

THE END OF TIMES

Our Mother tells us:

"What is being prepared is something so great, that there has never been the like since the creation of the world" (M 435 - 13th. October 1990). Also:

"I have wanted to teach you about these signs, which Jesus pointed out to you in His Gospel, in order to prepare you for the end of times, because they are taking place in your days" (M 435 - 31st. December 1990).

Our Mother is telling us of the privilege we have: that of living in the time of the greatest grace after the Incarnation and Paschal Mystery of Our Lord, namely, that of His coming in the full glory of His Eucharistic Presence to bring about, not the end of the world, but the new era, that of His glorious reign. It is not a question of the end of the physical world, but rather an end of the time of the painful *spiritual* path along which humanity has had to pass, and the re-establishment of God's own order on earth. in the fulfilment of the plan of our Heavenly Mother, the hidden reality of our century, in which our Movement is Her primary instrument.

"It is His glorious return, in order to establish His Reign in Your midst and to bring back the whole of humanity, redeemed with His Most Precious Blood, to the state of its new earthly Paradise" (M 435 - 13th. October 1990).

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Our times, which bring us to this reality, are the **end times**. They are characterised by battle, the greatest spiritual battle in history, and our Mother does not hesitate to describe it in terms of the battle of the twelfth chapter of the Apocalypse.

"The spirit of rebellion against God has seduced humanity: atheism has entered into so many souls and has completely extinguished the light of faith and love. This is the Red Dragon spoken of in the Bible. Read it, My sons, because the present times are those of its realisation!" (M 28 - 1st. December 1973).

We must be aware of the gravity, because we are so deeply involved. There have been many attempts by Satan to weaken and damage the work of the Lord and His Church, but this time the struggle is different and decisive, because it is the struggle for the very heart of the entire Church, a struggle *usque ad mortem*, through the weapon of atheism, that is, the destruction of the Faith, the "error of Russia", as we were warned by our Mother in Fatima.

"I have continued My battle throughout the long years of the Church's pilgrimage on earth: its greatest victories have been due to My special motherly action. But when, in this last century, My adversary wanted to challenge Me and begin a struggle which, through the error of atheism, would have seduced and deceived all humanity, from Heaven I appeared upon earth as the Immaculate One to comfort you, because it is, above all, My duty to fight and conquer the evil one" (M 88 - 8th. December 1975).

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So, Satan thinks these, the end times, are his, bringing an end to the Church. Mother says: "Satan has sung of his victory" (M 441 - 1st. January 1991).

In my recent visit to Russia, I was able to see the effects of the "error of atheism" in that country. The external practice of the Faith was practically demolished, with dynamite, persecution and propaganda. In Moscow, a city of millions, only one small church remained open, possibly through diplomatic ties. I am not sure. Now the Church has to be rebuilt from its very foundations.

But, for years now, we in the Movement have had the privilege of Our Lady's messages, in which She has enlightened us to see what Her adversary was doing also in our countries in the West, and we have contemplated this, especially in our cenacles and in these retreats. We have been able to see a very careful strategy, in which he has attempted to destroy the life-blood of the Church, that is, sanctifying grace, by attacking everything in it which unites mankind to the supernatural, to God.

Last year, we considered the terrible statistic of the 100.000 priests and 500.000 religious who had abandoned their vocations in the 25 years after the Council. We have seen the development of the apostasy, foretold by our Mother and also by St. Paul, in which virtually every major doctrine of the Church has been challenged with a widespread detachment from the Holy Father, with a major contestation of his Magisterium at every level of the Church, but principally among the priests. One can think too of the spread of Russia's error into other countries, such as some of those in Latin America, where Christianity was taught as Marxism, through a liberation theology which had nothing to do with theology, and everything to do with politics.

Confusion reigns for many, and in the *education of youth* in bad catechesis and in the seminaries. Then, among the young, the evil of drugs and, for many, an independent culture, sometimes demonic.

The attack on youth is also linked to an attack on family life, the *domestic Church*, where so many are disunited, separated, broken. How good it is to see that the Holy Father has added "Queen of the Family" to the Litany of Loreto! Abortion (now, it is said, arrived at the figure of 50 million per year - the "culture of death", as the Holy Father says), contraception and a disrespect for life (almost at the level of a mania) prevail in many, with priority given to material things and careers, resulting in the world becoming a "desert of love", losing sensitivity, leaving only egoism. In my country, one marriage in two results in divorce, but among so many marriage is no longer attempted, simply cohabitation.

Where is the good ground for the seed of faith to grow?

In the field of the Sacraments, he attacks the **Blessed Eucharist** and one finds, even among many priests and religious, a grave irreverence towards Jesus in the Eucharist and the Mass, grave abuses in the way it is celebrated many ways. And let us remember the grave menace of the horrible sacrilege,

in which it is celebrated, not as the renewal of the one and eternal Sacrifice of the Lord on our altars, but as a simple remembrance of the Last Supper, as in the Protestant heresy. When this occurs, the Mass is robbed of its truth and the Church loses the grace it should have received from the Mass. In this, the devil reaches the high Point of his work (M 405 - 31st December 1992).

Our Mother also warns us repeatedly of the neglect of the *Sacrament of Reconciliation*, which has roots which are deeper than the fact of neglecting to go to the confessional. It is the consequence of a practical indifference, even incipient atheism, which affects many souls: the Holy Father has warned us of it so many times: **the loss of the sense of sin.**

With this comes what I think is the gravest consequence for mankind. It is the spiritual blindness which comes from living in grave sin, not repenting, but rather justifying it. In this condition, a person *loses even the sense of the need to repent* (M 486 - 1st January 1993), and is necessarily lost unless someone else wins the grace for them to return to God, through prayer and sacrifice.

Our Lads said to the children in Fatima: "Many of My children are going to hell, because there is no-one to pray and offer sacrifice for them". Our Holy Father has told us that the priority of the Church today is the need to *appeal to the God of mercy with loud cries* "for mercy, for a humanity which *loses its sense of the very meaning of the word*". Our Mother says:

"Alas, this message of mine has remained unheeded. And this humanity has continued to hasten along the road of rebellion against God, in the obstinate rejection of His law if love. Thus it has come even to the denial of sin, to the justification of even the gravest moral disorders, in the name of a falsely conceived liberty. Thus Satan, My adversary, has succeeded in making you fall into his seduction. Many have thus lost the awareness of sin: and so it is more and more committed and justified. The sense of guilt, which is the first step to take along the road of conversion, has practically disappeared" (M211 - 13th. October 1980).

And She sums up all that we have said in these words:

"It is the darkness of the lack of faith and the apostasy, which has spread everywhere. It is the darkness of evil and sin, which has already obscured hearts and souls. It is the darkness of unbelief and of impiety, of egoism and pride, of hardness of hearts and of impurity" (M 484 - 24th. December 1992).

All this constitutes the "great trial" (M 486 - 1st. January 1993). Yes, Satan has sung of his victory. He sees these times as the end of times, *the end of the times of Christ Jesus*, Whose work he is trying to destroy. He sees millions on the way to perdition because their blindness, caused by their own lack of repentance. For him, this is one of the greatest aspects of what he considers to be his victory.

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But then our Mother sings of the end times as the time of Her victory. *"Be serene, be joyful! This is not the end of My Church; what is in preparation is the beginning of its total and marvellous renewal!"* (M 83 - 18th. October 1975).

She explains Her plan to us in this way:

"It is a plan which embraces this century. In 1917 at Fatima, I anticipated it, as in a prophetic announcement at the moment in which the great struggle became clear between the Woman clothed with the sun and the red dragon, which was to last throughout the whole century, as a proud challenge to God on the part of My adversary, certain of succeeding in destroying the whole Church and bringing the whole human race to a universal rejection of God. The Lord has granted him this space of time, because in the end the pride of the Red Dragon will be broken and conquered by the humility, littleness and power of your Heavenly Mother, the Woman clothed with the sun, Who is now gathering all Her little children into Her army in battle array" (M 297 - 9th November 1984).

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She comes to announce Her Triumph, which marks the end of times: for Her, it is not the hour of destruction by Satan of

what is Christ's, but the hour of destruction of Satan himself In the glory of Christ. Let us try to understand how this is to come about.

First, let us understand that it is the plan of a Mother, and has maternal characteristics: "Learn to see Me always and at every moment as She Who is truly for all a Mother, only and always a Mother" (M 7 - 24 July 1973).

Now a mother's task for her children is clear: there are the many things she does externally for them (remember our own mothers!), but she is not a mother if she does not give them her heart. She does this when she communicates to them her interior reality: how to love what is good and one's neighbour; how to know and hate what is evil; how to love God; how to pray. These things must come from what is most true in her, not just from things learned in books, in other words, must come from her heart.

This is what Jesus received from His Mother (even was taught to pray!), and this is the nature of the gift He gave us as He was in the last moments of His life on the Cross: "*Behold, your Mother*" (John 19,27), a Mother in every sense, but the Mother of grace for our hearts above all. Her Heart for our hearts.

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And that Heart is the Immaculate Heart, and this is what we find as the gift She offers us in the time of the world's greatest need, in its decisive battle for souls: "*My Immaculate Heart will be your Refuge*". "*It is God's will that the victory should come about through My Immaculate Heart*". "*In the end My Immaculate Heart will triumph*".

So the victory of the end times will come about, not through the famous twelve legions of angels with flaming swords, though our Mother tells us that they have a very important part, but rather through the motherly work of Mary's Heart. A mother's victory.

And Her weapon is consecration. Let us understand clearly what this means. We are all consecrated to God, first by our Baptism and then by our priesthood and, for some, in our religious vows. What our Mother asks is that we take this state of consecration, which is the life of our particular vocation, and entrust this to Her care ("entrustment" is the Holy Father's preferred word), for Her to purify.

We are invited, through our consecration, to enter into a deep union with that Heart, which is the pure Garden of the Holy Trinity, in union with God in a degree impossible to any other person, for She is Immaculate, in total love, total purity, so that every word, every thought, every action of Hers is inspired by love of Him and of His faithful service: "*Ecce ancilla Domini... Fiat*".

But then we must remember that Her wonderful grace, Her fullness of grace, was given to Her precisely in view of Her motherhood, to be the atmosphere in which the Son of God was to be brought up and, as for Him, so for the Church and for each of us, and includes the grace need by each of Her children, for She is the Mediatrix of all Grace. To receive this gift, we are asked to surrender ourselves, like Him, to that Motherhood as little children. Our Mother wishes to restore in us that which Satan destroyed through sin: Holiness.

"If you look at the inexpressible mystery that the Church remembers today, you will understand how the consecration which I have asked of you must be lived. The Word of the Father completely entrusted Himself to Me out of love. After My 'Yes', He came down into My virginal womb. He entrusted Himself to Me in His divinity. The eternal Word, the second Person of the Most Holy Trinity was, after the Incarnation, hidden and dwelling in the little home, miraculously prepared by the Holy Spirit, in My virginal womb. He entrusted Himself to Me in His humanity in such a profound way, just as any son entrusts himself to the mother from whom he expects everything: blood, flesh, breath, food and love, in order to grow every day in her womb and then, after He was born, every year always at His Mother's side.... Beloved sons, called to imitate Jesus in all things because you are His ministers, imitate

Him also in this His complete entrusting of Himself to the Heavenly Mother. Because of this, I ask you to offer yourselves to Me with your consecration. I will be able to be an attentive and concerned Mother for you, in order to make you grow in God's plans, to fulfil in your lives the great gift of the Priesthood to which you have been called: every day, I will lead you to an increasingly perfect imitation of Jesus, Who must be your only Model and your greatest love. You will be His true instruments, and His faithful co-operators in His Redemption" (M 287 - 25th, March 1984).

Here we see that, at the heart of the end times, there is a great work of *healing* of the wounds which the devil has inflicted through sin. In this, he meets his defeat, and the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary becomes increasingly present each time She is enabled to carry out this work through one of Her children accepting the invitation to live in consecration to Her Immaculate Heart.

It is a great transformation:

"Because they have consecrated themselves to Me, they must feel, see and think as I do, together with Me, because I want to take complete possession of their life. I want to transform it, and to make of it an image of My Son Jesus, the First Born of so many other sons of mine" (M 22 - 20th, October 1973).

The victory comes about through the Heart of Mary to the extent that the truth of the *human part* of the Church is that it has become the Heart of Mary Herself, the True Disciple and Perfect Reflection of the Father's plan in grace and holiness.

It is something She wishes to *live in us, speaking of giving us Her Heart as if in a transplant*:

"You have given Me your hearts. I will put in the place of your hearts, filled with sin, My Immaculate Heart, and thus I will draw down upon you the power of God, which will form in each one of you My Son Jesus in all His fullness" (M 148 - 11th, February 1978).

The reality of this plan of merciful grace cannot be imagined. We can only accept the words of our Mother, humbly and with gratitude.

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In this grace of healing and restoration of the souls of Her little ones, it is as well to look at the direction given to Her formation, which comes through the ways of grace, but also through the messages. She re-forms Her children by countering the three principal points of attack of Satan, in which are summed up the foundations of Catholic life.

- a. To restore the Church to *the care of Mary*, Who has too often been put aside in the hearts of Her children.
- b. She gathers us round *the Holy Father*, the Rock and guarantor of truth, detachment from whom has helped spread confusion and division.
- c. She gathers us in reparation and devotion around Jesus in *the Eucharist*, from Whom all grace of restoration must come.

I repeat, the end of times is a time of healing, and the form of healing for the Church (if it is not too obvious) **must be Catholicism.**

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But not all accept the way of consecration to the Immaculate Heart. Most seriously those who, as we have said, are spiritually blinded through unrepented grave sin, are incapable of doing so. And yet, if the end times are truly to be the time of the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, they must, as She says, be also **the times of the Triumph of the Divine Mercy.**

It is logical, for Satan must be defeated, because the Mother, the Woman of Genesis, must destroy him. She tells us that the Glorious Reign of Her Son, to which Her Triumph leads:

"Is not possible if Satan, the seducer, the spirit of lies who has always intervened in men's history to lead them to rebellion against the Lord and disobedience to His Law, is not first defeated" (M 505 - 21st, November 1993).

In any event, how can a mother triumph if she loses Her children? Mary, let us repeat, is *"only and always a Mother"* (24th, July 1973), and we are speaking of a Mother's triumph. It is of the very nature of a mother to be merciful: even if her children commit the most terrible crimes in the world,

a mother's love continues, and our Mother expresses Herself in that was:

"Even those who are far away, even the sinners, even the atheists, even those who reject God, those who fight against Him and reject Him: they are all My children. And I am a Mother to them. For many of them I am the only Mother they have, the only person who is taking care of them, who truly loves them. And so My Heart is continually consumed sorrow and with a greater love for these children of mine" (M 21 - 16th. October 1973).

And so She tells us that our mission, which involves suffering and immolation, is the means, above all, of enabling Her

"to offer to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit a great power of intercession and reparation, so that the golden door of Divine Mercy may soon be opened, and the greatest miracle of transformation of the world be accomplished" (M 303, 2nd. February 1985).

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And so we see *the place of Cenacles* in the end times. As the Holy Father said, as we have seen, that the Church must take as its priority the uttering of "loud cries" to Heaven for mercy for humanity, so also our Mother said the same at Fatima: "Many of My children are going to hell because there is no-one to pray and offer sacrifice for them". The only hope for many is the prayer and suffering of others. and She repeats this in our messages:

"But how to help them? How to save them? I have need of much prayer. I have need of much suffering. Only through the prayer and the suffering of others, of the good and the generous, will I be able to save these children of mine. And so there is then the Movement of My Priests" (M 21 - 16th. October 1973).

"And then, together we will form a great net of love that will envelop and save the whole world" (M 192 - 22nd. January 1980).

That net is the net of cenacles, represented here at these spiritual exercises, in which we can see how widely that net has spread. And with this comes the key to the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Mother of Divine Mercy, the

only grace which can bring about the Mother's triumph in all Her children. The key grace of all this experience of the Marian Movement of Priests, the reason why this is the greatest grace since the Incarnation itself: that is, *the Second Pentecost*. It is for everyone, **even the spiritually blinded**:

"The Holy Spirit will come to establish the glorious reign of Christ, and it will be a reign of grace, holiness, love, justice and peace. With His divine Love, He will open the doors of hearts and He will enlighten all consciences. Every man will see himself in the blazing fire of divine Truth. It will be like a judgement in miniature. Then Jesus Christ will bring His glorious Reign into the world" (M 383 - 22nd. May 1988).

And it is precisely through the Cenacle that the Second Pentecost will come:

"You are already close to the Second Pentecost. The Second Pentecost will come because the Cenacles of prayer which I have asked of you many times and with ever-increasing insistence, have already spread to every part of the world" (M 428 - 28th. June 1990).

It is a severe grace, the Second Pentecost, terrifying for some, perhaps for many. But it is not there simply to terrify, but rather as a vast opportunity to the whole world for conversion, for the Mother to have Her children back, and for the Triumph of Her Immaculate Heart. As we have seen, this is the key to the entry of the Glorious Reign of Jesus for, in this, the years of the reign of destruction of the devil, which he wished to be the end of times, will be brought to an end. It is the end of His times, to lead into the new times of Jesus triumphant in the Eucharist (M 505 - 21st. November 1993).

"In fact, at the very moment when Satan will be enthroned as lord of the world and will think himself now the sure victor, I Myself will snatch the prey from his hands. As if by magic, he will find himself empty-handed and, in the end, victory will be exclusively My Son's and Mine: this will be the Triumph of My Immaculate Heart for the world" (M 29 - 19th. December 1973).

It will be the Triumph of the Cross, in which the Blood of Jesus will be most fruitful in souls, through the power of the merciful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, working through Her little consecrated children.

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