

## Message from Mary Queen of Peace and a reflection by Fr. Francisco Angel Verar Hernandez

**<Dear children, I invite you again: begin your fight against sin as you did in the first days, go to confession and opt for holiness. The love of God will flow to the world through you, peace will rule in your hearts and the Blessing from God shall fill you. I am with you, and I intercede for all of you before My Son Jesus. Thank you for having answered my call! >**

Let us not forget that the most important message that the Mother brings is always her daily presence, in as much that up to date, three visionaries continue with the daily apparition. And let us remember, that the Virgin appears to the visionaries not because they have more qualities or bigger signs of holiness than other human beings, but rather because She wants to carry a great message to mankind. Do not forget that. Therefore, even though we have the message on the 25<sup>th</sup>. of each month and the 2<sup>nd</sup>., **the Mother appears every day for all of us**, and even if we do not see her, nor do we have a daily spoken message. The apparition in itself is already a message for the world and for the Church.

### **One. To begin again is to decide for love.**

This month – as it frequently happens in the messages from the Mother-, her words conforms to the liturgical time we live on in preparation for the 2014 Pascal season. Observe that She has said: **< Dear children, I invite you again: begin your fight against sin as you did in the first days, go to confession and opt for holiness.>** **Begin your fight against sin** is becoming aware of the importance that holiness has, because whoever is interested to **<initiate>** to truly combat sin, is the same one who has taken holiness seriously; he or she will feel that he or she is always **<initiating>**, and has not lost his or her Christian vocation. As it occurs in fact, in a marriage that have many years together and have never stopped loving each other: many a times they will feel as if they are **<initiating> their relationship**. This is what love does. Or with priests and religious, that have been consecrated to the Lord for years and they have not stopped living their vocation to the fullest: surely. They must feel, that they are **beginning**, because the only thing that does not age in the human being is love. It is impossible for love to age! Because we have an unlimited capacity to love, and from that, the vocation to matrimony, to consecrated life and to all other Christian vocations depend. The problem surfaces when we stop loving, when the souls stop to feel that they are **<initiating>**, it is then when we fall into the antithesis of love, of that **beginning**, which is the **routine**. Then the Mother –if she appears daily – She must speak and correct her children, meaning: <do not stop loving>, <always begin>. Pay attention to her words: **<Dear children, I invite you again: begin your fight against sin as you did in the first days>** It is like She was saying: <do not age spiritually>, <do not despair>, <do not stop loving>, <do not fall into a routine>. Then, is the message for this month the Mother asks for a true spiritual renewal for those who follow her messages. It is a calling to go back to the first love. In fact She should not have spoken so if everyone lived her messages. However, the Mother knows that some fail, get discouraged, stop loving...Then, She goes back to the theme of conversion: **<Dear children, I invite you again: begin your fight against sin as you did in the first days>**. Let us remember how She wants us to be holy, and, without the decision to fight against sin, there is no holiness. Then, **to start again** is to opt for love, because one who is not capable of loving, is not capable to **start again**. Married people know this and

so do the consecrated. And the same occurs to put into practice what the Virgin asks: we have to love Her, because if we do not love Her, you cannot obey Her.

## **Two. To fight against sin is deciding for a well made confession.**

In the message the Virgin asks that we come to **confession** to fight against sin. We know that many people do not confess with the priest because they say they do it directly with God; which is not enough. At all times the Mother wants that all come to the Sacrament, because confessing directly with God, the graces of the sacrament instituted by Christ are not received. It is just like if someone were to refuse to go to communion because they eat bread at home, and the difference between the bread eaten at home and the Body Christ received at communion, is huge: One is a Sacrament the other is not. The same goes with Confession before a priest and ask for forgiveness directly to God one is a Sacrament (confession) the other is not. When people do not go to confession they harm themselves and they know it. Just as the one who harms him or herself by rather not going to communion, or going to communion without going to confession. Not going to confession is a sort of spiritual suicide, it is ending life, because Scriptures clearly tell us: **<the pay for sin is death>** and the way God has to forgive our sins is through the sacrament of confession. He or she who does not confess does not receive this grace; lives in sin; even if their conscience does not warn them.

To an atheist or an agnostic, their consciences will not warn them to go to confession, because, simply put, they do not believe in God. And since they do not believe in Him, they will not believe that God will pardon their sins. But those who do believe in God and believe that God can forgive their sins must go to the priest, that is whom God placed on earth to forgive sins, and the believer must not behave as an atheist. That is why the Mother says: **<begin your fight against sin as you did in the first days, go to confession and opt for holiness>** Then, going to confession is deciding to change and defeat sin. But going to confession, is also letting yourself be enamored by God, because no person feels more loved when the person feels forgiven by that who she or he failed to. This is what happens in the relationship between God and us: when we feel that He loves us the most, is when HE manifests His forgiveness. Keep in mind that, it is through reconciliation that the love between two persons grows: those who love the most are not those who have offended one another less, but rather those who have experienced forgiveness (reconciliation) after having hurt each other. Only that in our relationship with God, the only ones that fail are us, because He will never fail us. Therefore making a good confession is to come nearer to the love of God. And the more the soul opens up to the priest in confession- and it is more sincere with Him-, more strongly will the soul experience the love of God. That is why that whoever goes to confession must do so without a mask, this is to say: without any reservation and telling the whole truth; to intensely experience the love of God. It is that: God is Love and in His forgiveness His love finds our love. That is why we must proceed without fear; and love expels fear. Then, the Mother wants the Pascal feast of her Son prepared with a good confession; that we give her that gift. There is no better way to demonstrate our love to God than by telling the whole truth to the priest HE chose to forgive our sins. The saints were not those who did not sin, but rather the ones who knew how to get up after having offended God. Remember that even the Pope has invited the entire Church to celebrate confession, instituting during this Lent, 24 hours of reconciliation where the Pope himself will be offering the Sacrament of Forgiveness. Pope Francis pointed out that we could call it the

**“feast of forgiveness”** because **“the forgiveness that God gives us must be celebrated, as did the father in the Parable of the prodigal son, that when the son returned home, the father had a party, forgiving all the son’s sins. It will be the feast of forgiveness.”** The idea from the Pope is, that beginning at 17:00 hours of March 28, during 24 hours, at least one church in every diocese will remain open to allow all those who want it, to come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to Eucharistic Adoration.

What a blessing! Mary and the Pope tell us the same; all we have to do is respond.

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