenges. Many souls will be able to identify, nonetheless, with what is said.

When we do God's will in a spirit of love and sacrifice, the fruit extends also to others as we are all members of the Mystical Body of Christ. It is difficult for Little Mary to take the messages by writing them down; she feels often a great burden. Our Blessed Mother reassures her, "Each time you write souls are being saved." Many souls are helped by the messages, waking them up from their indifference to live the Gospel.

People who discover these messages and introduce them to others "will be truly blessed by God."

In this message priests are asked to make the messages known. There has been a hesitancy in modern times on the part of many priests to speak out openly, boldly, preaching the truth on matters of faith and morals. Society has become so corrupt that what was taken for granted in past decades, as to what priests should teach and preach about, today often seems extreme and radical and priests who do so preach often experience attacks, ridicule, accusations of extremism and thus isolation. Many people have lost the sense of sin and traditional Judeo-Christian values. Nonetheless, priests are obliged to speak the truth openly and strongly regardless of criticism, even persecution.

Priests must not hesitate to teach obedience of all Ten Commandments. They must teach what is sinful and the need to repent and for all to make good confessions so that souls are cleansed and restored to sanctifying grace. When souls are in the state of grace they can live these messages, no longer being blind to the truth.

Everyone has been told repeatedly in these messages that a warning will come and people will each see their soul. Priests are not excluded in this. They too will experience this. If a priest has been living a worldly life the punishment will be great. If a priest has cut corners, working part-time for God and for the most part languishing in recreation and free time, that priest is not living his vocation to leave all things and follow Jesus Christ and imitate Jesus Christ in preaching, teaching, and leading souls to God.

Time is running out and many souls need to be awakened, repent and restored to the state of sanctifying grace. Priests are to be as Christ and with their consecrated hands give attention and time to each one that comes to them. Our Blessed Mother is asking, especially priests, if they will be ready when the great awakening comes.

Our Blessed Mother reminds us of her Fatima message again and again during these years of the messages which will soon come to an end. If one lives the message of Fatima, consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and all that implies, then one has truly done his/her part. Then peace will exist in the souls of priests who thus responded.

#### May 7, 2004, Friday, 7:30 A.M. You will be fed the truth if you stay close to Jesus' Most Sacred Heart.

My daughter,

Time and time again I remind my children to stay close to Jesus. Without God's assistance one cannot stay strong, strong for our Lord. Without more time for prayer one's focus will not be on our Lord. Many today fall into Satan's traps because they do not pray throughout the day. Without God's grace and assistance it is impossible to walk alone.

Dear children, let go of the noise of the world and make more time to be with Jesus. Come to Mass so that God can refresh you. Come to Mass and listen to the Gospel so you stay on the path that will lead you to heaven. You will be truly blessed if you let go of your desires and make more time to be with Jesus. You will be fed the truth if you stay close to Jesus' Most Sacred Heart.

Discipline yourselves now or it will only become more difficult for you. Discipline yourselves now so you have the grace needed to live holy lives. The world is no longer safe,

so please, please take refuge in Our Heart. Desire to please God by truly making time to be with Him. Surrender yourself to His will so that change can occur in your life.

Now please, believe that when you are loyal to God you will receive many graces. Please believe that God exists so you turn to Him each new day. Amen.

The diabolical forces have such a hold on the world that it is impossible to stay close to Jesus and thereby strong for the Lord unless one uses the channels of God's assistance. What are those channels? First, there must be the exercise of our faith through daily prayer in a response of love. A life of daily prayer in love will lead one to the Sacrifice of the Mass and the reception of the Sacraments which is the climax of our union with God.

Our heavenly Mother is even telling us to "pray throughout the day." This obviously means to turn our thoughts repeatedly to God during the day as we go about performing our daily duties. It need not take away time from our duties. With the practice of uttering spiritual aspirations during the day as we work it will eventually come spontaneously. Examples: Jesus, I trust in you; all for you, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; My Lord, and my God; O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you; I am all yours and all that I have is yours, O most loving Jesus, through Mary, your holy Mother.

When we pray daily morning and evening prayers, and turn our minds to God frequently during the day with aspirations, we are then praying throughout the day and have God's grace and assistance. We then do not walk alone.

There is so much noise in the world. Most of what is on television and radio is not uplifting but degrading. There should be much silence in the home so as to be alone with God at times for spiritual reading, meditation, and aspirations. Even where there are small children the home ought not be occupied with the noise of television and other means of modern communications.

"Discipline yourselves." What does that mean? It certainly means to do the things mentioned above while avoiding the noise of the world. Taking refuge in the Heart of Jesus and Mary will give one peace.

## May 10, 2004, Monday, 7:15 A.M.

My daughter,

Tell my children to take shelter in Jesus' Most Sacred Heart. Those who take refuge in His Heart will have peace through all trials and storms. I have been warning my children not to wait for storms to arise but to take shelter now in Jesus' Most Sacred Heart. I have been warning my children to turn to God now so you are each prepared for times to come.

Without a personal relationship with Jesus you will not know how to trust or confide in Him. Please, dear children, take heed to my motherly advice. Let go of your desires and make more time to truly come to know my Son. Trust in Him completely and turn to my Son throughout the day. Allow Him to guide you for then you will be taught the truth. Don't ignore God's wisdom and strength. Accept His love that He has for each of you.

Let go of your hurts or whatever is preventing you from truly coming to know my Son Jesus. Let go and allow God to be first in your life. Have confidence in Jesus and you will have peace of heart.

Now please wake up and take heed to what I am telling you. Wake up and return to

God now. Study His word in the Scriptures and believe in the Gospel. A response is truly needed, so please turn to God and build your relationship with Him now.

Accept His words of truth and trust, obey and honor God. Please, please respond now for God is truly waiting to see who will answer His call. Amen.

It appears from these messages, some kind of punishment, chastisement, referred to here as storms, are coming which can confuse people even more. Today as I write this commentary, I hear of a concerned mother whose 17-year-old son is confused because of the strange way the parish priest teaches. But I have heard that often before from various parts of the country when priests are not teaching solid doctrine in loyalty to the official teachings of the Church. We must always remember that if an individual priest misrepresents the truths of Jesus Christ and His Church—such individuals are not the universal Church. The Catholic Church Jesus founded is still there. We must know and practice our faith so well, living within the Sacred Heart of Jesus so we are prepared and not disturbed, however hurt, when trials come in the future.

It is most important that each one of us has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ so that we hold on to Him and His true Church regardless of others who may betray Jesus and His Church. Look what happened at the time of the Protestant Revolt in the 16th century. What lies ahead for us? Many were confused. Their ancestors still are outside the fullness of true faith. At that time even priests led people astray.

A life of daily prayer and penance for our sins is most important. We will spend a long time in purgatory, even if we die in the state of sanctifying grace, if we refuse to change in areas where we are weak. No soul can enter heaven until perfectly purified.

## May 11, 2004, Tuesday, 7:20 A.M.

My daughter,

I ask that my children turn to God instead of their wealth. Your material possessions cannot give you true happiness, so please let go and allow God's love to enter your hearts. Open your hearts and allow God to enter more deeply. Open your hearts so that God can work more powerfully through each of you.

Begin today and live your life as I did in humility, obedience and complete trust in God. Through prayer this can be accomplished. So please, please pray daily. Join hands and pray with one another and live, live the beatitudes. Love one another so that God's love can be spread across this world. Through love and prayers you truly become an instrument of God's graces. Please put these messages into practice so more come to know our dear Lord Jesus.

Please pray more and do not wait for me to remind you. Pray the Rosary each new day and bind your prayers around this world. This world is in need of prayer for many are truly offending God. So few truly live these messages. Many read these messages but very few live them. Many do not pray from their heart. Many only ask God for more wealth.

Many pray for conversion for others but are unwilling to change or look at themselves. I say to each of you, examine your conscience each new day. Do not run to confession until you truly examine your conscience. Ask God to help you see yourselves as He truly does. Through prayer and total submission to God you will see results. You will come to know your weaknesses and you will have a change of heart.

In order to preach the truth you must live it. In order to live these messages, you must let go of fear and pride. You must repent and amend your ways if you want to be true followers and servants for our Lord. Much penance and atonement for your sins must be done before you are purified.

Many, many suffer in purgatory because of their refusal to change in those areas where they are weak. Satan is at work and he is truly trying to lure you away from my Son. Satan has many subtle and diabolical traps and you must be aware of this. You must not become too busy or you will not have time for God. You must let go of your worldly ways so you have more time to come to Mass and pray. You must pray more and take heed to the Gospel.

You must obey all of God's Commandments, not just those that are easy for you. You must not judge your brothers and sisters for that is not your role on this earth. Be loving, be humble, obedient children.

Now please listen to my motherly requests and respond today. Separate yourselves from the ways of the world and all forms of materialism. Shut your TV's off and make time to pray together as a family. Live your Catholic faith and do not compromise with the world. Accept my heart as your refuge and I will truly, truly assist you. Accept my love that I have for you by truly living these messages.

## May 12, 2004, Wednesday, 7:40 A.M.

Message from Jesus:

"Much evil has entered this world because many priests are not teaching their flock. Many priests are unwilling to speak the truth. Many bishops are hiding behind closed doors and they are not listening to their flock. So many are silent when they see so much irreverence entering the Church."

My Child,

Listen to my Mother for the time is soon at hand. Listen and carry your cross willingly for these messages are for the world. My Mother will comfort you when you feel pain in your heart. So listen, write, and share my Mother's words.

Share all that I am teaching you for many are still sleeping. Many seek their own path, not Mine. Many place so much importance on the things of this world. What many do not realize is the things of this world are not important to eternity.

Soon you will witness all that has been prophesied for much evil has entered this world. Much evil has entered this world because many priests are not teaching their flock. Many priests are unwilling to speak the truth. Many bishops are hiding behind closed doors and they are not listening to their flock. So many are silent when they see so much irreverence entering the Church. So many children are confused because many today misinterpret my words, distort my truth.

Your time for repentance grows shorter—so <u>WAKE UP</u>, wake up before it's too late. Wake up and listen to my <u>MOTHER</u> for her time is almost up. Teach your flock how to pray. Teach them the importance of being reverent in Church. Do not mock those who pray the Rosary for these prayers have truly lessened what is coming your way. Do not mock those who wear my Mother's veil for it is a sign of reverence and purity.

Join hands with your flock and lead the Rosary. Join hands and welcome my Mother

so she can assist you and your flock. The time of great pain and sorrow has begun. The battle is on. I say to you, take the front lines.

Let go of pride and listen to my Mother, listen to my Mother for I refuse her nothing as My will is her will. She will truly listen to you for she is your heavenly Mother.

I am the Way, the Truth and the Light. I am Jesus, your merciful Lord and Savior. The door to my Heart is open but it is up to you to repent and enter.

The very strong message above came from Jesus with no message the same day from Mary. Jesus spoke in a firm voice and the words emboldened and underlined were emphasized by Jesus Himself.

On this day Little Mary talked at length to the author-compiler of this book. Her heart was very heavy. She was carrying a great weight as a result of the message.

On April 23, 2004, 18 days previously, Jesus had said:

"Much light will be needed for darker days await those who are walking alone. My Mother will never leave you but her messages will soon end for the world."

Twice in less than three weeks Jesus says that the messages Little Mary has been receiving for the world will soon end. At least two years previously Little Mary had told me that there would come an end to the messages for the world. She did not resent that, but rather appreciated that, as it remained since 1995 a most difficult mission for her.

The May 12 message above ended: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Light." We are acquainted with Jesus' words recorded in John 14:6: "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life." Here in the message to Little Mary for the world Jesus says: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Light." John 1:4: "In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

Sacred Scripture uses the word "light" often in speaking of Jesus. John 3:16-21: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. He who believes in him is not condemned, he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God."

We can understand why, in the messages contained in this book, our Mother spoke often of some, indeed many, who live in darkness. They do not come to the light which is Jesus.

Bishops and priests are spoken to strongly in this message from Jesus because too many, while responsible for souls, their flocks, remain silent on the faith and moral issues that need to be taught clearly and unambiguously.

"Do not mock those who pray the Rosary for these prayers have truly lessened what is coming your way. Do not mock those who wear my Mother's veil for it is a sign of reverence and purity."

Bishops and priests should be encouraging their flocks to pray the Rosary daily as have both our Blessed Mother and the Marian Pope, John Paul II. Those

devoted to the Rosary should not be mocked or looked down upon; they have done much by such prayers to spare the wrath of God, at least to an extent.

Girls and women are gradually returning to wearing the veil when at Mass or in the presence of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Younger women were among the first to be attracted to this nearly 2,000-year tradition, mentioned by St. Paul in 1 Corinthians, 11. Priests who discourage this practice, thinking perhaps women have been liberated, are disregarding its symbol of purity, reverence and of wives' submission to God and to their husbands in the family. Jesus calls the veil "my Mother's veil."

As has happened on so many issues, which are looked upon as non-essentials or trivia, such things as veils, meat on Friday, can be swept aside saying "there are more important issues that need attention." But this is how we got to the state where we are today. The corruption went from one thing, thought non-essential, to another until there is serious breakdown, even denials of basic and fundamentals matters of faith and morals.

Thus we have here heavenly intervention whereby bishops and priests are asked to teach the fullness of truth, the full Gospel. Our divine Lord is most concerned about priests not teaching the full Gospel, not emphasizing the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist; that the celebration of the Holy Eucharist perpetuates the Sacrifice of the Cross. Our Lord and His Mother are most concerned that priests are not teaching the truth strongly that abortion is the murder of innocent human life; that homosexuality put into practice is sinful; that sexual activities outside of Holy Matrimony are seriously sinful, etc.

There is a great need for the restoration of reverence in many churches today and the veil can be a sign to begin that return to reverence and purity.

For a complete explanation of the importance of the veil see the July-

September, 2004, issue of the magazine, Immaculate Heart Messenger.

In a fuller report as contained in this magazine you will discover that doing away with the veil was spearheaded by the National Organization for Women (NOW), RADICAL FEMINISTS. They started their campaign early in the decade of the sixties. In 1969 with the release of the new altar Missal they got a lift. Reporters had gathered in Rome at the time of the 1969 release of the new altar Missal, as they had often during the time of the Second Vatican Council. As Vatican representatives were announcing the new Missal, a reporter asked if the new Missal said anything about women wearing head coverings in Church. The answer was simply "no." That was never in the Missal. The Missal included the texts of the Eucharistic prayers of the Sacrifice of the Mass and rubrics to be followed by priests offering the Sacrifice. The questions of head-coverings was Canon Law, not a Missal mandate. So, reporters throughout the world got headlines in secular newspapers, "Catholic girls and women no longer need wear head-coverings in Church."

Unfortunately, like on other matters after the Second Vatican Council, people, including some priests, took their cues from the secular press which often misrepresented the Church. Too many priests failed to lead, to guide and the ways of the world took over.

The same happened with the pentitential day of Friday which still continues officially to be penitential, as it is the day Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior died on the Cross. Many Catholics remain ignorant of that truth to the present day, due to lack of teaching from their priests. Secular reporters simply got their

headlines published, "Catholics may now eat meat on Fridays." The document of the bishops' Pastoral Statement of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops on Penitential Observance for the Liturgical Year, however, said that Friday remains a day of penance throughout the year and stated that for penance on Friday there was to be given "first place to abstinence from flesh meat." If one eats meat on Friday outside of Lent then that person was to perform another kind of real penance. During Lent, for Ash Wednesday and Fridays, the laws of abstinence from meat continued, the bishops' document stated:

"In summary, let it not be said that by this action, implementing the spirit of renewal coming out of the Council, we have abolished Friday, repudiated the holy traditions of our fathers, or diminished the insistence of the Church on the fact of sin and the need for penance. Rather, let it be proved by the spirit in which we enter upon prayer and penance, not excluding fast and abstinence freely chosen, that these present decisions and recommendations of this Conference of Bishops will herald a new birth of loving faith and more profound penitential conversion, by both of which we become one with Christ, mature sons of God and servants of God's people."

Early on, when NOW turned its attention to veils in Church, this radical feminist movement requested that women across the country send them their veils for a grand veil-burning fire to symbolize the liberation of women who would no longer be subject. The veil is a sign of purity, reverence and submission. That was not what NOW advocates.

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May 13, 2004, Thursday, 7:35 A.M. Fathers are sleeping and have forgotten that they are to be head of the home.

My daughter,

There would not be war if my children would live the Fatima message. Due to lack of prayer and disobedience to God there is much fighting taking place all around this world. There is much destruction because so many carry hate in their hearts. Greater wars will arise if my children do not get down on their knees and pray. Much more bloodshed will occur if my children do not turn to God.

Many families are at war with each other because of their refusal to pray and turn away from sin. I see so much turmoil taking place around this world. I see turmoil in many homes because parents are not living their vocation. Fathers are not being responsible. They are allowing their children to do as they please. They are sleeping and have forgotten that they are to be head of the home.

So many fathers have become weak in their faith because they are giving in to this darkened world. Fathers, please take hold of your family and live, live your vocation now. Be an example to your children by truly living a holy life. Imitate Christ by the way you act, speak, pray and live your life. Be patient and loving towards all members of our family. Please rebuke Satan for he truly seeks to enter your hearts and home. Please set time aside to pray the family Rosary for then I promise you Satan will flee.

Through prayer you will grow together in harmony and your desires will change. Through prayer conversion will happen and there will be family unity. Fathers, I say to you, do not neglect your family. Set rules and abide by them and seek God's guidance each new day. My Son will give you the grace to make your home a place of peace and love if you respond and do what we are asking of you.

Again, I say to you, be an example of holiness to your family. Be true fathers and allow God to be in control of your heart so that He can reign as King of your family. Now please consecrate your home to us and truly live, live your consecration. By truly doing this my Son and I will help you dear fathers, so that your home becomes a place of holi-

ness, peace, joy and love. Amen.

On this day, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, our Blessed Mother turned special attention to the family and the role of the father in the family to bring peace and happiness, love and unity to the family. At Fatima, during the miracle of the sun, the children beheld a vision of the Holy Family representing a call of the family to be holy. St. Joseph and the Child Jesus were blessing the world. This is also representative of the father as head of the home who tends to holiness of the family.

Wars are caused by sin. We were told that already by the early Church Fathers. The turmoil in the world is coming from the hatred people carry in their hearts along with their failure to pray and obey the Ten Commandments. The wars we see in the world also exist within many families. What is the cause of such division and even lack of love within families? It is "because of their refusal to pray and turn away from sin." Many couples are living in sin because they do not obey the teachings of the Church regarding marriage and God's rules for human sexuality. How can families be holy and direct their children to holiness if parents live much of their lives in mortal sin? There is also little or no prayer life in many homes. A family which has its head and his chief helper in mortal sin and then little prayer life in the home—cannot be a happy family. Such families are living in darkness and not on the road to heaven.

Blessed Mother Mary says: "I see turmoil in many homes because parents are not living their vocation. Fathers are not being responsible. They are allowing their children to do as they please. They are sleeping and have forgotten that they are to be head of the home."

Many of our homes have seen mothers taking over as head, controlling all things, at times, even their husbands. Many wives say they do this because the husband does not. But the wife must tell her husband that he must discipline and then she must step back in respect, not interfere but back her husband up in a quiet way. I know of families like this—and it works if the wife is humble, submissive and does not interfere but in private insists to her husband he must do his duty. Unfortunately too many priests do not preach these truths. In these messages priests have been reminded repeatedly not to remain silent but teach the truth and the right kind of family life again and again has been taught.

Surely the mother is head too, but only in union with her husband and under her husband's authority and under Jesus Christ. The chief authority is in the husband, the father, who represents Christ in the home. Wives, mothers represent the Church of which Christ Jesus is Head. Wives are to be submissive to their husbands. Some will reject that truth, even ridicule it, or act as if it is not in the Bible, or as if that teaching has changed and is no longer relevant to modern times because women have been liberated. But the Word of God cannot change. It is the Word of God which is infallible. The man is to be head in authority, in disci-

pline, not simply by title but by practice.

The father must be the chief one who corrects the children. If the wife does all the disciplining, the children will resent the mother. But they will respect authority when the father uses his authority with consistency, firmness, fairness and love. They will then respect and love the mother, as well as the father. When the man becomes weak and the wife takes over as head, there is unhappiness because it is going against what God has ordained. Then there is a crisis in the family. That crisis means division, battle, lack of love and unity. It is not the order of family life ordained by God.

Many wives will say, "But my husband just does not discipline. So I have to do it." But observations often reveal that the wife has dominated and taken over while the husband then, to keep a certain peace, concedes, remains quiet, or spends time away from home that is not necessary. Such temporary solutions are short-lived and end in disaster. If the wife was truly submissive, and the husband truly acted as Christ in being the head of the home, disciplining the children in love and firmness, with the wife backing him up but not interfering, not taking his place, our families would be happy. Wives and mothers would be happy. But many are at war within their own homes. It is coming from fathers relinquishing their role and not living a life of faith and prayer.

"Fathers, please take hold of your family and live, live your vocation now. Be an example to your children by truly living a holy life. Imitate Christ by the way you act, speak, pray and live your life."

This is what the Bible says:

"Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the Church, his body, and is himself its Savior. As the Church is subject to Christ, so let wives also be subject in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that he might present the Church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such things, that she might be holy and without blemish. Even so, husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no man ever hates his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, as Christ does the Church, because we are members of his body (Eph. 6:21-30).

When husbands and wives truly pray in the family they will grow together in harmony and their desires will change. Through prayer conversion will happen and there will be family unity based on God's way. There will be genuine family love and happiness.

## May 17, 2004, Monday, 7:25 A.M.

My daughter,

I am truly with you. I am present whenever you pray. Each time my children gather and pray the Rosary my heart is filled with joy. Never doubt that you are alone for I am truly with you when you gather and pray.

I am asking all groups to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament. Come together in your prayer groups and kneel before our Lord for then you will be given the strength

needed to persevere. My Son will truly be with you and the evil one shall have no power over you. Your love for Jesus will truly grow if you spend quiet time adoring our Lord. Your prayers and example will truly soften the hearts of those who do not understand my role on this earth.

Jesus, who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, waits patiently for each child to come. My Son is pouring forth upon the earth great mercies, so please thank Him each time you come to visit Him. I am ever so close to my Son for our Heart beats as one. Many graces will be given to those groups who come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

My role on this earth is to lead you to my Son, so please come to Mass. Please gather your group and spend time adoring my Son. Much strength will be needed for times ahead, so do not delay.

Pray more, be faith-filled children and never, never cease loving my Son. Amen.

One of the things that has become strongly evident to me in acting as a facilitator to Little Mary is that Jesus and Mary are aware of all the events in the lives of each one of us and most concerned. They actually do hear our prayers. Thus Mary says: "I am truly with you. I am present whenever you pray."

Prayer groups are asked to spend time before Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Each member of a group who does this will be given strength to persevere. This will destroy the power of the devil over the members of a group. How could this be done? A group, at their prayer meeting, could pick a day when all members participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the same time.

Circumstances will vary from parish to parish. If there is an evening Mass, perhaps once a week, they could agree, if at all possible, to participate in that Mass. Members could arrive earlier if possible, and spend some time before the Most Blessed Sacrament. After Mass some time could be spent in thanksgiving before Jesus in the Tabernacle. Jesus "waits patiently for each child to come."

When we go before Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament we should thank Him for the great mercies He pours forth. "Many graces will be given to those groups who come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament." Great trials and tribulations to come can be dealt with by those who are fortified spiritually in the manner and way Mary has been directing us in these messages.

# May 18, 2004, Tuesday, 7:40 A.M. 84th birthday of Pope John Paul II.

(Another message came shortly after the main message below concerning this book, *Messages from the Heart of Our Mother*. Later, the same morning, when Little Mary asked Blessed Mother about this book, its commentaries, etc., which she had not seen, she received yet another short message. They are found below the May 18 main message which is published here first in order.)

My daughter,

Those who believe in God must obey His laws. Those who are breaking God's Commandments are not living their faith. Those who are promoting abortion are breaking all of God's Commandments.

One cannot say they love God when they are choosing to destroy life. How I weep when I see so many children making up their own rules. I weep because many today are taking the easier road. So many souls are in danger because they are refusing to obey Almighty God. So many innocent children are being slaughtered in their mother's womb, yet many remain silent.

I say to my children, those who support, endorse or practice abortion will suffer, suffer tremendously. God will not have mercy on those who are choosing death instead of life. Abortion is a horrible sin and many, many will have to answer to God. I say to my children, "Repent of your wicked ways. Stop killing, stop fighting and turn your lives

around. Stop listening to Satan for he is full of lies.'

Abortion and contraception are truly destroying the family. Today, I must warn my children for so many are giving in to Satan. If man does not repent and take a stand for life, God's justice will prevail soon. The sky will darken and the sun will fall upon this earth. Arrows of fire will scorch this earth and each abortion site will be destroyed. Many will try to run, but they will have nowhere to hide. It is time to wake up and take a stand for life.

It is time to take heed to what your most holy Pope is telling you. He has been chosen for these times, so please, please listen to him. Do not give in to those leaders who are promoting abortion. Do not go to those doctors who believe in abortion and contraception. They are not listening to God. They are not obeying God's Commandments. They

do not have healing hands for they are taking part in destroying life.

I have been warning my children for some time now, yet, many are still disobeying God. America, you are being warned. Abortion is the greatest sin and destroyer of peace. If this world does not convert you will face serious consequences. If man continues to destroy life the earth will tremble, tremble more. Your prayers are truly needed. Your hands and voice can make a difference in this darkened world. Let the world know that abortion, euthanasia, and the practice of homosexuality are wrong. Let the world know by your prayers and example that God truly exists.

It is time now to protect the family, so please take part in saving souls. Amen.

#### May 18, 2004, Tuesday From Our Blessed Mother:

My daughter,

This book that is being written is truly blessed by God. The book will soon come to an end but those who read these messages will truly have them embedded in their hearts forever.

God's work never ends, so continue to write and share all that I am teaching you. Continue to write, for the Gospel must be spread. Amen.

# May 18, 2004, Tuesday From Our Blessed Mother:

Tell my son, I am pleased. God has truly guided him. More priests need to use their gifts God has given them.

A dead faith does not lead to heaven. The Mother of the Church here clearly states that "those who are breaking God's Commandments are not living their faith." Meditate well on what our Lady spoke in this next sentence: "Those who are promoting abortion are breaking <u>all</u> of the Commandments." Abortion is such a terrible sin that it is the summation of all immorality.

Many block out of their minds the killing of innocent human life by the thousands in every state. They take the easier road and simply remain silent as if these murders of human life do not exist. Great punishment awaits those who support, endorse or practice abortion. The family is being destroyed today by those who practice or in some way advance abortion or who practice contraception. God's justice will prevail for those who do not repent of these sins or speak out in defense of human life at every stage.

There are other mystics, in parts of the world, who do not know of each other, but have approval for their messages to be spread. They are saying the same thing as contained in the messages Little Mary has received. From the other side of the world I've read messages that agree with the messages of this book and the favor of the recipient's bishop who endorsed the messages as worthy to be published and made known.

We are living in most evil times. Without a change of heart of many, a chastisement is coming and many will not know which way to turn or where to hide. Warnings in various parts of the world have repeatedly come in recent years. Only repentance, a change of unnatural lifestyles, reparation by many, it seems, can spare mankind.

"America, you are being warned." Just the day before this message, May 17, 2004, Massachusetts began issuing marriage licenses to members of the same sex. Also, consider the boldness with which many public officials speak in defense of the murder of innocent human life, also of immoral unions of the same sex. Then we can appreciate the warnings given us by heaven. Open defiance of God's laws cannot go on forever without God intervening. And some of these public officials call themselves "Christian" and "Catholic" and approach the reception of the Holy Eucharist as if nothing should bother their consciences. Some defend openly their "right" to the Eucharist when they defend and actively support abortion, same sex unions, etc.

It is a public scandal to think one can promote and support murder and receive the Sacraments without repentance. These individuals have lost the sense of sin and respect for human life and human dignity. Yet some in responsible positions, who should speak out for Jesus Christ and His Church, remain silent or evasive.

With the approval of homosexual unions, in the name of "marriage"—the growing acceptance of such a mentality and practice—is a warning of the danger to the end of civilization as it has been known. The movement, if spread, will destroy the very concept of family life as ordained by Almighty God.

There have been major locations in the United States where political leaders and city officials have urged people to vote for avowed homosexuals, promoting a deviant, destructive lifestyle. Major communications have castigated those who find active homosexuality abhorrent as "bigoted, fascist, racist, homophobic, single-interest, carpetbaggers, special-interest, scurrilous, and unreasonable"—to quote from the daily press.

It has happened that a group of local clergy have abjured voters with "love

casts out fear" (of active homosexuality), thus misrepresenting God's Word. It is foolhardy to have no fear of governments enforcing a raging fire, a threatening torrent, or a behavior inimical to traditional society's stability and remain silent about it. When certain clergymen of various denominations came to the defense of active homosexual lifestyles, political leaders and the secular press were quick to call it a "balanced and sensitive" reaction from "reasonable voices." But the truth is that it is not balanced and it is not reasonable. It is diabolical. The truth is that it is contrary to nature and nature's God. The Bible makes that clear as does the Magisterium of the Church.

When the above two major messages and those of previous days were received there was widespread publicity for some weeks as to whether "Catholic" politicians should be able to receive Our Divine Lord in Holy Communion when they favored and protected abortion "rights"—homosexual or same sex-marriages—scientists killing human embryos, producing new embryonic stem-cell lines, (human lives are created and then destroyed for their cells), etc. Of course, they did not speak of Holy Communion as receiving the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our loving Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is doubtful that they considered it any more than "the wafer" or "symbol," as it had been called.

In May, 2004, Zenit news from Rome, as other news agencies in the United States, reported: "Forty-eight Catholic Democrats in Congress sent a letter to Cardinal Theodore McCarrick saying the indications by some bishops to deny Communion to pro-abortion politicians were 'deeply hurtful' and counter-productive.

"The letter," said the report, "is the first organized response by Democratic legislators since a number of Catholic bishops declared that they would withhold Communion from politicians who favor abortion rights," the *New York Times* reported. . . .

Cardinal George of Chicago asked priests of his archdiocese to deny Communion to people who came forth wearing rainbow sashes as a sign that the Church should accept their gay-lesbian lifestyles and that they should be able to receive Holy Communion.

For Holy Communion to be received worthily one must be in the state of sanctifying grace and must believe all the doctrines of faith and morals of the Catholic Church. It would be a sacrilegious contradiction to use the moment of Holy Communion within the Sacrifice of the Cross perpetuated to demonstrate on dissent from the Church.

Bishop Michael Sheridan of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Archbishop John Vlazny of Portland, Oregon, also asked those in public office who support abortion to refrain from receiving Communion.

"This prompted a prominent donor in the Colorado Springs Diocese to threaten to revoke a \$100,000 pledge to his parish's building project and to enlist others to take similar steps, the *Denver Post* reported.

Peter Howard, Bishop Sheridan's executive assistant, said the diocese is willing to sacrifice dollars to stake a moral claim, the *Post* reported. Already, some Catholics, in the ten-county diocese, who support Bishop Sheridan's leadership have increased their giving, Howard said.

We must pray for America. We, and those of every country, must pray that our bishops be strong and not give in to public and political pressure in teaching the Word of God.

"I have been warning my children for some time now, yet, many are still disobeying God. America, you are being warned. Abortion is the greatest sin and destroyer of peace. If this world does not convert, you will face serious consequences. If man continues to destroy life the earth will tremble, tremble more. Your prayers are truly needed. Your hands and voice can make a difference in this darkened world. Let the world know that abortion, euthanasia, and the practice of homosexuality are wrong. Let the world know by your prayers and example that God truly exists."

Fr. Fausto Zelaya of the ancient See of Smyrna in Turkey—the Muslim present name is Izmir—assisted me in the commentary on Our Blessed Mother's sentence: "Those who are promoting abortion are breaking all of God's Commandments." He also concluded that Little Mary, not grounded in any scholarship of Sacred Scripture, could not have invented the message herself. In Turkey it is against the law to call Smyrna by its ancient name because of the Christian connection. If one addresses an envelope to "Smyrna" it would never reach its destination.

It is interesting to note that in recent years a book on Eucharistic miracles which the Church in Smyrna had translated into the local language has proven to draw especially young Muslims to the Catholic Church. The Eucharist serves like a magnet to them for they are deeply impressed with the teaching that Catholic Christians can eat the Body and drink the Blood of the God-Founder of their religion.

Fr. Fausto belongs to the Church in Izmir under the Most Reverend Giusseppe Germano Bernardini, O.F.M. Cap., Metropolitan Archbishop of the Apostolic Holy See of Smyrna and of All Asia Minor. Archbishop Bernardini contacted me in May, 2004, when he arrived in the United States for a short visit. He was aware of my work and the Fatima Family Apostolate.

The commentary on our Blessed Mother's surprising sentence, is due to a joint meditation by myself with the great help from Fr. Fausto Zelaya. It follows:

# "Those who are promoting abortion are breaking <u>all</u> of the Commandments."

Abortion is a sin, first of all, against the 6th Commandment. Its sin is based in that particular Commandment, "You shall not kill." And from there we have all the different ramifications and implications of the sinful crime reaching into the other nine Commandments.

It is against the first three Commandments strictly reserved for the Lord Himself because the person(s) involved in abortion do not love God, as simple as that. Their "god" is their own selfishness, thus an idol of self and selfishness. Instead of the image and likeness of God, present in the baby being aborted, those involved in that sin, develop in its place the "carved image" forbidden by the Lord. How? Why? Because they chose their crime for the reality of the Image and Likeness of God present, like a sacrament of His Presence among us, in those babies being killed. The "carved image" of the Old Testament is, in my understanding, the false and void and evil decision of killing a real human being fully alive. They worship what they think will be a better quality of life for themselves. Their "carved image" is their crime, their sin, it is themselves filled with selfishness. They worship that evil. See how they defend their "right" to do this so they

themselves can have a better worldly quality of life, turned in on themselves, for their own pleasure. They place other gods before them; they take God's Name in vain in that they justify their acts of murder even claiming it is not sinful. They cannot keep any day holy with this state of mind and selfish will.

Abortion is a sin, against the first three Commandments and against the other Seven Commandments. They honor not father or mother but desecrate the meaning of parents by killing what should be the fruit of parental love. How do you steal by committing abortion? You steal a human being's right to live. That is stealing in such a serious degree which depth of evil can be fully known to God alone. We were created to live and to live fully, on this earth, naturally and supernaturally as well. God wills that we be reborn into Christ's life through the saving waters of Baptism so that we will have eternal life.

We are to grow in our sharing of the life of God [sanctifying grace] thus building up this treasure for greater happiness in heaven and a greater power to glorify God for all eternity. The fullness of the fruit of this supernatural life will take place on the day of Christ Jesus, that is when we will live in the Presence of God seeing Him "face to face." His Most Blessed Mother in heaven, the Mother of Grace, Mother of life, is thus deeply offended as well. Therefore, once that right to life is denied, the person(s) involved steals the very first gift God wanted to share with His children: Life! Human and divine life. The abortionist deprives the child of human life and the grace along with the indelible character of Christ he/she could have received in Baptism.

The Sacramental indelible and eternal character in Jesus Christ comes only through true Christian Baptism, not through Baptism of Desire, even if that somehow is supplied by members of the Church.

See the two accounts of creation (Gen. 1:26-31; 2:7-15). We are told that God created man in a very special and loving way. Man was not just the result of that supreme "fiat" (let it be) which God spoke for everything that came into being. But for man God spoke in a special way: "Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves" . . . Right here we see and contemplate that unique plan of God for His masterpiece, and crowning of His creation, man. The Three Divine Persons are fully acting, participating, communicating in love in the creation of this immortal being, loved in God's mind from all eternity and meant to live in time and for eternity. Man was actually to be truly a "sacrament of God's Presence." How is this? Man, was created in the Image and likeness of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Blessed Trinity was to live in him already upon this earth. The Blessed Trinity does for those who are permitted to live, who are baptized and formed in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

Thus, the instant an abortion is decided by a parent or parents, they are stealing something which does not belong to them. The life of an unborn belongs, by divine right, to the infant, not to the parents. Only God has the right to end human life on this earth. The soul is to be God's domain, for special indwelling. That soul is created at the moment of conception. The right to life is stolen from that baby, that human person, and all that God intended for its life.

"You shall not give false evidence against your neighbor" (Ex 20:16). Nowadays, science knows that the fetus is even more sensitive than a baby already born. The baby, called a fetus, withdraws, even tries to escape the executioner's hands and instruments—which is impossible for it to do. Those involved in abortion lie

to a human being, to the most sensitive and fragile of human beings by killing him/her through abortion while they say it is for something better! If a fetus is more sensitive than a baby already born, if his/her perceptions of the outside world in this are more realistic than ours, how painful must it be for an unborn baby to know that he/she is being aborted, not wanted, not loved, even hated so as to kill him/her. And by the killing of an unborn baby, "false evidence is being given against my neighbor." And my "neighbor," for the parent who is guilty, is the aborting parents' son or daughter.

Adultery is committed in abortion for the sacred fidelity to an unborn son/daughter is betrayed by a lustful crime. They also go against the purpose of marriage in their union with each other which is not one of love and generosity, and when God wills, fruitfulness.

"You shall not set your heart on your neighbor's spouse, or servant, man or woman...." The heart of the woman and man involved in abortion is "set" on lust for the "neighbor's body."

Fr. Fausto, after meditating the statement with me, said: "Fr. Fox, indeed, I must fully agree with Little Mary's Message regarding abortion as the sin breaking the entire Decalogue. This statement is indeed deep and Scriptural and thus impossible for a lady without a deep theological and Scriptural background to state on her own. It speaks for authenticity of the message. My conclusion is that serious sin against human life by abortion is indeed a sin against the total Decalogue. The reason is because God is Life. Period."

#### May 20, 2004, Thursday, 7:45 A.M.

My daughter,

It is so important that each child turns to Jesus and becomes dependent on His love and mercy. There is no longer time to walk alone. You must turn to Jesus and come to know His love that He has for each of you. Without prayer and trust in Him, it is impossible to truly come to know my Son, Jesus.

Many trials await this world because man has allowed so much evil to enter. When God shakes this earth you will not have peace if you are choosing to stand alone. I say to my children, prepare now. Come to know my son in a deeper way. Come to know my Son now for a great and bloody trial is about to shake the whole earth. Those who don't know Jesus will die of fright. Many, many terrorists roam this earth and due to war they will seek revenge.

I have been warning my children for some time now. Yet, many are ignoring my heavenly pleas. So many are still choosing to walk alone. Many are giving in to the world. Many do not pray or acknowledge God. So many have allowed themselves to become distant from my Son, Jesus. So many today give such little time to God. Many parents, due to laziness, are not attending Mass. Many receive Jesus with mortal sin on their souls when they come to Communion.

Many children today are falling into sin because their parents have not been an example to them. A lack of response to these messages is why there is war. When one refuses to cleanse their soul, one is then not given the grace needed to live a holy life. When one refuses to pray, one is truly turning their back on God. When one refuses to obey all of God's Commandments, one is truly, truly ignoring God's laws.

Conversion cannot happen if you are refusing to live the Gospel. Repent, dear

children, and do penance for your sins. Repent, repent now and turn to Almighty God. Let go of your selfish desires and amend your ways before it's too late. Accept what heaven is telling you and live, live these messages. Accept my heart and my love that I have for you.

Turn to my Son now and believe in all that is being prophesied. Turn away from evil and walk, walk toward heaven. I am here today to remind you of my Son's love for each of you. Will you turn to my Son or will you choose destruction of a Third World War?

Please, please, dear children, convert and return to the Lord. Amen.

We must believe and we must pray; pray in trust. We know how Jesus required St. Faustina to have the words, "Jesus, I trust in you" placed under the image of the divine mercy. In the above message Mary said: "Without prayer and trust in Him it is impossible to truly come to know my Son, Jesus."

Admittedly the messages have, as we neared the end of this book, become more explicit in giving warnings of things to come if people do not soon turn to Jesus, obey the Commandments, come to union with Jesus by good Holy Communions and devout participation in the Mass. There will be those, perhaps many, who are very uncomfortable with the warnings. Yet, what is said here, was said at Akita several decades before, in the seventies of the last century. Akita was approved by the Church, both the local bishop and with guidance of Cardinal Ratzinger. The same message of fire in destruction with the same basic warning was also given on the opposite side of the world in the past decade in almost identical words and expressions in all three cases. The one from the opposite side of the world contained an introductory letter from the bishop which stated: "The message contained in these private revelations is deserving of prayerful reflection and meditation. I can see no reason why they should not be published."

It does not require a deep study to be conscious of what has been happening to the faith of many. "So many are still choosing to walk alone. Many are giving in to the world. Many do not pray or acknowledge God." Look at the dropping figures of Mass attendance. In the United States once 70 percent and more of all Catholics at Mass every Sunday; now down to 30 percent. And in some areas it is only 20 percent or less. Consider the short confession lines. See how many, when they do go to Mass after missing on Sundays and Holy Days, and some even living questionable lifestyles, yet when they go to Mass approach the altar to receive Communion. "Many receive Jesus with mortal sin on their souls when they come to Communion."

Lack of example, teaching contrary to the faith by the example given, is thus leading many children to fall into sin and be indifferent to true Christian truths and values. Children witness their parents being lazy, skipping Mass and then, when they do go, the children see parents walk up for Communion. What an accounting such parents will have to make for serious sins of scandal to their own children; receiving Jesus in Communion in a sacrilegious manner.

St. Jerome, among early Church Fathers, and Our Blessed Mother at Fatima said: "Many souls go to hell because of sins against the flesh." They also said: "Wars are caused by sin." In the above message the Mother of God says: "Will you choose destruction of a Third World War? Please, please, dear children, convert and return to the Lord."

## May 24, 2004, Monday, 7:30 A.M.

My daughter,

Prayer, prayer is truly needed all around this world. So continue to gather and pray, pray from your hearts. Before you begin to pray ask God to help you be a more prayerful people. Ask God to remove any distractions that are preventing you from truly praying,

praying from your heart.

When you pray, keep your eyes on Jesus, not those around you. Look at the crucifix and have confidence in His love that He had for each of you. Look at my Son's wounds and you will truly come to know His love and unending mercy. Trust, trust in His assistance and I promise you, you will experience true love and peace, peace in your heart. All fear and worry will leave you if you truly do what I am asking of you.

It is time now to truly keep your focus on Jesus, so please respond and turn to Him each new day. Respond like little children and be open, open to God's love. Deep faith and hope are truly necessary in order to become a more prayerful people. So trust, trust

and believe that when you pray, God and I are truly with you.

Now please gather as prayerful children and be thankful for each opportunity to be with my Son. Amen.

Our heavenly Mother repeats herself about the serious need for prayer. It appears this repetition is necessary because we live in a world so distraught with moral confusion with so much sin, denial and rejection of traditional Judeo-Christian principals that we forget. Our heavenly Mother, who is the Mother of the Church, needs to keep repeating to make an impression on us and have her messages embedded in our hearts. We live in a world where public officials in many cases, and the extreme movements, are legalizing and promoting lifestyles that are clearly contrary to God's Word in Sacred Scripture. They are contrary to 2,000 years of Church teachings on the Ten Commandments.

Only by living a prayerful life, gathering with others of true Christian faith and principles, can we keep a balance of true Christian faith and life and remain spiritually secure. "Keep your eyes on Jesus, not those around you. Look at the crucifix and have confidence in His love that He has for each of you."

Many fear and worry with the way things are going but the Mother of the Church says: "All fear and worry will leave you if you truly do what I am asking of you."

## May 25, 2004, Tuesday, 7:45 A.M.

My daughter,

So many youth today are going deeper and deeper into darkness. They are joining hands with the evil one due to lack of faith and trust in God. So many youth today need prayer; so pray, pray more for them. Rescue these children before it's too late. Take these children by the hand and teach them just as I am teaching you.

Today I must remind my children that the battle is on. The battle is on and Satan is truly attacking the youth. Satan is grasping those children who are not being cared for in the proper way.

Dear parents, you are responsible for caring for your children, so please, listen and then respond today. Pray every day for your children and be an example to them.

Through prayer and by your example Satan will flee. Through prayer and truly living your consecration, my Son will live in your heart. When you have peace in your heart it will be spread to the family.

Dear parents, armor your children with prayer, love and compassion. Teach them right from wrong and then pray that they will respond. Teach them how to pray by making time for family prayer. If your children are not taught, they will not know how to respond. It takes prayer, love and sacrifice and this is what I am asking parents to do.

There is no time to give up on your children, so please, take heed to all that I am teaching you. Get down on your knees and ask, ask the Blessed Trinity to guide you. Ask

and you will receive the guidance needed to be loving parents.

Dear parents, this is a time of grace for you, so please, do not lose hope. Thank God for each new day. Thank God for your family. Now please, obey God's Commandments and take hold of your family today. Amen.

"You cannot give what you do not have." Many parents, many adults today, have been caught up into the secular world. They are confused and are following, not the official teachings of the Church, but, ideas and lifestyles that resent and reject true teachings on faith and morals. How can children exposed to such parents and adults identify with Jesus Christ and the true faith and morals of His holy Church? "You cannot give [to children] what you do not have." Even some priests who should instruct and guide their flock, have been caught up in the ways of the world.

We must offer our youth, from very young on, starting at pre-school age, examples of a life of prayer and introduction to the mysteries of faith and true Catholic life. We must pray for them but also "rescue these children before it's too late. Take these children by the hand and teach them just as I am teaching you."

What our Blessed Mother is saying here is why years ago the priest-author and compiler of the messages of this book developed MARY'S WHITE LEAGUE. [Mary's White League was developed in 1989, introduced through the *Immaculate Heart Messenger* July 1990; it obtained approval of the Pontifical Council for the Family under Cardinal Edouard Gagnon.] It is for children ages four to twelve.

Mary's White League leads the children from the age of four to pray the Rosary, meditating its mysteries in a child's manner. At the same time it enables children to get to know the basics of their Catholic faith. You cannot love what [who] you do not know. It forms children to develop a personal relationship with their Guardian Angel, with Jesus and Mary, with all Three Persons of the Blessed Trinity. These persons are then not mere abstract doctrines about something or someone. Rather, a living personal relationship develops in children through Mary's White League.

When parents become prayerful and make the sacrifices to guide and encourage their children according to the program of Mary's White League, it leads the children to pray the Rosary properly; it leads the children to consecrate themselves to their Guardian Angels; to consecrate themselves to God the Father; to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (which is inseparable from the Sacred Heart of Jesus). That consecration to God the Father is a conscious renewal of their baptismal vows, once made for them by their parents and Godparents, now made by themselves so that they truly live their baptismal vows in their daily lives. All this is not done suddenly but in a gradual formation process of the Mary's White League program. The tools for proceeding are provided and parents find it simple.

I encourage the parents and grandparents who have studied and meditated these messages to look closely at Mary's White League and consider using it to guide their children and grandchildren. It is a movement approved by Rome, encouraged by Pope John Paul II, known as Armata Bianca in Italy. Mary's White League is basically the same as it was founded from that inspiration. Mary's White League is even further advanced for needs in this country and other countries where it also exists (e.g., Australia, Poland. . . ).

While it begins simply at Level One it is possible to advance to four levels in the United States, Australia, etc. It has an ongoing program of four levels, with a workbook, which takes some years for parents whose children get into the movement deeply. Some may have only Level One, which in itself is good and effective. Many then desire to go farther. [For Level One, phone 1-800-213-5541 to request Mary's White League Album; contains audio album with recorded messages for children; the album also has basic small books, Rosary meditations. and illustrations for children.]

The secularization of our society, becoming anti-Christian and anti-Catholic, requires that we no longer take anything for granted in educating and forming our children.

May 26, 2004, Wednesday, 7:20 A.M. This message is your wake up call and soon, very soon, you will have to respond. This world is in danger. . . .

My daughter,

Blessed will be those who go forth and proclaim the Gospel. They will be truly blessed by Almighty God. Those who truly live the Gospel will be protected from the evil one. Woe to those who know the truth but refuse to live it for how they will suffer for turning their back on God.

So many today continue to crucify my Son because of their refusal to live and speak the truth. Very few are willing to be persecuted for living their faith. I plead with my children today. Let go of fear and be light to this world. Let go of fear and teach others all that I am teaching you. It is time now to be true warriors for Christ. Work constantly to strengthen your faith in God and live, live holy lives. Receive the Sacraments often for then much strength will be given to you.

Dear children, please understand that you are entering a time of great purification. You must prepare your hearts now and respond to the many messages God has so graciously given you. You must stand tall and live, live a pure and holy life. You must learn the truth and truly live your Catholic faith. You must listen to your most holy Pope and not allow evil to enter your Church.

Can you not see what is happening around this world? Bishops against bishops, priests against priests, children against parents and authority. This is all part of Satan's plan to destroy you. Parents are behaving like children and they are not living their vocation. A great darkness is covering this world because so many are not listening to God.

It is time now to put the tabernacle and statues back into the church. It is time now to say the St. Michael prayer for you need this archangel's protection. If you continue to remove the holiness from your Church you will see much more destruction. You will see much more irreverence and impurity. Shame on those pastors who have allowed their

church to become a social hall. Knees must begin to bend even if the kneelers have been removed. Man must get down on their knees and pray, pray more in church.

The Rosary must not be denied. It must be recited by all my children. It must not be hidden in a chapel for all my children must join hands and pray it together. I am warning my children today for God is not pleased with what is happening in many churches today. God will not have mercy on those who are leading others astray. This message is your wake-up call and soon, very soon, you will have to respond. This world is in danger and man can no longer deny heaven's pleas. All must repent of their wicked ways for time is truly running out.

A great sign will be seen from the heavens but for many it will be too late if they continue to crucify my Son, Jesus. Convert, convert now and take refuge, refuge in our Heart. These messages are truly from my Heart because I do not want to see my children suffer.

Please, please share this message with the world so more repent and turn to Almighty God. Amen.

In these messages heaven has been calling for the preaching of the Gospel in truth and not to remain silent.

Great blessings await those who do this.

Jesus speaks in the Gospel about those not listening to and accepting Him. He said that if He had not come their sin would have been less. Because He came and taught them but still they rejected the truth, their sin would be greater. Our Blessed Mother here says, "Woe to those who know the truth but refuse to live it for how they will suffer for turning their back on God."

We must be willing to profess and live our faith even unto martyrdom if necessary. There are many signs that persecution is on the way. We should not fear the future but rather reflect the light of Jesus Christ to the world. We need to receive the Sacraments worthily and frequently to have strength to endure difficult times ahead, which will be "a time of great purification."

We must profess and live our holy Catholic faith no matter what comes our way, no matter if persecutions develop in our country. We must listen to our most holy Pope, and not to those who compromise the truth.

Parents have to live their vocation. They are the primary teachers and formers in true faith for their children. They must sacrifice to form and teach their children in the fullness of true faith, even when the parish is not doing well in that. Our Blessed Mother is calling us back to live traditional values. Jesus must be worshiped in the Tabernacle which should be in a prominent and visible place in the Church.

Some churches have become social halls, with people visiting in church, much distraction, little or no devotion or lifting hearts in meditative prayer. "Shame on those pastors who have allowed their church to become a social hall. Knees must begin to bend even if kneelers have been removed." Priests who have stripped their churches so that they no longer appear Catholic and devotional, will have to answer for the serious negative effects it has had on many souls. Such churches no longer aid in lifting the mind and heart in prayer to God, "God is not pleased with what is happening in many churches today."

Time is running out for repentance before punishment comes. For many it will be too late if they continue in their sinful, disrespectful ways. Our Blessed Mother says "these messages are truly from my heart because I do not want to see

my children suffer." She asks us to share this message with whom all we can, even with the world. It is why this book was published. It is why we chose the title for this book, Messages from the Heart of Our Mother.

#### May 28, 2004, Friday, 7:30 A.M.

Continue to write, for these messages are important. All must come to know the truth before it's too late. All must relearn their ways if they truly want to be led closer to Christ.

I am here to make the truth known, so please listen and then respond. Respond so that you can go forth and make the Gospel known. I am here today to remind my children that Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Each child must spend time in adoration if they truly want to grow, and blossom, blossom for our Lord. Jesus waits patiently for His children to come and visit Him. He is truly giving His Heart to those who come and adore Him.

My Son, Jesus, truly loves all of you. Do you truly love my Son? If you truly love Jesus then please, please spend time adoring Him. Come to Mass more often and cleanse your soul more regularly. Read Scripture and then allow God's holy word to penetrate your hearts. Live holy lives and use your hands and voice for Christ.

Prepare yourselves by truly nurturing your soul. Surrender your will to the Will of God so you stay on the path that will lead you to holiness. Surrender yourselves completely to God and live, live the whole truth. Do not compromise with the ways of the world. Do not compromise with those who are trying to change the Church. Do not give in to those who are not following the teachings of the Church. Do not give in to those who are not living a pure and holy life.

Many I say, many, will try to confuse you, so be on guard. Stick to true teaching and listen, listen to your most holy Pope. Listen to those priests who are not afraid to make the truth known, and who are truly, truly tending to their flock. Now please be faithful to my Son and obey each Commandment. Be faithful and receive the Sacraments in the proper way.

Prepare yourselves for the coming of my Son. Prepare now for your soul must be in a state of grace. It is time now for these messages to be spread, so please do your part by truly living them. Do your part and assist me so more souls see light instead of darkness. Amen.

The messages received during the week of May 24 to 28, 2004, were especially difficult for Little Mary. When messages are "hard," as Little Mary calls them, she experiences interiorly a very heavy weight on her heart, mind, soul. It is a very heavy burden to become aware from the messages of the sad effects to souls who are not embracing, living, walking the path of truth in Jesus. They are endangering their souls and to hear this in a sad voice from the Mother of God is indeed a very heavy burden. That is the effect it has on her spirit. So many walking in darkness, living lives of sin, overwhelms her so that she wants at such times to be quiet, removed from conversation with others. At such times she finds it difficult to talk to her spiritual director, to friends and to me.

And yet, at such times, more than once, she would share with me that she finds it difficult to accept that many souls actually do go to hell. "I don't think many go to hell. Do you?" she would ask. I would explain that there is a reason

why she is receiving these messages. There are the words of Jesus in Sacred Scripture. "Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow, and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few." And St. Luke expresses the same from Our Divine Lord in these words: "He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. And someone said to him, 'Lord, will those who are saved be few?' And he said to them, 'Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able" (Luke 13:22-24). Our Lady of Fatima said: "Pray, pray very much and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to hell because they have nobody to pray and make sacrifices for them" (August, 1917).

In such conversations between us Little Mary would reply, "Yes, but I can't see that a soul would deliberately choose hell." Well! God respects free will. Jesus said: "If you would enter life, keep the Commandments" (Matt. 19:17). "If you love me, you will keep my Commandments" (John 14:15). If one does not keep the Commandments necessary to attain heaven then one obviously does not love God. "Not every one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord' shall enter the kingdom of heaven but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21).

In such discussions we must remember that Little Mary was given a vision of heaven. On May 29, 2004, I finally said to her, "Well! Ask our Blessed Mother if many souls go to hell." I remained silent and, after a time, Little Mary said, "Our Blessed Mother said that more souls are lost than people tend to think."

Because of the difficulties Little Mary has experienced in carrying heavy burdens is why I spoke of the dark night or faith of the soul and shared what others, such as Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta went through. It is why I wrote in the first part of this book about St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross to give at least some hint to mystical theology. Little Mary has never compared herself to the likes of such great souls, and has never read about them so there is no question of her attempting to imitate such people.

When I've been asked why I think God chose Little Mary for this mission I've tried to answer something as the following: "That, of course, only God could answer. From my own perspective it seems that her simplicity of soul, child-like characteristics, but still possessed of strong will, that seems stubborn at times, has enabled her to receive the messages and to endure the sufferings, even persecutions accompanying them. Without a strong will she could not have endured through the years all that has been involved and would have given up. It is my understanding that there have been souls in the world chosen for such missions who, after a time, could no longer take it and have given up."

It took me over a year to appreciate why Little Mary would say to me so often, "People just don't understand. My friends don't understand. My spiritual director, you too, you just don't understand."

Some are not open to the supernatural, unless it is reported as having happened in past ages to great recognized canonized saints or in approved internationally-known apparitions. They just cannot accept that the supernatural could happen today around them, and to people they know, whom they may see at church and who seem like other folks of their acquaintance. These will not easily recognize that souls such as Little Mary could really receive heavenly messages. They are not aware of what such a soul is going through and perhaps think only of one receiving personal attention. Whatever attention is received is not what

such souls desire for great sufferings accompany their mission. The attention received is usually more like an abuse directed their way, either by souls who don't believe or others who over-react and want to use them for their own purposes.

While caution is in order and the spirits must be tested, as explained from time to time in this book, yet, I believe, because of the great evil and confusing times in which we live, Jesus and the Mother of the Church, are reaching out for the salvation of souls in multiple and simple ways, such as through Little Mary who has wanted to remain hidden in a simple lifestyle.

I've seen growth in her spirituality during the three years it took for me to assemble and comment on these messages. I've seen her greater appreciation of divine truth and a greater understanding why suffering must be associated with deeper union with Jesus. I've seen greater acceptance of the sufferings she has within herself and from false accusations directed against her at times even by some who, one would think, would rather help her.

At the same time I've recognized the effects the messages have had on other souls. "By their fruits you shall know them" (Matt. 7:16). I've appreciated the caution those in responsible positions have found necessary to take, even when it

brings greater suffering to the recipient of heavenly messages.

As I remember, it was about two years before this book went to print that our Blessed Mother said to Little Mary that Father "will know in his heart when it is the right time for it to be published." Finally, after working on the book for several years, I received the conviction months before that the end of the month of May, 2004, would be the time to complete the book and present it for publication. Thus I decided that May 31, 2004, would end the messages contained in this book.

Our Blessed Mother in these messages has come to remind us that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. We must spend time in adoration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar. We must be conscious that each Holy Sacrifice of the Mass perpetuates the Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross.

Our Blessed Mother has been leading us to love her Son, Jesus Christ who is our Lord, God and Savior. She asks: "Do you truly love my Son?" If we have a great reverence for the reality of what the Mass is and also adore Jesus' Real Presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament and receive the Sacraments frequently and properly, together with daily prayer, we can answer our Blessed Mother, "Yes, I do love your Son, Jesus Christ."

We are to live the whole truth, the whole Gospel, the fullness of the deposit of faith given to the Church. There has been much compromise of the faith by many in recent decades. There are unfortunately those who want to pick and choose what they believe as doctrines of faith and what morals they will live. "Do not give in to those who are not following the teachings of the Church." We must obey each Commandment and faithfully receive the Sacraments in the proper way.

By the way we live, our example, and by spoken word to others when necessary, we are to assist souls so that they see the Light of Jesus Christ and His Church and be attracted to it. Then they will not live in darkness.

Thus we come to the end of this book, Messages from the Heart of Our Mother. For some time I've anticipated the final messages, wondering what they would be like.

As we conclude our meditative reading of these messages it is well to recall the exalted state in which exists our heavenly Mother who has given us these messages. St. Thomas Aquinas spoke of our Blessed Mother as having a dignity approaching the confines of the Infinite. He said that Mary has more grace than all the angels and saints collectively.

The Second Vatican Council said:

"The maternal duty of Mary toward men in no way obscures or diminishes this unique mediation of Christ, but rather shows its power. For all the saving influences of the Blessed Virgin on men originate, not from some inner necessity, but from the divine pleasure. They flow forth from the superabundance of the merits of Christ, rest on His mediation, depend entirely on it, and draw all their power from it. In no way do they impede the immediate union of the faithful with Christ. Rather, they foster this union. (LG 60)

"This maternity of Mary in the order of grace began with the consent which she gave in faith at the Annunciation and which she sustained without wavering beneath the Cross. This maternity will last without interruption until the eternal fulfillment of all the elect. For, taken up to heaven, she did not lay aside this saving role, but by her manifold acts of intercession continues to win for us gifts of eternal salvation.

"By her maternal charity, Mary cares for the brethren of her Son who still journey on earth surrounded by dangers and difficulties, until they are led to their happy fatherland. Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked by the Church under the titles of Advocate, Auxiliatrix, Adjutrix, and Mediatrix. These, however, are to be so understood that they neither take away from nor add anything to the dignity and efficacy of Christ the one Mediator. (LG 62)

"In the most holy Virgin the Church has already reached that perfection whereby she exists without spot or wrinkle (cf. Eph. 5:27). Yet the followers of Christ still strive to increase in holiness by conquering sin. And so they raise their eyes to Mary who shines forth to the whole community of the elect as a model of the virtues. Devotedly meditating on her and contemplating her in the light of the Word made man, the Church with reverence enters more intimately into the supreme mystery of the Incarnation and becomes ever increasingly like her Spouse. (LG 65) "Mary was involved in the mysteries of Christ. As the Most Holy Mother of God she was, after her Son, exalted by divine grace above all angels and men." (LG 65) We have St. Maximilian Kolbe, the great martyred Marian saint of Poland, to thank for appreciating and describing her exalted state which the Second Vatican Council described after his time on earth. He saw her as the "created Immaculate Conception" while the Holy Spirit, whose Spouse she is, is the "uncreated Immaculate Conception." In a 1933 letter from Nagasaki, St. Maximilian wrote:

"In her apparition at Lourdes she does not say: I was conceived immaculately,' but I am the Immaculate Conception.' This points out not only the fact that she was conceived without original sin, but also the manner in which this privilege belongs to her. It is not something accidental; it is something that belongs to her very nature. For she is Immaculate Conception in [her very] person."

Uncreated love conceives and dwells within the depths of Mary's soul, and she becomes His quasi-incarnation, St. Maximilian has told us. Her human person is distinct from the divine Person of the Holy Spirit but she is so close to Him, resembles Him so closely, that were the Holy Spirit to have become incarnate the closest we have to resemble what that would have been is Mary, the Immaculate Conception. Thus he sees her as the Mediatrix of all graces and gifts of the Spirit:

"The union between the Immaculate and the Holy Spirit is so inexpressible, yet so perfect, that the Holy Spirit acts only by the Most Blessed Virgin, his Spouse. This is why she is Mediatrix of all grace given by the Holy Spirit. And since every grace is a gift of God the Father through the Son and by the Holy Spirit, it follows that there is no grace which Mary cannot dispose of as her own, which is not given to her for this purpose." (*Letter to Fr. Mikolajczyk*, July 28, 1935.)

For some time I've anticipated the final messages, wondering what they would be like. In reading the *Messages from the Heart of Our Mother* I can only say with St. Elizabeth at the Visitation, "How am I worthy that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:43). Conscious then, and in great awe of the exalted dignity of the Most Holy One, from whom we have been receiving these messages, we come to the final message to be in this book. It was received on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It needs no commentary.

#### May 31, 2004, Monday, 8:30 A.M.

My daughter,

My message to the world is to live your faith. Never lose hope and pray, pray, pray. It is time now to respond, so please, please do not delay. Trust in God and accept our heavenly pleas. Trust in God and live these messages of love, hope, and joy. I invite you now to open your hearts so that love and unity can be restored around this world. Amen.