

January 17, 2021

Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

We now enter into the liturgical cycle referred to as the "Ordinary" weeks of the year. This Church season is really an extension of the season of Epiphany because Jesus continued to reveal His Divinity throughout His 3-year public ministry about which we read and reflect in the gospel each Sunday during this time. Jesus' entire life and ministry was about revealing God to the world, in Him and through Him, by His teaching, His preaching, His healing, His driving out of demons, His many miracles. Ordinary time also recalls the time of the Church after Pentecost. In ordinary time, we are reminded that the work of the Holy Spirit to reveal God to the world is supposed to continue through the lives of every baptized Christian. How are you revealing Jesus to the world in your daily life?

One of those ways of revealing Jesus in our world today is to remind others around us that God created us to love Him and every person on the face of the earth. This past week (and the past year or so) has been a time of great unrest and upheaval in people's hearts. It has sometimes spilled out into confusion, hatred, and even, too often, vandalism and violence. Obviously, as Christians, it should really go without saying, that, as Jesus said, we are to "love our enemies, and pray for those who persecute us". That is not the attitude of unbelievers in our world today who seek to bring discord and division into our society. We are called to participate in the political process with respect, integrity, truthfulness, and charity. Of course, the Church has never condoned anything evil and we never will, however, Christians must also be an influence of truth and goodness in our society and never back away from bringing the Light of Christ to all situations. May we pray for all the citizens of our land, especially those with evil intentions, that they would convert to God and change their ways. May the Lord give us peace during this week of transition in our government and enlighten our leaders to follow the Father's will for all people and to put the true good of those they serve first in their intentions when governing. Please keep in mind that our public Holy Hours of adoration for the country and the world continue to be offered at a parish in the collaborative each day. Please come to pray with us at one of these Holy Hours very soon. The answer to the unrest in human hearts is intense faith, hope, love, prayer and spiritual sacrifice to avert the darkness that seems to surround us. May Christ and His Blessed Mother intervene to save our country and the world!

To that end, Inauguration Week also brings the anniversary of the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision of the SCOTUS that legalized abortion in the land. Our bishops for the last many years have designated January 22 as a Day of Penance and Prayer for the legal protection of all human life. Please join Catholics and others of goodwill in keeping this Friday as a day of penance and prayer that God would enlighten all people to always respect and protect the great gift of human life. Please see the information in this bulletin regarding how we are asked to keep this day as Catholics.

As promised, we continue to reflect upon private revelation that calls all of us to turn back to God and convert to avoid the sufferings that come to humankind when we become evil and turn away from God and each other. As also promised, we are introducing a new anonymous "seer" from our country whose message from the 1990's fits very well with where we are today in our country right now. May the prophetic words from heaven lead us to prayer, repentance, spiritual sacrifice, and love and concern for the good and salvation of every person:

## Why An Unlikely Soul?

A North-American man, who wishes to remain anonymous, and whom we will call Walter, was once obnoxiously loud, braggadocious, and mocked the Catholic Faith, even to the point of ripping his mother's rosary beads out of her praying hands, scattering them across the floor. Then he went through a profound conversion.

One day, his friend and co-worker, Aaron, who had recently undergone a conversion in Medjugorje, handed Walter a book of Mary's Medjugorje messages. Taking them with him to the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament during his lunch break from his job as a real-estate broker, he devoured the messages and quickly became a different man.

Soon afterwards, he announced to Aaron, "There's a decision I have to make in my life. I need to decide if I should consecrate my life to the Mother of God."

"That's great, Walter," Aaron responded, "but it's 9 a.m., and we have work to do. We can talk about that later."

"No, I need to make that decision right now," and Walter took off.

An hour later, he walked back into Aaron's office with a smile on his face and said, "I did it!"

"You did what?"

"I consecrated my life to Our Lady."

Thus began an adventure with God and Our Lady that Walter could never have dreamed of. While Walter was driving home from work one day, an intense feeling in his chest, like a heartburn that didn't hurt, suddenly overwhelmed him. It was a sensation of pleasure so strong that he wondered if he would have a heart attack, and so he pulled off the freeway. Then he heard a voice that he believed was God the Father: "The Blessed Mother has chosen you to be used as an instrument of God. It will bring you great trials and great suffering. Are you willing to accept this?" Walter didn't know what this meant—only that he was being asked to be used somehow as God's instrument. Walter agreed. Not long after that, Our Lady began to speak to him, especially after he received Holy Communion. Walter would hear her voice through interior locutions—in words as clear to him as his own—and she began to guide, shape, and teach him. Soon Our Lady began to speak through him to a weekly prayer group that grew and grew.

Now these messages, which encourage, shape, challenge, and fortify the faithful remnant of these times, the end times, are available to the world. Collectively, they are available in the book: *She Who Shows the Way: Heaven's Messages for Our Turbulent Times*. The messages, which been scrutinized thoroughly by several priests and found free of all doctrinal error, are wholeheartedly endorsed by Archbishop Emeritus Ramón C. Argüelles of Lipa.

## **A Great Turning Point in the Fate of Your Nation**

Our Lady to An Unlikely Soul on August 4, 1993:

This message is one of many locutions given to a weekly prayer group. Now the messages are being shared with the world:

*Beautiful children of God, it is I, your Mother, who speaks with you now. I love you all, and I bring you my Son's love. We are joyful in your obedience and your trust. Great storms are building, my children. You see them as surely as you see the sunrise. This wisdom comes not from yourselves but as a gift from the Father. Speak the truth boldly. Defend your faith. Do this with discretion. Trust your conscience to guide you in these matters, and always rest assured that I am near. For my help, all you need do is open your hearts in prayer. A great turning point in the fate of your nation and its faith in God will soon be upon you, and I ask you all to pray and offer your sufferings in this cause.*

*In your personal lives, my children, you must pray for those that will not; you must love for those that cannot; you must have hope for those that will not. I have told you many times to mortify [1] yourselves, to offer these as gifts to the Father; and I ask you to continue in this manner. But look to the little ones [small mortifications]: holding the tongue when you desire to chastise, small little favors, the sufferings of unjust comments or behavior, giving up a desirable morsel of food, or helping a poor person. These are the little flowers that fill the garden. The beautiful rose bushes full of thorns are supplied well enough by God, my children. Concern yourself with the little flowers, those that collect all the dew and absorb the rain and the sun. I love you all, and I leave you with my Maternal blessing and offer of support. Good-bye, my children.*

## **Many of you will witness the joyous return of my Son.**

Our Lady to An Unlikely Soul on October 28, 1992:

This message is one of many locutions given to a weekly prayer group. Now the messages are being shared with the world:

*My children, come to me now. Send your hearts to me as little children. Run to me. I throw my arms about you. I give you all kisses of great joy. The Rosary today was most beautiful, my children, especially your consecration. Your voices together in unity raise the spirits of heaven. Continue in this way. Do you see your hearts, my children, around me? They are the innocent little children you once were. I love you all so dearly. You are my little army of joy and love. You are beginning to shine. You will shine so that the whole world will see. Rest peacefully in my arms, my children. The love you share with one another you must take with you always. The enemy is always near. He incites rebellion and jealousy. He incites division and confusion. When you are together in my arms, his weakness is evident. As I comfort you, smile and rejoice. His time is ending. His time is coming to a close. You all know, and you've seen the suffering he has caused. You've seen the suffering that the rebellion of man has caused.*

*What is this rebellion, my children? Can you feel this rebellion? It is a lack of love for the Father, a love for the Creator, a love that is manifest by obeying His Word and His Law. How many say they love the Father or they love my Son, but do not heed their words? For these children, we all must pray, because they truly are children. They are in the dark . . . they are in the dark, my children. You all remember, as children, the fear of the dark, the desire for light. This is in all of you; this is in all of your hearts. Woe to those who don't seek the light, who purposely avoid the light, whose souls cling to despair and to*

*shadow. There are many lost children, like these, who will not know the joy of being in my arms. For all these lost children, pray, because many will be saved. Those who truly search, those who truly look with their hearts for my Son, in the end, will be found . . . will be saved. My Son is truly the Good Shepherd. Hold me, my children. Cling tightly to me. The enemy's reign is about over. Many of you will witness the joyous return of my Son. Many of you here will witness the joyous return with me. His glory and power will be evident to all mankind. The time of peace and joy is afoot, my children. Rejoice! Rejoice, and go forth with love and with hope. When I come to you in this way, I bring many graces. My instructions for you? Read the Gospel, my children. My Son speaks to you all there. All the instruction you need is there. He left those words out of love for you, a love that is incomparable, as is His Word. Search for Him there. I will continue to come to you, my children, to give you support and love, to bring graces from heaven, to increase virtues in you. You will be my victorious army. Run along now, my children. Go and play. Go and work. Go about your business; but love one another. Deny the enemy inroads into your spirit. I love you all so much. I see My Son smile.*

Taken from: <https://www.countdowntothekingdom.com/why-an-unlikely-soul/#messages>

Please consider praying the following prayers each day for our country. If you wish to commit more seriously to prayer for the world by being part of a spiritual movement called Auxilium Christianorum please visit: <https://usgraceforce.com/auxilium-christianorum-novena-january-12-20/>

## **Pray each day:**

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

### **R. Who made Heaven and Earth.**

Most gracious Virgin Mary, thou who wouldst crush the head of the serpent, protect us from the vengeance of the evil one. We offer our prayers, supplications, sufferings and good works to thee so that thou may purify them, sanctify them and present them to thy Son as a perfect offering. May this offering be given so that the demons that influence or seek to influence the members of the Auxilium Christianorum do not know the source of their expulsion and blindness. Blind them so that they know not our good works. Blind them so that they know not on whom to take vengeance. Blind them so that they may receive the just sentence for their works. Cover us with the Precious Blood of thy Son so that we may enjoy the protection which flows from His Passion and Death. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Michael Prayer. Guardian Angel Prayer. Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory Be.

May all in our country turn their hearts back to God and may He save our beloved country and all her people!

In the Immaculate Conception, the Patroness of our Land,  
Fr. Derda, Fr. Steve, Deacon Russ & Deacon Ed