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Editorial

The Messages

Jesus asks us in the Messages this month, several times, to help Him with His Houses of Prayer. He tells us that the more we help Him with these, the stronger the Houses will become. As we know already, this help can be spiritually, physically or financially. All He asks is that we each do what we can. He relies on us for our help and, in this way, we will be helping the many people who will need these Houses in the near future. To this end, we have issued another appeal to all you, our readers, for help. Jesus again tells us not to look for sensationalism in His Words but rather, to concentrate on dying to ourselves. The more we die to our sin, the more we will see and the more able we will be to help others. He also tells us that we need to believe in our prayers that we speak to Him for, if we speak words to Him that we do not believe, then He cannot help us. Our prayers should be uttered with faith and trust.

Articles

Articles this month include, 'SonLight in Lourdes,' 'The Carmelite Martyrs of Compiègne,' 'The Journey To Love' by the two Patricks, 'The King of Love Chaplet' and 'The Lamb will

Conquer'.

'The Carmelite Martyrs of Compiègne' is a very inspiring article about nuns who gave the ultimate sacrifice during the French revolution. While the 'Journey to Love' is about the beginning of a Journey with Jesus. 'The Lamb will Conquer' is another look at the Message of Knock, our very own Shrine in Ireland.



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The Messages of Love

as given to the two Patricks

Tuesday 1 July 2025

My children, walk this Path of Love I set before you. Look only to Me in Truth and do not look for sensationalism. So many of My followers only seek the excitement of prophecy, as if My Words were the words of a fortune teller. So many in these days say and think that they are talking to Me but, in Truth, they are listening to self. They do not allow Me to speak for My Words do not hold enough sensationalism.

Children, do not put Words in My Mouth for these you must answer for. The Words I speak are to guide you onto the Path that only leads to Heaven. A Prophet is only a servant, a messenger, who has given themselves over to Me so that I can use them to deliver My Words of Truth to this world. A Prophet is not greater than the Master, a Prophet must always point towards Me and not seek the

adoration of this world.

Children, you must be willing to walk the Path of dying to self in order to block the words of self and the desires of self, then you will begin to recognise My Voice clearly within your heart. If you do not fight the sin in your lives, then you do not walk this Path.

Listen, children, sin is what blocks you from Me. The wheat grain must fall into the ground and die before it produces fruit. Trust in My Words and walk the Path I set before you.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

Wednesday 2 July 2025

My children, I, your God, am with you. I am the One that guides your every footstep when you turn to Me and away from this world of chaos. Have faith in Me, children, and do not allow fear to control you. Have faith, children, I am with you.

Believe.

I Love you.

Friday 4 July 2025

My children, I ask you to prepare with great urgency. You do not know nor understand the events that have already begun on this earth. They are the seeds of

Justice but they will grow rapidly and all mankind will be affected by the Truth. I mean to destroy the darkness through its own blindness. Trust Me.

You will not understand if you do not deny self the freedom to sin. Sin is what blinds you to the Truth. Trust Me and prepare by dying to self.

Trust Me.

Make haste.

I Love you.

Sunday 6 July 2025

My children, have faith in Me, your God. I know how long you have waited for Me to intervene but, children, I am at Work in this world. The more you die to self, the more the scales will fall from your eyes and, so, you will be able to see Me at Work in this world of darkness.

Trust Me, I will fulfil all My Words and those My Mother has spoken across this world. Trust Me, children, and prepare.

I Love you.

Tuesday 8 July 2025

My children, come to Me and let Me feel your love for Me and My Ways. Do not fear this world and its ways for it has no power over Me or My followers. Trust Me, children, and come walk this Path with Me, your God.

Believe in My Laws and reject all those who would try to convince you of a new way. I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, I do not change.

Trust Me, children.

I Love you.

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My children, once again, I call you to help provide for My Houses. My Houses of Prayer are in need, both spiritually and physically. So few are left now to help, children. You are My remnant. You are the ones who have survived the great sifting. You have been those who have built the great siege engines that will overcome the darkness that mankind has allowed in through their sin.

Trust Me, children, and help provide for My Houses. Your offerings are what I use to build My Houses. All your offerings are important, both spiritual and physical. Yes, your physical offerings are important to provide for the material day to day running of My Houses but, your prayers, your sacrifices, are equally important for they are the lifeblood of My Houses.

Trust Me and help build My Houses, in whatever way you choose, to help Me. In your free will, all your offerings are



important.
Trust Me.
I Love you.

Wednesday 9 July 2025

Come, little ones, and have faith in Me, your God. Already, many of My Words have been fulfilled. This world is oblivious to the events of My Justice that are taking place. These events will increase in ferocity and, soon, this world will stand in shock as it sees the true ferocity of My Creation as it rebels against the sin of mankind. Come, children, and listen to My Words. Remove the sin from your lives so that you can see the Truth of what is happening.
Trust Me, children, and prepare.
I Love you.

Saturday 12 July 2025

Trust in what I seek from you, My children. Where I find trust, then I find faith. I need you to believe so that I can use you to help your brothers and sisters break free of the sin that blinds them to My Truth.
Trust Me, My faithful Flock, and know your wait has not been in vain. I am so close, children, and you have so little time left to prepare.
Trust Me and make haste.
I Love you.

Saturday 12 July 2025

My children, as the days shorten and time shortens, less and less time is left for you to prepare. Look at My Words and see how many times I ask for you to trust

Me, and, how many times I ask you to prepare. All I can do is ask. I will force no one to believe. If you do not take on My Warnings, then I will not be able to help. Remember, you have free will. Neither I, nor lucifer, can force you to do anything against your will. The choice is yours, children. No one is to blame for your actions except yourself. Remember this, when you look at the evil of mankind's actions, it is initiated by men and women who have listened to the inspirations of lucifer and have acted on them. So, if you do not listen to these, My Words of Love to this world, the responsibility is your own, children. All I can do is ask that you trust Me and prepare.
I Love you.

Sunday 13 July 2025

My children, I am calling you to listen and prepare. I cannot explain how urgent these Words are. So few have taken the time to prepare. So few have taken on My Words that I have spoken, all over this world. So few will survive the days ahead.
Trust Me and allow Me to be your Guide.
Trust Me.
I Love you.

Monday 14 July 2025

My children, My Love for you is great. I give you these Words of Truth to guide you in this time of great darkness. I have told you of this time. I have told you that you must stay close to Me in order that

you can see the traps of lucifer. So few have listened.

Now, I tell you to prepare for the tide of lies, that I must intervene to stop, otherwise no one would survive. The deceit of man is great in this time. Mankind has opened himself up to the lies of lucifer. he (lucifer) has free access to control the events of this world through evil men and women who have given themselves over to his whims.

Look, children. The only way to see and follow the Truth is by getting to know Me, your God. Read My Scriptures, read My Gospels, so that you will know the Truth. Do not listen to those liars who try to change My Truth to suit this modern age of sin. Trust Me and prepare. I Love you.



Wednesday 16 July 2025

Feast of

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Children of the Light, listen to My Words and prepare. So many events are about to take place and the peoples of this world will no longer understand what is happening. I will crush the logic of this generation and show mankind how little they truly understand about My Creation. I need you to be ready, children. It is through those who have prepared, that I will work to guide My Flock back to My Truth.

Trust Me and make ready.
I Love you.

Thursday 17 July 2025

My children, I am with you. I will not leave you, in this, your time of need. Trust in My Power to overcome the darkness and free you, My people, from the chains that hold you in silence. I will break these chains and give you,

My people, a voice. I will show this world the Truth and you, My followers, will help Me gather the harvest.

Trust Me and prepare.
I Love you.

Friday 18 July 2025

My children, have faith in Me, your God. Do not allow self to control you. Self is your enemy. Self will lead you on the path of sin and so, away from

Me, your God. Allow Me to guide you on the Path of dying to self so that the scales may fall from your eyes. My Truth will become your guiding Light.

Prepare, My little children. Prepare. So little time is left to you now. So little time is left for this world to turn away from the danger it has invited in through sin.

Trust Me, My children. Take on My Words of Truth. Fight against the sin in your lives and come walk with Me.

I Love you.

Saturday 19 July 2025

Be free, in My Love and do not fear the events of this world. I am with you, My children, and I will guide you through all that comes before you.

Do not ask for My Help with empty words. You must believe in order for Me to help you. When you ask for My Help, simply know in your heart that I will help and I will. Fight the thoughts that try to drive doubts into your mind for this is the self that you must fight. Yes, this trial is a fight where you prove to Me, by your actions, whether you want to spend eternity with Me or not.

If you want to be with Me, you will fight the desires of self. Self will tear your faith in Me down so that you are free to walk the path of sin and so to hell. Trust in Me and fight self. Overcome and you will walk free, in My Love.

Come walk with Me.

I Love you.

Sunday 20 July 2025

Children, the events are culminating and still so few have taken on My Words and taken the time to prepare. I tell you the Truth, mankind does not realise what they have called down upon themselves, through their sin. The elements will rebel in ways that mankind will not be able to understand or explain. Everything will change and mankind will be brought to their knees, in order that many may be saved. I must crush the false knowledge of this generation so that My people will

see and repent and return to Me, their God.

Prepare, children, prepare.

I Love you.

Monday 21 July 2025

My children, have faith in Me, your God. Do not let the glitter of this world draw you away from Me. So few have taken on My Words and prepared. Remember, My Words hold no power, if you do not believe in them. If you allow this world to draw you away, then I cannot help you. My Words live in all those who have faith in Me. It is you who give Me the Power to work in your lives when you show Me that you trust Me. I will step over no one's free will. So, it is up to you, whether the Power of your God is released to work in your lives.

Trust Me, children, and show Me that you believe by your actions. Love your neighbour and fight the sin in your lives. This will give Me the freedom I need to help you walk the Path of Freedom.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

Tuesday 22 July 2025

My children, I am with you in this time of need. Call upon Me and believe so that I can guide you upon the Path of Protection, I have laid out for you. I will guide you, as I guided My people, Israel, through the desert.

Trust Me and show Me that you believe.

I Love you.

Wednesday 23 July 2025

Come, children, listen to My Words. Allow Me to Teach you the Truth that will lead you to the Kingdom of Heaven. Trusting in Me, is believing that I have the Power to do anything. If you do not believe then your prayers are empty words. If you believe, then your prayers will be answered in the ways that will lead you and, those around you, to My Kingdom. Trust Me and have faith in your prayers.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

Thursday 24 July 2025

Come, children of Mine, and listen to My Voice as I speak to you in these Words. Trust only in Me and come often in prayer and you will see the Truth of your God come to life in your everyday life.

Trust Me and walk this Path of Truth I set before you. Believe in My Words and you will see them come to life in you. Believe, children of Mine, and all will change before you.

Trust Me.

I Love you.

Friday 25 July 2025

Have faith, children, and prepare. Prepare My Houses for their time is soon upon you. A time when they will shine like great beacons, out into this world.

Trust Me. Help My Houses by your prayers, sacrifices and giving.

Trust Me, children, much is to happen and you will need My Houses in order to survive the

oncoming tide of darkness.

Trust Me, children, and prepare.

I Love you.

Friday 25 July 2025

Only look to My Truth and do not change it to suit your selfish lifestyle. Look at these Words. They are not new Words. These are the same Words I have already spoken within My Scriptures. I do not change. If you are looking for a new path to come to Me, this you will not find. I am the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Read My Scriptures. See the Truth of My Words. Do not look for sensationalism but look how to remove the scales from your eyes, so that you may see and understand. Trust Me and come walk this Path I have set before you, in these Words. It is the same Path I have wanted all My children to walk, the Path of dying to self.

Trust Me and come walk with Me.

I Love you.

Saturday 26 July 2025

My children, you do not realise the Gift that both, My Mother and I, give to you, all over this world. We have asked that many Houses of Prayer be procured, through many different Prophets, Visionaries and Seers. These are Our Gift to mankind. 'The Time of the Houses' is fast approaching. I am about to ignite My Houses and this world will realise the Truth.

All those who wish to be Saved, will be. First, you must build My Houses with your prayers, your

sacrifice and your giving. The more you offer in free will, the stronger they will become.

Trust Me, children. Offer many prayers that My Plans be fulfilled.

Trust Me, children.

I Love you.

Sunday 27 July 2025

My children, I am Coming to destroy the sin of this generation. You have chosen to blind yourselves with the lies of lucifer.

Love has grown cold and now you look to the good of yourselves, rather than the good of those around you.

I told you to love your neighbour but you choose to cheat, gossip

and steal from your neighbour, in this time.

Wake up, children. Do not become a part of that, that I must cleanse.

Trust only in Me, your God. Go against the desires of self and come walk with Me.

I Love you.

I Love you.

Wednesday 30 July 2025

My children, believe. Believe in My Truth and walk this Path I have given you in these Words. It is the same Path I have given you in My Gospels, it does not change. Look to Me and believe in the Words I speak. If you fight the sin in your lives then you will begin to see more clearly. My Truth will shine forth from you.

Trust Me, children, and walk with Me.

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I Love you.

Thursday 31 July 2025

My beloved child, I speak to you as you read these Words of Mine.

Have faith in Me. I saw the day that, each one of you, would read these Words. Before you were conceived in your mother's womb,

I invited you to this mission and knew the day you would stand before Me, in free will. The decision is yours, whether you take on My Words, or not.

This day I invite you to take on the burden of My Words and come follow Me. Harvest time is now and there are so few to help those in need of My Love. I ask you this day to become a vessel that will

carry My Love to those in need.

Believe, child of Mine.

It was no accident that you read these Words of Love. The decision is yours. I await your answer, through your actions.

I Love you.

Thursday 31 July 2025

My children, do not look for Me in sensationalism but look for Me in the truth of your own hearts.

See Me in the dying to self.

See Me in the fight against sin.

See Me in the Blessed Sacrament, as you come and sit with Me.

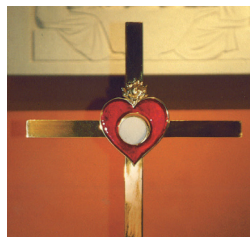
See Me in all those you meet.

I am to be found in the Love that you offer to the stranger.

Look for Me in humility and you will find Me.

Trust Me and avoid sin.

I Love you.



HOUSE APPEAL

Once again, we ask for your help. Jesus has said if we do not tell you His Houses are in need of help, then you will not know.

The physical needs of the Houses are great. The expenses are ongoing with the day to day running of fourteen Houses of Prayer, plus the producing of the Newsletter. It all adds up to quite a bit every month. With the pressure of these ongoing expenses, it is impossible to carry out renovations that are badly needed on the Houses.

At the time of going to print the outstanding bills are £15,437.

Without your help we have no means to bring these bills down. As we always say, we feel bad for asking but we trust that Jesus will inspire each person to help, in their own particular way.

Please do not feel under any pressure to help financially, as we know many may not be able to but, if you can help spiritually then this is equally as important.

Thank you, once again, from the two Patricks and all the servants of the Houses. You are always in our prayers. We have asked Jesus to Bless both you and your families.

Thank you.



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Trust Me.

I Love you.

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Sincere thanks for your continued support.

Sonlight in Lourdes

By God's Grace

By Gods Grace SonLight were invited to go to Lourdes with the Armagh Diocese to provide music at all the services on their annual pilgrimage in May. I was happy to go and sing there but also a bit apprehensive about how it would all work with the various sound systems in the different chapels and the potential problems we might come up against. However, thank God, there were no technical hitches at all!

A wonderful pilgrim kindly brought the keyboard to wherever we were playing each day. The sound men in the different chapels were easy to work with and helped us with everything we asked for. The feedback from the pilgrims and clergy every day was so positive that it was verging on embarrassing!

Suffering

On a personal note, I have been suffering with migraines, headaches and pressure in my head for the last year, on and off. I am in my late forties and was putting it all down to hormones. The feeling in my head was often just so horrible and I had to take painkillers daily when they happened in order to function. Sometimes they would last a week.



The painkillers didn't take away the feeling completely but eased it enough for me to get on with whatever I had to do. I know we can offer our sufferings and unite them to Jesus' Sufferings on the Cross and this is what I tried to do whenever they came on me.

A Lourdes miracle

The whole week we were in Lourdes, my head was really bad and I had to take painkillers every morning and afternoon. I also didn't sleep well, which is the norm when I have these headaches. However, through it all, again by Gods Grace, I coped and managed to do all that I had to do. On the Friday morning we had to sing at the Grotto at 8am. I was dreading this as it is a very early time to sing and I thought it would sound croaky and not sweet. My head

was very sore, as it had been each day. However it all went well and the Archbishop commented at the closing ceremony that four different people stopped him to ask, who his choir was at the Grotto! I noticed later on Friday afternoon that my headache and horrible feeling of pressure had lifted and I was afraid to acknowledge it in case it came back. I had been drinking the Lourdes water every day and praying for strength just to get through the day. Since that Friday in Lourdes, the headaches and pressure have not returned and that was two months ago! It really is a Lourdes miracle and I thank God and Our Lady for this Grace and healing.

Used Saint Bernadette

Lourdes is a beautiful, spiritual

place and it was such an honour to be part of the pilgrimage. When I heard Saint Bernadette's story, I realised how holy and humble she was. She was subjected to humiliations and ridicule when people did not believe her and thought she was making up stories about Our Lady for attention when herself and her family were living in poverty and in very difficult circumstances. I think that God has used Saint Bernadette's sacrifice of humility to continue bestowing blessings of healing on pilgrims over the last one hundred and fifty years.

Thank You, God, for this place of Light in our often dark and confusing world.

The Carmelite Martyrs of Compiègne



Blessed Thérèse of Saint Augustine

On 17 July, the Church remembers Blessed Thérèse of Saint Augustine and Companions who were martyred during the French Revolution. Their story touched me deeply this year when I listened to the Universalis Podcast for the week ahead. Martin Kochanski, the creator of Universalis, delivered the story so well I will share below the transcript. He captures the irony of the situation; the

fact that these revolutionary men were bringing so-called 'liberty' to France, yet when priests and religious refused to turn their back on God, renounce their vows and become secular, they were beheaded! So much for freedom!

TRANSCRIPT:

"This Monday is the day when Frenchmen everywhere celebrate the birth of 'liberty' through massacre.

The French Revolution may

have been necessary for France, but it has also given benefits to the world and the whole Church across the world by giving us new martyrs to celebrate. This Thursday, the 17th, is the day when the Carmelites celebrate their nun, Blessed Thérèse of St Augustine, and her companions. At Compiègne in northern France there was a Carmelite convent with some twenty sisters.

They lived enclosed lives of contemplation and prayer, and prayed in particular for all the needs of the people of the region. Sister Thérèse was elected prioress of the convent in 1786, at the age of 34. In 1789, the French Revolution came to bring liberty to everybody, not least to poor helpless women who had been shut up in convents for life.

In August 1790, a commission arrived to interrogate the nuns of Compiègne one by one as to whether they were being held against their will. They all said that they were not, and many said that their one wish was to live and die as Carmelite nuns. This was the wrong answer.

One lesson we have learnt about liberators throughout history is that they want you to be free to do anything you want as long as you want what they want you to want. In this case, you are free not to be a nun, morphed effortlessly into: you are not free to be a nun. In September 1792, the convent was closed and the nuns were dispersed.

Now there was no longer a convent.

However, in a rented apartment in the town there happened to be a group of four women who lived together. There was another apartment not far away which held another four women, and another, and another.

By some coincidence all those women somehow happened to spend much of their time in private, in prayer and contemplation. Sister Thérèse proposed that among their daily prayers there should be an act of consecration of themselves, in which each of the nuns would offer herself entirely to God as a holocaust for the restoration of peace to France and to the Church. After some months of discussion and deep thought, all the nuns committed themselves to this.

In the wider world there remained the grave threat that these nuns posed to the Revolution. Liberty cannot work if it means that people just do whatever they want. So the nuns were arrested, locked up against their will in a monastery, then transported to Paris to be, in that order, convicted, then tried, then executed.

They spent the 16th of July, the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, in prison. The next day, in the Courtroom of Freedom, the Revolutionary Tribunal condemned them to death, or so it thought. In reality, it condemned them to victory.

As far as I know, the Church has never gone so far as to design a liturgy for the act of martyrdom. What Sister Thérèse and her

fifteen companions did was this. As they were being taken from the prison to the guillotine, they sang Vespers, Compline and the Office of the Dead.

When they arrived at the square where the guillotine was set up, they sang first the Te Deum and then the Veni Creato Spiritus. The sympathetic executioner allowed the nuns to finish all this and allowed Sister Thérèse, their prioress, to decide the order of martyrdom.

One young novice who had until then been unable to make her monastic profession because of the anti-religious laws, now pronounced her vows before the rest of the community.

She knelt to receive Sister Thérèse's blessing and asked her permission to die, which was granted. One by one the rest of the community followed. Each of them kissed a tiny terracotta statue of the Madonna and Child which the prioress held out to her. When Sister Thérèse's own turn came, a woman in the crowd reached up to take custody of the statue, and it is now in the restored Carmel at Compiègne. That was the nun's martyrdom. Their victory came sooner than anyone might have expected.

Eleven days after the Carmelite sister's martyrdom, the creator and master of the reign of terror, Maximilien Robespierre, was executed in front of a crowd screaming with joy..."

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Ended the reign of terror

Normally the crowd would be raucous but during the execution of these Carmelites, there was silence! In the book 'To Quell the Terror' by William Bush, we can learn more about that daily consecration prayer, where they offered their lives as a holocaust to restore peace to France and to her Christian Church. I think that's what touched me the most, because their offering was so effective. Jesus heard their prayer and delivered their request! The nuns were the last martyrs of the French Revolution and ended the reign of terror and the spilling of blood.

Shining example

I am reminded of this line: "...I give you My Life as a precious Fruit. I have plucked it from My own Heart and I give it to you..."
Monday 20 July 1998

Jesus gave His Life as a precious fruit to each one of us. These Carmelite Martyrs offered their lives to Jesus in return. On their release, the English Benedictine nuns, whom they met in prison, proclaimed in England how these martyrs had saved their lives and spoke of their consecration, how they had offered themselves to Jesus as victim souls to help others live and have peace.

I feel so encouraged, motivated and inspired by their giving. Thanks be to God for their heroic, shining example.



The Journey To Love

The following article was taken from 'A Fountain of Truth' by the two Patricks.

Afraid to find God

Patrick: Jesus, I start to write these words at Your Command but I am empty and do not know where to start.

Jesus: *I am with you, My son, come to Me often and I shall guide your pen. I Love you.*

Patrick: Finding God in my life was not something that I desired greatly. I looked to the world and saw only its glories. God, to me, was something only an old or fanatical person believed in. Someone who was far removed from the excitement of life and had receded into a place of relative safety from where they could judge others for the way they lived their lives. They were afraid to go there and their envy gave them ample opportunity to judge the world as being wrong, whilst they were right.

At the same time, I knew deep within my own heart, that I was wrong and it was my guilt that judged these 'holy Joes'. I was afraid to find God and to let Him into my life because I knew that I would have to change. I desired only the pleasures of life.

No place for God

All through my life I could feel Gods callings to me; these I ignored. I did not want to know, nor did I want to think of Him as the Truth. For Him to become a reality in my life meant an admission of my own guilt.

As I sit and look out of the window at the world going by, I now realise that I am not the only one who thinks in this way. On the main street all I see is the speed of peoples' lives. In Truth, there is no place for God; there is no time to think of Him. Everyone is too busy thinking of themselves. I can recognise this for I have lived it. It is the desire to gain more and more so that life can be lived to the full, coupled with the pursuit of comfort in the things that money can buy. In reality, none of us will ever find comfort in this way but it is only an illusion that we spin around ourselves like a web.

Now that I have answered the call of Jesus, I realise that all the efforts that I put into looking for this elusive pleasure and a comfortable life, was really, within my spirit, a search for Jesus.

Blinding us

How can I explain this to anyone for this world has the effect of blinding us into thinking so many

different things? It holds us in its grip and clouds our thinking. Even if the Truth is handed to us on a silver platter, we do not recognise it because it does not fit into the life that we have created for ourselves.

My denial of God

My Journey to Jesus has been a hard one. I have had to fight all the way. Because of the way I think, I would ask myself so many questions, so that when I did feel Him or hear Him calling, I would automatically whittle away all with my rational mind. I would put all of my spiritual experiences down to my desires or my imagination. In this way, I would confuse others and myself with my doubts. If anyone told me of their experiences, I can honestly say that I did not believe them. I would either make fun of them or, behind their backs, would tell others that they needed a psychiatrist. I know that this was all part of me not wanting to know. It was my denial of God. The hold that this world has on us is frightening. We will deny the Truth to ourselves in order to do the things that the flesh dictates. I can only see this now looking back on my life. I realise how blind I was and the lies I told myself to keep living in the ways of the world. Sin has been the greatest part of my life. It holds, blinds, entangles and hypnotises us into only seeing our own desires and ourselves.

We must die to ourselves

This is what Jesus meant when He

said that we must die to ourselves. We must die to the sin that controls us. It is only when we are on the Path to Jesus that the scales fall from our eyes and we begin to see the lie that we really live.

I have lived a life of denial. The things that I saw and heard since I was a child, that I know now, were Jesus Teaching and preparing me for the time when He would ask me to become a messenger of His Words to the world. I look with shame on many parts of my life when I see how I have scourged Him with my sin.

Oh, to behold the Truth and let go of this world is my greatest desire. For still it pulls at me. I can hear its calls grow more intense as the days go by. It would seem to me that its only desire is to tear me away from the Path that leads to my Saviour, Jesus. Only on Him and His Strength can I depend. I know that if I turn my eyes from Him, even for a moment's glance at what I have left behind, the world is waiting to claim me for its own once more. My weakness is great; the Path to Him is the denial of self, there is no other.

There is no other way

Jesus Warned us of this in the



Gospels when He said that we couldn't serve two masters for we will either love the one and hate the other. He also told us: you are either for Me or against Me.

I have come to the realisation of this in my life. I can either love God or hate the world or vice versa; there is no other way. The second is the same: I cannot have the world and God. I must either love one or the other.

Carving up the Laws of God

At the beginning of my Journey to Jesus, I wanted Him and the world. I can see now that because of this mode of thinking, I thought the Laws of the Church were too old fashioned and needed changing. Even though I wanted Jesus, His Laws and the Words of Scripture did not fall into my way of life. I did not want to die to myself but I wanted the Church to die to itself so that I could do what I wanted.

Push Jesus to the side

When I look at what is happening within the Church, I see that I was not the only one with these selfish ideas. Man is carving up the Laws of God to become what he wants to hear. I hear priests speak of 'mother god'; that Jesus did not create miracles; that we do not need Confessions; that God does not see our sins but is all love and mercy and that He wants only the best for us. In this 'gospel' according to them, we do not need to fast and there is nothing wrong with contraception or abortion. I could go on forever about the things which I have heard, there are so many. I can recognise

these because they relate to my life and logical thinking, the way it was before I met Jesus. I would do something that I knew was not for the glory of God, namely sin. I would feel the guilt of it. Therefore, I would try to push Jesus to the side so that I did not have to look at Him in my shame. I see this when I look at the Church of today. We all know within our hearts that the things that are going on are against God. I can also see where the guilt is attacking. Jesus, in the Tabernacle, is put to the side or into a room elsewhere so that we do not have to look at Him in our shame or face the lies that are carried out and said about Him.

Only in the dying to our desires

John Paul, our Pope, says one thing and everyone does the opposite. Yet again, we all know with our hearts that Jesus said we must be obedient to the Pope's teachings. He said to Peter, I give you the keys to the Kingdom of My Father; whatever you bind on the earth is bound in Heaven, whatever you loose is loosed in Heaven. We do not want to hear these words so we twist and change them to suit ourselves.

It is hard to look and see the things that I had previously wished for being implemented in these days.

Oh, how blind this world has become.

I have learned in my Journey that Jesus cares nothing for the flesh: it is our souls that He is concerned with and that it is only in the dying to our desires of this world that we can begin to see.



The King of Love Chaplet

Trust Him and surrender

I started praying the King of Love Chaplet about four months ago. I always avoided it like the plague because of the words of this prayer: 'I give Thee my soul to become for Thee a victim of Thy Love.' I feared having a 'Job experience' and didn't feel I could handle pain and suffering. I didn't want to invite the trouble of bereavement, illness etc.

However, in February 2025, I knew I needed to up the ante of my giving to Jesus. We know from reading the Messages that His Approach is imminent, we can feel and see something spiritual has started to snowball.

So I just knew I had to let go, trust Him and surrender to Him a little more.

Love has developed in me

Four months on, I continue to pray it daily at the beginning of my

personal prayer and, to my relief, nothing terrible has happened! Yet, anyway!

In fact, if anything, I feel praying it has been very beneficial! I believe love has developed in me for Jesus and for others! I feel more secure in Him and I look at others more though His Eyes. Sometimes, I have seen hurt and suffering behind someone's actions and felt compassion for them.

I don't know if this is all because I am praying the King of Love Chaplet or not but, in the Message which Jesus gave presenting us with this Chaplet, He did say these very encouraging Words:

"...I tell you that in these Words to Me I shall move hardened hearts to Love Me.

...The Words are given so that many would become souls that are on fire with My Love.

...My Father shall never abandon anyone in life or in death who would say these Words to honour Me as King of Heaven and Earth. Let Love be your joy."

Friday 17 April 1998

Help us get into Heaven

Jesus keeps on telling us to trust Him in the Messages and, by my praying this, I am showing Him that I trust Him, albeit imperfectly. As it tells us in 2 Corinthians 12:9,

Paul asked Jesus to remove the thorn in his flesh, but Jesus told him, "My Grace is sufficient for you, my power is made perfect in weakness!"

Jesus won't give us hardship without giving us the Grace to endure it. We have to trust that these 'terrible things' we fear happening are Gods permissive Will for us to help us get into Heaven. They are crosses, gifts from God to aid our Salvation. Knowing this and feeling happy with it are two different things however.

But what I am catching on to is that there will come a time when we will welcome hardships and sufferings. Just like Saint Francis and the Friars Minor.

Jesus is always there

One day in the Heart of Jesus Prayer Room, at the Sacred Heart House of Prayer, I prayed the Chaplet as usual and, in my imagination, I pictured Jesus' Heart to be like a chamber, a safe refuge, a place of comfort and rest. Jesus is always there waiting on me. He is throwing small sticks on the fire of His Love and keeping it ablaze. He has a hot drink of His Love warmed and ready for me to sup on. He has been waiting for me, preparing for my visit. All so that I can receive comfort, nourishment and stay as long as I want.

He is the faithful Friend who is always there waiting on me to return. I need a moment to believe that He is welcoming me, I who come with my sins, my

failings. Are you sure that I can even approach You, my Lord? And He welcomes me. I am full of noise and apologies, tears and repentance. He is so good and merciful, patient and kind.

Wounds of Jesus

I feel guilty that I have turned up with no gift or what seems like dead flowers, such is my lack of love and service for Him as I go about my duties.

I see the walls of His Heart are lacerated Wounds of Love He has borne for me. I see His Head crowned with thorns for me, His Hands and Feet pierced in Love for me, His Shoulder and Heart opened in Love for me. The little sufferings I have been complaining about shrink into petty, unimportant inconveniences, insignificant in comparison to the Wounds of Jesus which He bears with much Love and patience. I immediately want to pay this King of Love homage. I desire to stoop as low as I can and push my face into the dirt and worship Him. He is such a Good God.

Pierced in love for me

The more time I spend in this chamber, the more my heart melts like butter in the heat of His Love and I can see where this is going. I am becoming putty in His Hands. Here I can be crushed, broken, refashioned, transformed, infused into Him, so that it is no longer I who live but Christ within me. I can see that as I grow in love of Him, I will want to be annihilated, I will want to be His Hands, His Feet, His Lips. I look upon His

Feet, pierced in Love for me, and see that He has need to use mine. His Body is like a wounded animal imprisoned in a snare and He needs our able bodies to become His Tabernacle and shine Him into this world.

Taking seed in my heart is the desire to become a “victim,” “a holocaust,” in appreciation for Him.

A prisoner of Love

Jesus has continuously made Himself vulnerable in our hands, a prisoner of Love longing for our visit. He is God but seems to be at our mercy. He is hungry and we throw Him the scraps of food we don't want.

How He wishes to be set free and just flood the world with His Life giving Streams of Water, quenching the thirst of each person on earth. But we keep Him prisoner by holding back and not loving others, not forgiving,

gossiping – preventing others from loving.

We stop His Love from gushing out.

The more we give

The Sacred Heart is calling us from our lukewarmness, our mediocrity, our sins. The King of Love wants to shine through our hearts:

“...I ask of you to give Me your hearts as you have never done before. I wish to shine through your hearts so that you will be jewels in My Crown. I wish to Love, with an everlasting Love, all whom you meet. I wish to Love My children in this Way for it is a Holy Way, it is My Way. ...I need you to shine...” Sunday 22 July 2012

The more we give, the more He purifies; the more we surrender, the more He uses; the more we love Him, the more He can reach others with His Love.

Thank You, Jesus.

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And the Lamb will Conquer

Silent

On 21 August, we commemorate the 146th year of the Apparition of Knock. Ireland's National Eucharistic and Marian Shrine calls us to be silent and ponder the vision that took place there just after the Irish famine. I recently read about the event and a couple of things stood out to me. The first thing was I found it very comforting to discover that Our Lady Warned of a famine in 1846 at La Salette, then, after the famine, She returned, coming to Ireland. The second thing was Knock's connection to the Holy Souls which I will expand on. The third thing was how Knock bursts with references to Scripture, especially about the Lamb which I will elaborate on at the end.

Holy souls

Knock which was originally called Cnoc, Gaelic for hill, has a connection to the holy souls. Archdeacon Bartholomew Cavanagh was the parish priest at the time. This holy priest was burying thirty to fifty people each day because Ireland was just in recovery from the potato famine. The priest was also concerned about his parishioners joining the secret 'The Ribbon Society,' Freemasons trying to start a

revolution in Ireland, quite like what happened in France and America. Archdeacon Cavanagh spoke out against these libertarians and cautioned his parishioners not to participate. In response to this, these ribbonmen had planned to capture and threaten him.

Archdeacon Cavanaugh decided to call on Heavenly Help and asked his flock to gather in the Church every day to pray with him and offer one hundred Masses on consecutive days to the holy souls so they would intervene and do something about these freemasons. He was also concerned that so many people were dying and he couldn't reach all of them to bring them their last Sacraments. And so these Masses were for those Holy Souls too, to help them into Heaven.

It was after the hundredth Mass that the Apparition took place! Plans to capture the priest were smashed and Knock was never the same again. It became a place of pilgrimage where many came and were healed. Archdeacon Cavanagh's time was now spent recording the many cures.

Queen

There are fifteen witnesses who gave accounts of what they saw. When we read them, they animate

these stationary white statues we see at the Shrine.

“She wore a brilliant crown on her head, and over her forehead where the crown filled the brow, a beautiful rose; the crown appeared brilliant, and of a golden brightness, of a deeper hue...the upper parts of the crown appeared to be a series of sparkles, or glittering crosses...” (Patrick Hill) Mary came to Knock as Queen. This is the only place She has ever appeared as Queen. This leads us to think that the vision is pointing to the future, when all Her Words are fulfilled.

The Lamb

“...On the body of the lamb and around it, I saw golden stars, or small brilliant lights glittering like jets or glass balls, reflecting the light of some luminous body...” (Mary Beirne)

The Lamb on the altar is the dominant subject. There are many references in Scripture to the Lamb, the most prominent being the Passover lamb.

In preparation for their departure from slavery, God gave instructions to His chosen people. Each family had to get an unblemished lamb, at about eight weeks old. It's blood had to be poured over the doorsteps and lintels. It had to be roasted and eaten. Bread had to be unleavened. There was bitter herbs. This Passover meal had to be eaten in haste. Then the Lord would come to Egypt and kill all the firstborn sons and 'passover' the houses which had the blood of the lamb. The Jews would make

their escape too from bondage and be led by God – a cloud by day and a flame by night – through the red sea, into the desert and, eventually, into the promised land.

Each year this Passover meal would be eaten and the story would be told of how the Red Sea parted for the Hebrews and closed on Pharaoh and his soldiers.

It was during this Passover remembrance that Jesus had His Last Supper with His Disciples which was the first Mass, the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood. What Jesus did on Holy Thursday night marries the Old Testament and the New Testament.

The Apparition at Knock happened on a Thursday evening, around 8pm and lasted for an hour and a half. Isn't that fascinating!

The more we ponder this vision and its message, the more it shouts at us.

Here is an explanation of the vision of Knock the Patricks received from Jesus a few years ago:

Writing from the Patricks Knock Shrine, Ireland

We went to Knock Shrine in County Mayo, Ireland the other day. I asked Jesus to explain the meaning of the vision that appeared on the gable wall of the church. Jesus showed me that the most important part of the vision is the Lamb on the altar, with the Cross behind, signifying the Sacrifice of Calvary.

He was Warning the people of Ireland and the world, in the vision,

not to reject His great Sacrifice that was given for all mankind. He showed, through Saint Joseph, that we need to pray earnestly for those who are turning away from God. He showed me that His Mother is standing in supplication, pleading for the children of Ireland and the world to turn away from the evil path that they are now following. Saint John was Warning the people of Ireland and the world that the full force of the Book of Revelations would fall on them if they rejected the Sacrifice of the Lamb.

The vision was to show us to have faith in the Eucharist, the Bread of Life. He was Warning us not to reject the Sacrifice of the Lamb of God who Died for all our sins so that we could have Forgiveness and Eternal Life in Heaven.

He showed me that, if we look, all who are present in the vision are in adoration of the Lamb of God and that we should also be in prayer and adoration of the Lamb. He showed me that the vision is saying: turn away from sin, pray and follow the Lamb of God in Truth.

The Plight of Others

THE PLIGHT OF PAKISTAN

Love is growing cold

There is so much persecution of Christians and humanity around the world that it truly does seem like a hopeless world at times. Saint Paul writes; *“And now there remain faith, hope, and love, these three: but the greatest of these is love.”* 1 Corinthians 13:13

Looking at the world, it seems to have lost its faith and, in turn, there is no hope and now, love is growing cold. Sometimes I think we Christians do not think of others suffering enough. We are caught up in our own busy lives, our own selfish wants and desires. Every life has trials and

difficulties, it can be hard to think of anyone else’s suffering, other than our own. This story was taken from the Aid to the Church in Need website to give a glimpse into some of the struggles our brothers and sisters face every day.

Twelve-year-old

Twelve-year-old Saba was kidnapped and forced to convert and marry her abductor in Pakistan. On 5 January 2025, Saba was seized near her home in the Walton Model Colony No. 2 neighbourhood of Lahore Cantonment, Punjab Province. This is a historically mixed Muslim-Christian area. CCTV

footage showed her being kidnapped by Muhammad Ali, a local man known to the family. Saba's father, Shafique Masih, sought help from the police, but he states that at the time of writing they have done nothing. Mr Masih said: "I'm visiting the police station on a daily basis to plead with them to act, but it seems now that they are not serious in finding my underage daughter." Mr Ali, who has fled the area, claimed that Saba was 18, and had converted to Islam and married him of her own free will.

Saba's family is not alone.

Targeted attacks

These are some of the harsh realities facing our brothers and sisters in Pakistan. In many parts of Pakistan, Christians have not only faced targeted attacks on churches but also suffered repeated harassment, false blasphemy accusations, and discrimination in courts, schools and the workplace. At the UN, experts have expressed concern over a rise in the number of underage girls from Christian, and other religious minority backgrounds, kidnapped, forced to convert and marry. However, there is faith, hope and love as Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is standing in solidarity with persecuted and suffering Christians in the country.

Where is our love?

Where is our love? Let us unite our prayers and sufferings to help our brothers and sisters in Pakistan and around the world, especially these young girls who face such a horrible future that is out of their

control. Our prayers, our dying to self can help these poor souls. Just as Saint Thérèse of Lisieux is known as the Patron Saint of Missionaries, despite not having left the convent, we, too, can do our bit, no matter where we are in the world, for our brothers and sisters who suffer daily. Through our prayers and sacrifices, Jesus can achieve much to help these persecuted people.

Sunday 16 February 1992

"...Did I not Command you to love one another as yourself? Come now, little children, I beg you - go out into your streets and minister My Love to My little ones. They cry to Me daily in their hunger, their suffering. Do it for Me, children; you who are supposed to be My leaders. You sit as though you were only to love yourself. Clean up your own hearts, then you will have room there to see into the lives of others. Place yourself in their shoes and you will see. Have I not created you to love in My image? What are you doing, My children? Come, look past your own eyes and into the suffering face of humanity. Go out and look for all of the suffering, the sick, the needy, the lonely and even the sinner. You have been given Love in your own hearts - use it. Do not let My Love return to Me unused. Come, children, it is My Will that you do these things. I did not create you to sit in high places and love yourselves. Look around you, creation, see the unlove that is in this world..."



The Immaculate Heart of Mary



August

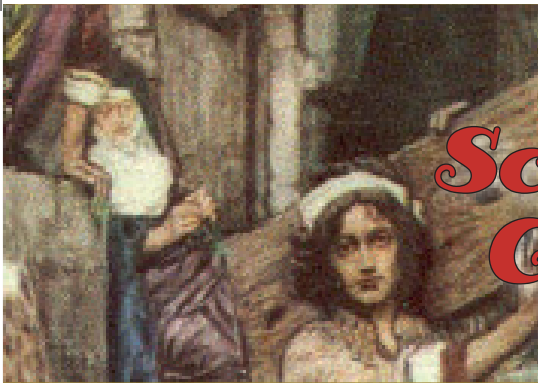
The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Since the 16th century, Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her Divine Son), virtue and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue. Just as the Sacred Heart represents Christ's love for mankind, the Immaculate Heart represents the desire of the Blessed Virgin to bring all people to her Son.

Five First Saturdays

This devotion has received new emphasis in this century from the visions given to Lucy Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima, in her convent in Tuy, in Spain, in 1925 and 1926. In the visions Our Lady asked for the practice of the Five First Saturdays to help make amends for the offenses committed against her heart by the blasphemies and ingratitude of men. The practice parallels the devotion of the Nine First Fridays in honour of the Sacred Heart.

During the second world war Pope Pius XII put the whole world under the special protection of our Saviour's Mother by consecrating it to her Immaculate Heart and in 1944 he decreed that in the future the whole Church should celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is not a new devotion. In the seventeenth century, St. John Eudes preached it together with that of the Sacred Heart; in the nineteenth century, Pius VII and Pius IX allowed several churches to celebrate a feast of the Pure Heart of Mary. Pius XII instituted today's feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the whole Church, so as to obtain by her intercession "peace among nations, freedom for the Church, the conversion of sinners, the love of purity and the practice of virtue" (Decree of May 4, 1944). On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart. Let us remember this devotion year-round, but particularly through the month of August...

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Song of the Carpenter

The following is a serialisation of the 'Song of the Carpenter,' a novel inspired by Jesus and written down by the two Patricks. It is about the Life of Jesus and is full of spiritual teachings as well as a simply fantastic read.

If you cannot wait to read it all, then you can order it from the Sacred Heart House of Prayer. It costs £6.99.

Jerusalem, the city of God on earth; they could see it before them. They approached south by the Valley of Hinnom and they could smell the refuse and the dead animals that continually burned and rotted there. Smoke from the fires wafted up into the still air of mid morning, burning, continually burning, all that was the waste of a city. Only those who were poor came near this Gehenna searching in the mounds for any tasty morsel of food.

As they wound their way down to the Essene Gate keeping a good distance from the fires and the smell, Mary noticed that Jesus was not walking beside her, nor was he with Joseph who led the donkey in front of her. She looked around, peeling her eyes for sight of her child.

She saw him some distance back up the hill. She was about to call his name when she saw that he was in no danger but he was looking. She called to Joseph to wait and walked quietly up the hill again to retrieve her son. He stood there looking over Jerusalem; his face was bright with joy. He heard her approach and smiled at her. Mary knelt on the stony, hot earth and pulled him to her. He nestled his head on her breast and pointed in the direction of the Temple.

"Abba, mama, Abba." he said.

Mary looked at her son, puzzled. She looked at the Temple and back at him. "What did you say, my son?"

The boy spoke excitedly, "Daddy, my daddy."

Looking north from the Essene Gate, it was impossible not to see in the distance along the Kidron Valley the latest crucifixions that the Romans had performed. These were thieves and murderers or deserters, indeed anyone who crossed the path of the Romans the wrong way. They would hang on their cross until they died. Little attention was paid to them unless it was someone who was infamous and had made a name for themselves in the public

eye, then the people of the City would gather in groups to watch the spectacle. The victim's family would sometimes be allowed to stay with the victim, depending on the mood of the soldiers who were on duty.

For a Jew, it was a deep shame to hang upon a tree and this scene of crucifixion was a sign to the world of the occupation of the Romans who had little respect for the Jewish God. For Yahweh had told them: '...his body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; for he that is hanged is accursed of God; that thy land be not defiled, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.' First the victim would be flogged to hasten eventual death then he would be made to carry the cross to the site of crucifixion. Some were simply tied to the cross and left to die of starvation. Those who were nailed would be offered a drink of sour wine to help deaden the pain. Charitable women in Jerusalem usually provided this.

The criminal would be placed on a length of wood with a crosspiece for the arms. The feet rested on a tablet or block of wood and Roman soldiers would then nail the feet either together with one nail or with two. Nails would be driven into each hand and to secure the body further and stop it from falling forward, the arms would then be tied with rope to the crossbeam.

Death was intense and agonizing. The jagged wounds made by the

nails and the whips would swell which resulted in inflammation and fever. The heat of the sun would aggravate the fever causing an insufferable thirst. The arteries of the head and stomach were surcharged with blood and a throbbing headache would ensue. With the body in trauma the mind would become confused and filled with anxiety and dread. At some stage convulsions would begin to send tremors through the body tearing at the wounds, adding more pain to the already pain racked body. The body would become exhausted and finally the victim would become unconscious and death was not far away. Depending on the victim, the death of crucifixion might last thirty-six hours. Sometimes death was hastened by breaking the legs. At other times a hard blow to the chest near the armpit would be given, again to hasten death.

Continued next month



Wisdom

John Paul II

THE REDEMPTION OF THE BODY AND SACRAMENTALITY OF MARRIAGE (THEOLOGY OF THE BODY)

From the Weekly Audiences of His Holiness John Paul II
from 5 September 1974 - 28 November 1984

Analysis of the Biblical Account of Creation

Last Wednesday we began this series of reflections on the reply Christ gave to his questioners on the subject of the unity and indissolubility of marriage. As we recall, the Pharisees who questioned him appealed to the Mosaic Law. However, Christ went back to the "beginning," quoting the words of Genesis.

The "beginning" in this case concerns what one of the first pages of Genesis treats. If we wish to analyze this reality, we must undoubtedly direct our attention first of all to the text. The words which Christ spoke in his talk with the Pharisees, found in Matthew 19 and Mark 10, constitute a passage which in its turn is set in a well-defined context, without reference to which they can neither be understood nor correctly interpreted.

This context is provided by the words, "Have you not read that the Creator from the beginning made them male and female...?" (Mt 19:4). It referred to the so-

called first account of the creation of man inserted in the seven day cycle of the creation of the world (cf. Gn 1:1-2, 4). However, the context nearest to the other words of Christ, taken from Genesis 2:24, is the so-called second account of the creation of man (Gn 2:5-25). But indirectly it is the entire third chapter of Genesis.

The second account of the creation of man forms a conceptual and stylistic unity with the description of original innocence, man's happiness, and also his first fall. Granted the specific content of Christ's words taken from Genesis 2:24, one could also include in the context at least the first phrase of the fourth chapter of Genesis, which treats of the conception and birth of man from earthly parents. That is what we intend to do in the present analysis.

From the point of view of biblical criticism, it is necessary to mention immediately that the first account of man's creation is chronologically later than the second, whose origin is much more remote. This more ancient text

is defined as "Yahwist" because the term "Yahweh" is used to name God. It is difficult not to be struck by the fact that the image of God presented there has quite considerable anthropomorphic traits. Among others, we read that "...the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life" (Gn 2:7).

In comparison with this description, the first account, that is, the one held to be chronologically later, is much more mature both as regards the image of God, and as regards the formulation of the essential truths about man. This account derives from the priestly and "Elohist" tradition, from "Elohim," the term used in that account for God.

In this narration man's creation as male and female - to which Jesus referred in his reply according to Matthew 19 - is inserted into the seven day cycle of the creation of the world. A cosmological character could especially be attributed to it. Man is created on earth together with the visible world. But at the same time the Creator orders him to subdue and have dominion over the earth (cf. Gn 1:28); therefore he is placed over the world. Even though man is strictly bound to the visible world, the biblical narrative does not speak of his likeness to the rest of creatures, but only to God. "God created man in his own image; in the image of God he created him..." (Gn 1:27). In the seven day cycle of creation

a precise graduated procedure is evident. However, man is not created according to a natural succession. The Creator seems to halt before calling him into existence, as if he were pondering within himself to make a decision: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..." (Gn 1:26).

The level of that first account of man's creation, even though chronologically later, is especially of a theological character. An indication of that is especially the definition of man on the basis of his relationship with God. "In the image of God he created him." At the same time it affirms the absolute impossibility of reducing man to the world. Already in the light of the first phrases of the Bible, man cannot be either understood or explained completely in terms of categories taken from the "world," that is, from the visible complex of bodies. Notwithstanding this, man also is corporeal. Genesis 1:27 observes that this essential truth about man referred both to the male and the female: "God created man in his image...male and female he created them." It must be recognized that the first account is concise, and free from any trace whatsoever of subjectivism. It contains only the objective facts and defines the objective reality, both when it speaks of man's creation, male and female, in the image of God, and when it adds a little later the words of the first blessing: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth; subdue it and have dominion

over it" (Gn 1:28).

The first account of man's creation, which, as we observed, is of a theological nature, conceals within itself a powerful metaphysical content. Let it not be forgotten that this text of Genesis has become the source of the most profound inspirations for thinkers who have sought to understand "being" and "existence." (Perhaps only the third chapter of Exodus can bear comparison with this text.) Notwithstanding certain detailed and plastic expressions of the passage, man is defined there, first of all, in the dimensions of being and of existence ("esse"). He is defined in a way that is more metaphysical than physical.

To this mystery of his creation, ("In the image of God he created him"), corresponds the perspective of procreation, ("Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth"), of that becoming in the world and in time, of that fieri which is necessarily bound up with the metaphysical situation of creation: of contingent being (contingens). Precisely in this metaphysical context of the description of Genesis 1, it is necessary to understand the entity of the good, namely, the aspect of value. Indeed, this aspect appears in the cycle of nearly all the days of creation and reaches its culmination after the creation of man: "God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good" (Gn 1:31). For this reason it can be said with certainty that the first chapter of Genesis has established an unassailable

point of reference and a solid basis for a metaphysic and also for an anthropology and an ethic, according to which ens et bonum convertuntur (being and the good are convertible). Undoubtedly, all this also has a significance for theology, and especially for the theology of the body.

At this point let us interrupt our considerations. In a week's time we shall deal with the second account of creation. According to biblical scholars, it is chronologically more ancient. The expression "theology of the body" just now used deserves a more exact explanation, but we shall leave that for another occasion. First, we must seek to examine more closely that passage of Genesis which Christ had recourse to.

Continued next month

"...I would urge you not to be afraid to accept the Lord's challenges that are contained in the Holy Scriptures.

Let every step that you take be towards Him. Before that you do anything, spend time in silence with Him. Go to your heart and He will be waiting for you. Make your heart a hermitage of silence, a tabernacle where Jesus can reside. He does not need anything rich within it, just the pureness and simplicity of your heart, meeting Him as a little child..."

*~Saint Clare of Assisi
to the two Patricks*

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OBEDIENCE

Importance of Obedience

Jesus has often spoken in His Messages about the importance of obedience to the things that He has asked for in the House of Prayer. He has given Rules for us to follow and has asked us to be obedient to them. He has said *“I would ask that prayer and obedience be the Heart of My House.”*

Reading the Old Testament, you can find many examples of things going wrong when the people were not obedient to the Laws that God gave them.

From the first act of disobedience, when Adam and Eve ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil that God forbade them to eat of, many examples of disobedience followed in Gods chosen people, Israel.

Freed from slavery

After being freed from slavery in Egypt, Moses sent spies to scout the Promised Land. Ten of the twelve spies brought back a negative report, causing the people to fear and rebel against Gods Command to enter the land. As a result, God decreed that this generation would not enter the Promised Land and would wander in the wilderness

for forty years, one year for each day the spies explored the land. Even Moses, who was a faithful servant, disobeyed God. God told Moses and Aaron to go and speak to a rock, and it would produce water for the Israelites to drink. However, Moses struck the rock twice with his staff and water came out.

The rock produced water for the people to drink, but Moses had disobeyed God’s specific directions. Because of their disobedience, God did not allow Moses and Aaron to lead the Israelites into the promised land.

Only two men of the original spies, Caleb and Joshua, were allowed to cross over to the Promised Land.

You have done foolishly

Another example of disobedience is the story of the first King, Saul, who with his army facing the Philistine Army, had been instructed to await seven days for the arrival of the Prophet Samuel before making any sacrificial offerings. As the seventh day approached, Saul’s troops became increasingly anxious and began to scatter. Saul took matters into his own hands and offered a religious sacrifice himself, a task reserved

for the priestly class, the Levites. This was a clear violation of Gods Laws regarding worship. Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time. But now your kingdom will not endure;" (1 Samuel 13:13-14).

To obey is better than sacrifice
Also, God had instructed Saul to completely destroy the Amalekites including their livestock as a form of divine judgment for their past sins against Israel. However, Saul fails to fully carry out Gods command. He spares King Agag and the best of the livestock. Saul blames his people asserting that they spared the best animals to sacrifice to God. Samuel's response exposes Saul's disobedience "Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams" (1 Samuel 15:22)

If obedience is lacking

Many saints have spoken on the importance of obedience. Saint Thomas Aquinas said "Obedience unites us so closely to God that in a way transforms us into Him, so that we have no other will but His. If obedience is lacking, even prayer cannot be pleasing to God."

Obedience is the key

In the book "Their Robes Washed White", Saint Francis gave the following advice "He (Jesus) is Teaching you the way to combat

the father of lies in the same way He Taught me when I was upon this earth. Obedience is the key to your Journey. Be obedient at all times. Do not question but obey then you shall see the Truth of Love."



Saint Faustina

Jesus gave Saint Faustina many teachings on obedience:

"My daughter, know that you give Me greater glory by a single act of obedience than by long prayers and mortifications." (894)

"when you are obedient I take away your weakness and replace it with My strength." (381) (Diary of St Faustina)

Obedient to death

Jesus, Himself, showed us the Way of Obedience. In Philippians 2:8, Paul writes, "And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross." This passage highlights the extent of Christ's obedience through His willingness to endure the ultimate sacrifice for the sake of humanity.

His perfect obedience

Through His perfect obedience, Christ accomplished what Adam

failed to do, thus reversing the curse of sin and death brought about by Adam's disobedience. Romans 5:19 states, "For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the One Man the many will be made righteous." Here, Paul contrasts the disobedience of Adam with the obedience of Christ, illustrating the transformative power of Christ's submission to God's Will.

His Will is for us

Jesus' obedience serves as a model

for all His believers, calling us to live lives of submission to God's Will. His Will is for us to obey His Commandments and to love Him with all our hearts and souls, and to serve and love His children. Jesus has so often asked us to die to ourselves. In doing this, we will surely be able to follow Jesus in being obedient and making our will conform to God's Will in everything we do in life. Please, Jesus, Teach me to be obedient so I may please You and love You more.



Letters to the HoP



Good for the soul

Dear Friends,

I enclose a cheque... as a subscription to the Magazine "An Invitation to love Jesus" which also includes a donation for some more copies of the large window posters entitled 'Mary, Patron of the Aborted' if still available.

Your Magazine is good for the soul.

May God continue to Bless it and you.

With thanks and prayers,

Sincerely,

Eileen

The Love of Jesus

Please find cheque for donation that you may continue your great

work of promoting 'the Love of Jesus' for us, also for promoting the Pro-Life work.

God Bless

Mary

It has taught me to trust

Dear friends in Christ,

Thanking you for the Newsletters, ever so grateful. It has taught me to trust in the Lord no matter what the trials and circumstances might be. I couldn't forget the Month of June, of the Sacred Heart. I am enclosing ... in this letter in thanksgiving with lots of love to the two Patricks and all those who help at the House of Prayer.

Yvonne.

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Events to Come

**Saturday
9 August**
**FEAST OF SAINT
TERESA BENEDICTA
OF THE CROSS
(EDITH STEIN)**
*Prayers begin
at 12noon*

**Friday
5 September**
**FEAST OF
SAINT TERESA
OF CALCUTTA**
*Prayers begin
at 12noon*

**Sunday
8 September**
MARY'S BIRTHDAY
Prayers begin at 3pm



**Monday
11
August**
**FEAST
OF
SAINT
CLARE OF ASSISI**
Prayers begin at 12noon



**FIRST FRIDAY
VIGILS**
from 10pm - 2am:
5
September
and
3 October
2025



**Sunday
14 September**
**THE EXALTATION
AND TRIUMPH OF
THE CROSS**
*Prayers begin
at 3pm*

Feast of the Assumption
**Day of Prayer
Against Abortion**
Friday 15 August 2025
Prayers begin at 12noon

Walk Against Abortion
Saturday 16 August at 2.45pm



**Tuesday
23 September**
**FEAST OF
SAINT PIO**
*Prayers begin
at 12noon*

**Monday
29 September**
**FEAST OF THE
ARCHANGELS**
*Prayers begin
at 12noon*



The New Me

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Clinging to
The me I knew
And running from,
To find the new.
Journey, one-way,
forces

Chemo brain
phenomena,
Overtaking,
overwhelming,
Journey through
dementia.

A Helter Skelter,
Corkscrew time,
I'm not in between
Nor up, nor down.
From all I know
Pulled far apart,
Of kith and kin
alike,
The Journey tears
the heart.
Journey to the

battleground,
Ebb and flow of
silent thought,
A different world
is found

Not sought.
Cancer, in its
wake,
Leaves nothing of
the old.

The cure, a
changing lake,
Fire and poison
take their toll.
Heartbeat noting
time
Another me
appears.
Upright, finding
ground,
The old me
disappears.