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Important Message from Fr. Luca Pescatori

Dear Members of the MMP,

The safety provisions for public health issued by the governments of many countries, and the decisions made by many Episcopal Conferences following the spread of the COVID-19 virus, limit the possibility of meeting in public places and also in churches, to avoid the possibility of contagion. This is sometimes making it difficult to meet for the Cenacles in those countries.

There is sometimes the temptation to be content to say “we can’t have cenacles” instead of asking “how can we have a cenacle in this situation?” ...

On June 10, 1987 our Blessed Mother told us,

“I am calling all the children of the Church to gather together with me in cenacles of unceasing prayer. Most of all I desire that the holy rosary be recited often, particularly by the little ones, by the sick, by the poor and by sinners. Surround the world with the chain of the rosary in order to obtain grace and mercy for all. Multiply your cenacles of prayer.” (#356, June 10, 1987)

Already in 1974 she had taught us: “It is not necessary that they come together in great numbers: even two or three are enough. These gatherings must constitute real and true cenacles (...) For it is then that I myself accomplish in them my maternal task of interceding before God for all my children.” (#34, January 17, 1974)

At this time when attention to public health must limit our possibilities, I ask you then to remember the great value of the

Cenacles for the Church and for the world, not to lose the gift and not to miss the grace of the Cenacle. Multiply them wherever and whenever possible and – when it is not possible to meet as before – temporarily transform the regional, diocesan and parish Cenacles into many family or priest cenacles, so that no one misses the request and expectations of our Heavenly Mother. When it is not possible to leave the house or reach other members of the MMP in other cities, then pray the rosary all together at the same time, reading the same message and renewing the Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in spiritual union among you and with all the members of the MMP in the world. You can also try to make a cenacle via phone or video calls with Skype and Whatsapp.

The Cenacles are a gift of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for our time, and with them we are always united with Her to invoke the gift of the Holy Spirit, in this special and difficult Hour of Grace.

March 8, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Luca Pescatori".

Fr. Luca Pescatori
and the Spiritual Council of the MMP

FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR



March 19, 2020
Solemnity of St. Joseph

Dear brothers and sisters of the MMP,

2019 was a very busy year for me in my first year as National Director of the Marian Movement of Priests for our country, and I am very grateful to you for your support and prayers!

I. Lots of Travel

I was able to go to the following cities and towns to conduct Cenacles: The Bronx and Queens in New York City (Spanish); Omaha, Nebraska; Urbandale (Des Moines) and Neola in Iowa; Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Francisco, Santa Clara and East Palo Alto in California; Reno, Fallon and Las Vegas in Nevada; Cayey, Jayuya, Aguada and Lares in Puerto Rico (Spanish); and also in the Caribbean by special invitation and permission – Nassau in the Bahamas, and Trinidad and Tobago in the West Indies. Also at the end of 2018, I went to Dibol, Texas and Nashville, Tennessee.

I also participated in the following retreats: the annual national clergy retreat in Malvern, PA in September 2019 with 16 priests; a regional clergy retreat in Hanceville, AL in October 2019 with 10 priests; and the International clergy retreat in Collevalenza, Italy last June 2019 with 180 priests from around the world.

In each place, I found wonderful, dedicated priests and laity of the MMP, humbly and faithfully living their consecration to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart and being faithful to the Cenacles. I especially want to thank the regional coordinators who invited me to come and dedicated themselves to organizing the Cenacles in each place. I have felt humbled and honored to have been able to visit and encourage you, and to have shared with you in

the Cenacles. How can I say it, but that Our Lady has showered great graces upon us all, and not only in the Cenacles I visited, but in every place where all of you have held Cenacles. How much Our Lady loves us all, and how She is doing wonderful things!

II. New Blue Books in the Spanish language

I am happy and grateful that we were able to print fifty thousand copies of the Blue Book in the Spanish language. It is the first “Hispanic” edition of the Blue Book printed in the United States. The International Director, Fr. Laurent Larroque, had asked if we would be able to help supply blue books in the Spanish language, not only for our country, but also for our MMP brothers and sisters in Latin America. It was a big project and our National Secretary, Tammy, is to be especially thanked for dedicating so much time to bringing it to completion. For more than a year we had been out of Spanish blue books in the United States, but now we have plenty. A generous bequest by one of our members made it possible for us to do this, and we can be grateful to Our Lady who supplies always for all our needs.

In addition to the 14,000 books for the National Headquarters in Maine, we were able to ship the following quantities to these countries of Latin America. Argentina - 6,000; Peru - 6,000; Colombia - 5,000; Dom. Republic - 3,000; Nicaragua - 2,000; Chile - 2,000; Bolivia - 1,000; Uruguay - 1,000; Paraguay-1,000; Puerto Rico - 1,000; Honduras - 1,000. The remaining books (7000) are in storage, pending shipments to other countries.

I pray that the MMP Cenacles will be able to spread now more quickly among our Spanish speaking brothers and sisters since we now have plenty of Blue Books, and this is Our Lady’s way of spreading Her Movement!

The suggested donation amounts for the Spanish publications:
\$20 for the blue book / \$3 for the cenacle guide

III. The Biography of Fr. Stefano Gobbi

I am very happy to report that the English language biography of Fr. Stefano Gobbi will soon be ready. I think that anyone who reads this lovely biography will certainly be very inspired. Reading it myself, I have received so many graces and felt such inspiration. I would like to make a commentary on why I think it is important to read and meditate upon the life of Fr. Gobbi in this new biography.



It is entitled “Pastor of the World.” In the last message, 604 k-m of the Blue Book, Our Lady says: “As of now, all that I had to say to you has been said, because all has been revealed to you. Therefore, on this night, there come to an end the public messages which I have been giving you for twenty-five years (...) From now on, I will manifest myself through the word, the person and the actions of this, my little son, [Fr. Gobbi], whom I have chosen to be your guide and whom I am now leading to the painful summit of his mission.” The biography, I think, is a fulfillment of these words of Our Lady. In the biography we can see how Our Lady has “[manifested Herself] through the word, the person and the actions” of Fr. Stefano Gobbi. And now it can easily be read in the English language! In a certain sense, I see the biography as a kind of sequel to the messages. What follows after the last public message of Dec. 31, 1997? Our Lady tells us that it is the life of this “littlest of Her sons,” Fr. Stefano Gobbi, whom She chose for the mission of founding and leading the Marian Movement of Priests. His life is a living out of the messages, and a witness to us of what Our Lady is asking of each of us in a different way.

IV. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis



Over the last few months, I have placed several statements in support of Pope Francis on our MMP website. Having read and meditated on Our Lady's messages for many years, I can find nothing that says that there would be a false pope as some are stating publicly, some even within the MMP. Our Lady consistently asks us to pray and make sacrifices for the pope. She certainly was very fond of Pope John Paul II, totally consecrated to Her from his youth, but She does not discount any of the popes that Divine Providence has given to us. Although Satan has been allowed to bring his desecration to the highest levels of the Vatican, entering into the Holy Church and Temple of God, I don't believe he has been given the power or permission by God to bring about a so-called false pope. Our Lady speaks of a false idol and a false church as part of the great purification, and it is our faithful prayers, sacrifices and rosaries that will bring us all through this unspeakably difficult trial which will lead to Her Triumph in the world, but nothing is said of the pope being a part of the problem, only that we are to love him and pray for him, and to quietly form his spiritual support. I hope that this is helpful to those who might experience confusion concerning this. How the devil would like to openly divide the Church into a schism, but our prayers and rosaries in our Cenacles have thus far prevented this. How good God is, and how powerful Our Lady is. Let us remain faithful to the task given to us by Our Lady to love and support the pope, and now our Pope is Pope Francis.

Fr. Luca Pescatori, our new MMP International Director, tells us in his 2020 newsletter that prayer and sacrifice for the pope is part of the foundation of the Marian Movement of Priests, and that it is an integral part of the consecration we make in our Cenacles. I prefer therefore, when there is confusion, to be silent and to pray all the more for Pope Francis, and to let Our Lady do

things. She is able and certainly can bring clarity in every situation. We have only to quietly pray and wait for Her to act. Our Lord promised that the “Gates of Hell” would never prevail against the Rock of Peter upon which the Church has been built! Our Lady reinforces all of this in Her messages.

V. St. Jacinta Marto

On May 17, 2017 Pope Francis went to Fatima in Portugal where he canonized St. Jacinta Marto and her brother, St. Francisco Marto.



St. Jacinta is the youngest canonized saint in the history of the Church (she died at the age of 9). I would like to encourage you in the Cenacles, especially in May and October, the months of Our Lady, to invoke the intercession of St. Jacinta upon Pope Francis. Her short life after the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima were a constant prayer and offering of sacrifices for the pope. She was always asking people to remember him in prayer, and also to offer reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I would like to encourage you in the spirit of St. Jacinta to remember Pope Francis in all your rosaries and in your Masses and Holy Communions, along with your other intentions. St. Francisco Marto, by the way, was inspired to offer many holy hours before the “hidden Jesus” in the Blessed Sacrament. What wonderful saints of grace and innocence St. Jacinta and St. Francisco are!

VI. Light at the End of the Tunnel

When you see the light, you know that all is going to work out. Our Lady is growing stronger; Her light is becoming brighter. Satan is losing power, even though he seems increasingly more violent and out into the open (cf. message #507). He knows his time is very short, and he is afraid of this little army or cohort of Our Lady which is totally consecrated to Her Immaculate Heart. He can't stand the light which is reflected from the Immaculate Heart of Mary onto this little cohort. At times it seems as though

we are somewhat like Gideon's small army as described in the book of Judges, whittled down from 32,000 to only 300. (Judg 7:2-7)

In the last message of December 31, 1997, She told us how pleased She was with everyone's response to consecrate themselves to Her Immaculate Heart and to enter into the Cenacles. I propose that each one of us entrust and consecrate this new decade to Our Lady, the years from 2020 to 2030. We don't know what events are awaiting us, but for sure we can trust that Our Lady will be acting even more powerfully, Her light will grow even stronger, and Her consoling presence with each one of us will be even more tender and intimate (refer again to message #507).

And so, let us continue to pray the Holy Rosary, and live each day in the love and union of life with Her who loves us so much and is our leader in this great battle.

May God bless you and Our Lady keep you safe in the secure refuge of her Immaculate Heart.

Sincerely,

Rev. Richard Cortese

Fr. Richard Cortese
National Director

VI. MENSAJE A LA GENTE HISPANA

Muy queridos hermanos del MSM,

Estoy muy contento de haber podido visitar muchos de Uds. de hablar Español en diferentes partes de los Estados Unidos en 2019: Bronx y Queens en Nueva York; Las Vegas en Nevada; Los Angeles, Sacramento y San Francisco en California; La Isla de Puerto Rico; Nashville y en mi propia Diócesis de Memphis en Tennessee; y en Dibol, Texas en 2018.

El Cenáculo es donde la Virgen reza con nosotros de una manera muy especial como con los Apóstoles en Jerusalén, y nos da su gracia, su amor y pide con nosotros poderosamente por la paz en el mundo y un Segundo y Nuevo Pentecostes. Gracias a todos Uds. por su amor para el Corazón Inmaculado de María y su entrega a formar y entrar en los Cenáculos.

Una causa de mucha alegría para mí es cuando veo los niños pasando con bellas flores de amor para presentarlas en vasos en frente de la estatua de la Virgen de Fátima. La inocencia de los niños es poderosa, y da una consolación grande a Su Corazón Inmaculado y Doloroso, y con esto imagino que la Virgen, sí, nos da su sonrisa.

Sepan que ya tenemos nuevos Libros en Español, “A Los Sacerdotes Hijos Predilectos de la Santísima Virgen.” Llama a la Oficina Nacional para pedir su copia o copias. Se pide su donación generosa también. Gracias.

Dios es siempre bueno y nos ama y nos ha dado a la Madre Santísima para ayudarnos en todo. Ella sí está caminando con nosotros y nos ama! Vamos a seguir adelante en este nuevo año y nueva década, y pido de Dios, junto con la Santísima Virgen de Fátima Su bendición.

Sinceramente,
Pe. Ricardo Cortese

OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS from the National Headquarters

CENACLE RETREATS - 2020

1. International Clergy Retreat – June 21-27, 2020 Shrine of Merciful Love - Collevalenza, Italy

Please refer to pgs 15-16 of Fr. Luca's letter for further details.

Fr. Gobbi used to encourage the priests to make the international retreat each year. We continue this tradition. Sometimes these brother priests ask us for financial assistance. We try to respond with a "yes", but our funds are limited. Please consider making a donation to sponsor an MMP priest.

2. National Clergy Retreat Malvern Retreat House Malvern, PA Mon., Sept. 14 to Friday, Sept. 18, 2020

(See back cover for more details)



3. National Lay Retreat Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament - Hanceville, AL Friday, Oct. 16 to Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020

(See inside back cover for more details)



Mailing List

Not everyone returned the reply card that was included with last year's mailing. If anyone was overlooked, ask them to contact us and we will gladly send them a newsletter. Please notify us of any errors or omissions in your name and address.

Cenacle Registration

We are asking for your help in keeping our national cenacle list current and updated. Please contact us if you have not yet registered your cenacle.

National MMP website: www.mmp-usa.net

We have a new webmaster who has been a tremendous help in keeping our website regularly updated. We invite you to check our site from time to time for updates.

International MMP website: www.msm-mmp.org

We also invite you to visit the international website which is beautifully done and very informative. It has been entirely translated into English and Spanish.

Blue Book distribution guidelines

We have received guidelines from the International Headquarters about the blue book, “To the Priests, Our Lady’s Beloved Sons.” It is asked that, as a general rule, it be distributed through participation in the MMP prayer cenacles. It is recommended that you give the book on a personal basis, explaining the Movement to them and encouraging them to form part of a cenacle or to start one of their own. As always, prayer is so important, seeking Our Lady’s guidance.

A reminder of how Our Blessed Mother wishes the blue book to be used.

She has a very special design for her book. It is not to be read and then left on a bookshelf. It is meant to be read and used on a daily basis. When one reads the book, then the natural next step should be to become part of a cenacle, if possible. Let us listen to what Our Lady says to Fr. Gobbi in Message #77 given on August 5, 1975.

“Let us suppose that with a perfect organization we could send out immediately all the booklets requested. Do you think that this would be sufficient for the spread of my Movement? No, my

son, because the booklets, once they had arrived at their destination, could be put away in a drawer by those who receive them, without being read; or even if read, they could leave the reader completely indifferent.

“My motherly action is the only thing necessary for the spread of my Movement. It is my action alone that prepares souls to receive this gift of mine, that determines for each one the moment when this will be given, that gives a special grace by which my words can be understood and can produce in souls that marvelous reality which they express. This is why I ask you insistently to support my action with your prayer.” (#77 b-e)

Importance of Being in a Cenacle

It is important that you try to take part in a cenacle. Our Lord Himself requests this when he said “*When two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in the midst of them,*” (Mt 18:20) Our Lady always faithfully follows what Our Lord Himself has first said to us. **Only two people are needed to start a cenacle.** And if you can’t find one in your area or are unable to start one, you are encouraged to consider joining the telephone cenacle. They “meet” daily at 6:45 PM (7 days/week). Simply dial (712) 775-7031, and then enter the access code 749342 followed by the # sign.

Family cenacles with children in the home are especially requested by Our Lady. And remember that She also has said that She wishes her priest sons to form cenacles where She will especially bless them and where they can support each other, lest they be weakened and made vulnerable by being too alone and isolated.

In her messages, Our Lady tells us why the cenacles are so important and necessary. They give us peace and hope. In them, She prepares us spiritually for her triumph in the world and

eventually Our Lord's second coming. They are the spiritual force which, in the end, will release in Our Lady the fullness of the power given Her by Jesus to crush the head of Satan. And there's much more, as found in the booklet, "The Spiritual Power of My Cenacles," which contains twelve incentives to help keep your cenacles going strong. Please feel free to request one. A small donation is always helpful.

Blue Book is not "for sale"

Fr. Gobbi was always very strict about this, and we wish to respect his wishes and those of Our Blessed Mother that the blue book, a non-commercial edition, never be sold. We are told that some are purchasing used books through Amazon and Ebay. We ask you to be conscientious in respecting Our Lady's wishes for the distribution of her book. The Marian Movement of Priests relies on your book donations as our primary means of income, and this enables us to continue printing the book in the U.S., as well as assisting other countries with their book needs.

Suggested donation amounts are \$20 per blue book and \$3 for the cenacle guide. If you have books that are not being used, please do not sell them. Feel free to send them back to us, and we can share them with others who would appreciate having the used copies (for example, prison ministries).

Your continued support is appreciated

We wish to thank you for your past and ongoing generous donations. An envelope is enclosed if you would like to make a one time annual gift to help cover the cost of printing and mailing this newsletter, and also to help us print and mail future editions of the blue book. All donations are tax deductible.

Bequests

Would you consider leaving a portion of your estate to the MMP in your last will and testament? One of your fellow members did this and, because of her generosity, we were able to publish 50,000 editions of the Spanish language blue book for our

country and the countries of Latin America. We offer her our gratitude.

A bequest in your will or trust, life insurance designation, financial institution beneficiary designation, or stock donation should include the following information:

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MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS

Ave Maria

January 1, 2020
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

FROM FR. LAURENT LARROQUE

(Former International Director)

Dear members of the Marian Movement of Priests,

You all know that I have left the international directorship of the Marian Movement of Priests. I wish to explain again that it was for me only out of obedience to the will of Mary, which was expressed through a series of occurrences.

I had asked the Cardinal Prefect of the Congregation for the Clergy for his assistance to be able to continue carrying out this sublime Mission. He ended his response to me in this way: "I invite you then to obey your superior." Now, the message in the blue book for my daily reading was that of Nov. 20, 1982. I opened the book, just after reading the Cardinal's letter, and these words of Our Lady fell upon my eyes: "The virtue that I love most in my priest sons is *that of obedience*." And the sentence that followed spoke explicitly of *obeying one's superiors*. For me it was a most clear sign from Our Lady. I have always let myself be guided by the Blue Book, and I will always do so. And my wish is that you will do likewise. I therefore wish to obey my superior who does not want me to continue being the International Director of the MMP. I am obeying Our Lady, my Mother and Queen. This is because the Movement is Hers and, as She so often says, She is the one who carries it forward. Fr. Quartilio and Otavio also read these words and understood this to be true, themselves opening the book at random after returning from Fr. Gobbi's final hospitalization.

This past year, with 27 flights, I visited 68 cities in 7 countries, presiding over 96 cenacles which were attended by one Cardinal, 11 Bishops, about 350 priests, and close to 74,000 faithful. I also met with an Apostolic Nuncio, a Cardinal, 8 Bishops and about 400 priests, 600 seminarians, and some religious and thousands of faithful, to speak to them about the Movement. During 2020, I am planning to go to Kenya, to some regional cenacles in Italy, and to Oceania.

In Collevalenza, six bishops, 180 priests and several regional MMP lay responsibles participated in the International Exercises conducted in the form of a continuous Cenacle. Thirty-four countries were represented. During this retreat, faithfully following our statutes, we selected a new Director General, Fr. Luca Pescatori, a diocesan priest from La Spezia in Italy who is also the Regional Director for the region of Liguria. We wish him a fruitful ministry in this sublime Mission of guiding, in the name of Our Lady, the Marian Movement of Priests in these end times.

Your little brother,



Fr. Laurent ^{TP} Larroque

ANNUAL LETTER FROM THE INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Dear members of the Marian Movement of Priests,

I am **Father Luca Pescatori**, a diocesan priest from La Spezia in Italy. In writing this circular letter, I am aware that the gift and the responsibility that have been entrusted to me this last June 27 in Collevalenza are enormous. Being the International Director and Coordinator of this work of Our Lady is a thought that makes my head spin, but rather than thinking so



much, it's better to allow oneself to be led and to live in the Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In her Heart, let us be united and together work and wage the battle following Her directives in this particular time that is so difficult and painful. Our Mother accompanies us and offers us the true refuge of her Immaculate Heart.

As soon as the Spiritual Exercises in Collevalenza were over, in the first few days of this new responsibility, I took part in a pilgrimage with twelve other priests to the House of the Virgin Mary in Ephesus and to the cave of the Apocalypse in Patmos. With great joy we were able to conduct cenacles in these holy places that are so significant to us, and in these countries of Turkey and Greece where the MMP message perhaps had never reached.

In the last few months, I have been able to make contact with a number of MMP members around the world and to visit some of the cenacles in Italy and in Madrid, Spain. The calendar of Italian cenacles for 2020 will be published on the international MMP website (www.msm-mmp.org). I have not received permission to give much time during the year to visiting the cenacles around the world as did Fr. Larroque. (Let us all thank him for giving so generously of his time for the work of Our Lady!) If Our Lord and Our Lady wish, this time that I have to make visits will increase; otherwise, it will remain very limited. I therefore rely on the various directors around the world, asking that they cover the areas entrusted to them as best they can. I know that there will be various priests available to visit the cenacles on my behalf. This is Our Lady's work and, above and beyond my joy of visiting you in person and the hope that I might truly be able to do so, this becomes secondary to the more important thing that everywhere we announce and live faithfully all that Our Lady asks of us.

I look forward to seeing all the priests at the International Spiritual Exercises in Collevalenza from June 21-27, 2020. I ask the

laity to encourage their priests to attend and, if necessary, to assist them in whatever way possible so that they are able to go. I am very happy that in various parts of the world there continue to be national and regional MMP spiritual exercises, so that anyone who cannot participate in Collevalenza at least can take part in their local spiritual exercises. Do not let this grace of these continuous Cenacles pass you by!

For all inquiries and reservation requests about the Spiritual Exercises in Collevalenza, please contact P. Florio Quercia, Via del Ronco 12 (Jesuit Fathers), 34133 Trieste, Italy
Email: querciaflorio@tiscali.it; Cell: (+39) 333.6322248.

And looking ahead, we are already beginning to organize the Spiritual Exercises in Fatima for the year 2022, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the birth of the Movement. There will be spiritual exercises for priests followed by a retreat for the laity from June 26 to July 3, 2022.

I ask you to pray that the Cause for Beatification of Fr. Nazareno Lanciotti, now moving toward its conclusion, might soon be completed. As for the Cause for Beatification of Fr. Stefano Gobbi, I renew the request already made by Fr. Larroque to send your testimonies as soon as possible, so that they can be ready to be submitted.

In this new assignment that has been entrusted to me, I wish to offer the following reflections, hoping that they will help you to live in the one light coming from the messages of Our Lady, so that you can be guided by Her words and not by the so many disoriented worldly voices.

I.

On May 13, 2010, in his homily given during the celebration of Holy Mass in the esplanade of the Shrine of Fatima, Pope Benedict XVI said: *"We would be mistaken to think that Fatima's prophetic mission is complete. (...) May the seven years*

which separate us from the centenary of the apparitions hasten the fulfillment of the prophecy of the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, to the glory of the Most Holy Trinity.” The Pope emphasized that the Church is still on its way to the foretold triumph, and he prayed that it might come as soon as possible. It seems like an echo of the prayers of the Psalms “How long, O Lord?” (cf. Psalm 13)

It is in this spiritual context that we must read the request that Pope Francis made to the Patriarch of Lisbon shortly after his election, to consecrate his pontificate to Our Lady of Fatima, which occurred on May 13, 2013. Our Lady, Mother of the Church, does not allow the voice of the Church to fall by the wayside without effect, and we are certain that She will continue to intervene during this pontificate to realize what was promised at Fatima and confirmed in detail throughout the Blue Book. Fatima is not just a nice story, since we know it to be certain: the triumph of Her Immaculate Heart will arrive, but only at the end of a period that She has announced as one of “purification”, a term that implies the greatest good coming through a path of trial and suffering. Our Lady has referred to our time as “the eleventh station” of the Way of the Cross (170 s, February 11, 1979) The twelfth station will come, and then the silence of the thirteenth and the fourteenth...when everything will seem lost and irreparably ruined.

Christ shows Himself reigning only at Easter, but He was reigning also from the Cross and during Holy Saturday. Christ reigns even when it seems that He does not, even when He is abandoned and betrayed by all, even by those who should be closest to Him. Only those who were with Our Blessed Mother did not abandon Him. Already reigning on Calvary, Christ reigns also in the history of the Church and guides it, even when its events are unforeseen or not easily understood.

Our Mother tells us that we are living through the “Good Friday of the Church.” There is coming a time – and this time is now –

during which the Church will have to live through her greatest difficulty, under the greatest attempt by the evil one to destroy it, especially through deviations in the teaching of the Faith. He wants to bring into the Church a mentality that does not lead to man's true liberation and salvation from evil and sin, but to the seeking of happiness and peace outside of perfect fidelity to Christ, even to the acceptance of sin.

This should not surprise us. It is the same temptation that was placed before Jesus in the desert; and then later by Peter who tried to convince Jesus to reject the idea of the cross. It happened also a few times with the apostles...The evil one therefore wants to bring the Church to act contrary to its own self and to be conformed to the "world," trying to make us believe that in this way it is more like Jesus. "Error is being spread in a most dangerous way, namely, as a new and modern way of understanding the truth, and it ends by subverting the very truths which are the foundation of the Catholic faith. They are not denied openly, but they are accepted in such an equivocal way that doctrine is most seriously compromised by error in an unprecedented manner." (168 kl, January 28, 1979).

It is an alternative mentality to Christ that goes in another direction, respecting Christ exteriorly but not considering Him as necessary; and therefore relegating Him as useless, even a utopia – in essence, an anti-Christ mentality. The evil one wants to bring this anti-Christ mentality into the Church and lead it to apostasy. It is the true abandonment of Christ *today*, the true evil within the Church – Her own true Good Friday. It's an age old problem; for example, let's consider Modernism at the beginning of the 20th century which has only now "unleashed" itself in these last times. The message of March 13, 1990 on this subject is clear.

In 2008, our dear Fr. Michael Gaughran left us a beautiful meditation entitled, "The Clouds are Gathering." This title was very significant. As of today, one can already sense strong thunder,

lightning bolts, and gusts of wind that have already created havoc and caused some damage. The storm so frequently foretold by Our Lady, has now begun. Yes, I am not afraid to say that the storm is already underway today; the signs are there and cannot be overlooked.

Just as storms in nature frighten us, so also in this “spiritual storm” we are tempted to panic, but this storm will lead to the purification and rebirth of faith in the Church. Let us never forget that this is the promised outcome. It is promised; therefore, it is guaranteed and it is unstoppable. Our Immaculate Mother is not halted in front of the dark clouds. She dispels them with the light of God that flows powerfully from Her Immaculate Heart. So then, let us not be content to sit back and just watch the storm or even to allow ourselves to be alarmed by it, because She calls us not to be spectators but apostles, and to work for the triumph of her Immaculate Heart. It is such a great gift for us to be called to be her collaborators!

II.

In this storm of apostasy, many are tempted to point a finger at those responsible for the confusion in the Church, simply making judgments and feeling themselves to be at peace with their faith because “they have found the guilty party.” Within the Church, there are those who attribute responsibility to “this or that theologian,” to “this or that ecclesial group, to “this or that high ranking Church official” or to “this or that person or persons in the Vatican.” In the messages of 1989, Our Lady confirms that the confusion stems from within the Church including some of its Pastors, some intentionally and others less so. She explains this to us without indicating any precise individuals, but revealing only the context in which they operate. (cf. June 13, 1989) She knows who they were in the past and who they are today, and she allows us only to see the effect of their work, asking us to be her cohort only and to leave to Her the task of crushing the head of this evil work. Let us remember that it is “She [who]

will crush his head.” (Gen 3:15) (cf. July 8, 1977; September 8, 1990).

Our Lady thus is living with us this Good Friday of the Church, but at the same time She asks us not to lose ourselves in discourses and judgments. She lived through Good Friday in the greatest possible suffering, but with an interior attitude profoundly different from ours.

“See if there is today any suffering greater than mine: my Son Jesus is outraged, despised; He is again abandoned and betrayed by his own (...) The Church, his Mystical Body, is again scourged by division and threatened by error. Those children who are faithful are called to bear great sufferings and to endure insult and outrage on the part of those who do not listen to me. (...) How many there are who are lost each day, swept along by this widespread and dangerous confusion! Share in my motherly sorrow! Judge no one; condemn no one. Pray; love; carry the cross of this great suffering with me for the salvation of all.”

(248 h-k, June 30, 1982)

She learned from Jesus Himself how to live Good Friday and what is the road that leads to Easter.

“Never judge. Condemn no one. Your duty is only that of saving, with the supernatural force of your prayer, of your suffering and of your immolation. The miracle of the merciful love of Jesus is about to be accomplished in your time.”

(392 ij, October 27, 1988)

“Here I want to teach you to suffer. My Son Jesus (...) suffers without complaint; as gentle as a little lamb, He is nailed to the Cross. Behold the path along which I am calling you today: that of Calvary which you must tread with docility (...) Here I want to teach you to be silent. The word of my Son is silent in these final moments. Now He speaks with his life. (...) Learn today especially to be silent. Create a silence within yourself in order

to hear only his divine word. Create silence about yourself. Do not reply to the criticisms and the calumnies (...) Give no answer to the sneers and the offenses of him who persecutes you. Judge no one. In the moments that await you, you will be called upon more and more to keep silent. You will speak by your life. And for you too, from this life of yours on the Cross, will come forth the word of love for all men and of complete abandonment to the Will of the Father.”

(124 f-p, April 8, 1977)

Today there is a tendency to do so much talking, to make judgments, and to pray little or poorly. Confusion today generates in us a profound sorrow for the Church, but such sorrow for the Church is not sufficient as a response; rather only in a strict fidelity to Christ, precisely in the manner Our Mother has taught us, can we be fruitful. A prayer burdened with judgment, and perhaps even of anger, is fruitless.

Our heavenly Mother asks us, then, to combat this spiritual storm with spiritual weapons – consecration to Her Immaculate Heart, prayer (the Cenacles), fidelity to the Gospel, our witness, the offering of our sacrifices, reparation and trust.

She teaches us to live **in the same way as She did** on Good Friday. After the death of Jesus and all throughout Holy Saturday, in the great silence of Her sorrow and of Her All-Pure Faith, She is the strong presence who prays to **make reparation for the rejection** experienced by Her Son, **and the betrayal** of the apostles. She is **the one who uniquely prays** for them and for the future Church brought to birth by Her Son. He established her as the Mother. She is the **hidden strength** of the infant Church.

She herself tells us: “Allow yourselves to be led by my light, which will shine out more and more, because these are my times.” (353c, May 23, 1987)

“Hasten to the sure refuge of my Immaculate Heart, because we must live together through the hour of the greatest trial, which has now come for you, for the Church and for all humanity.”

(477q, September 15, 1992)

“Because, in the safe refuge of my Immaculate Heart, which the Most Holy Trinity is offering to you as an ark of salvation in these last times, you will await, in confidence and in prayer, the return in glory of Jesus, who will bring his kingdom into the world and make all things new.”

(561r, January 1, 1996)

Fr. Gobbi continually kept telling us that the consecration must be made and lived. Let us carefully meditate on our Act of Consecration; it is a true school of life. Our Lady calls us to be strong soldiers of Her spiritual army, following the directives of She who calls herself our Leader. It is not possible to be collaborators in this work of Hers outside of what She is asking of us. If we believe that the Marian Movement of Priests is truly the work of Our Lady, we cannot “correct” her directives or live them “our way.” For sure, they may be good ways, but nevertheless something other than what She is asking of us as her Marian Movement of Priests. The Marian Movement of Priests is not just a Marian devotion; it is a way of life, a total dedication of oneself; we could say a total giving of oneself to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, following those things Our Lady tells us in her Blue Book. In living the consecration to Her Immaculate Heart, we can no longer go through life in any other way.

“If you live what I have shown you and travel the road which I have traced out for you, you will walk securely along the way of the consecration which you have made to me, and you will bring to fulfillment the great plan of the triumph of my Immaculate Heart. Otherwise, you will be halted by doubts, discouragement, difficulties and the opposition which you will encounter. You will come to a halt and will not be ready to accomplish what I have arranged for you and which today is so necessary for the

salvation of the world and the renewal of the Church, whose Mother I am.” (297 e-f, November 9, 1984)

“Only in this way can you fight along with me for the assured victory; otherwise, you are already marching toward defeat.”

(108 E, August 22, 1976)

Only by living the consecration can we be the faithful soldiers that She desires for her army, an army that has its strength from trust in Her as very small children have in their mother. Only in this way can we better understand her words of October 18, 1975 “Be Joyous”, which Fr. Gobbi encouraged us to read before leaving for Heaven.

III.

Finally, we might ask ourselves, “Why, O Lord, would you allow your Church to be subjected to this trial?” Unfortunately it happens that a certain part of the Church – lay people, religious, pastors – seem to follow and value that which is born of these deviations from doctrine, from this confusion, and to prefer another teaching to that of the Magisterium. In some cases, they push for the Magisterium to change, and in the confusion, the division grows. (cf. February 11, 1979)

And so one can understand that, besides our sins, as long as this situation is present in the Church, the triumph of the Immaculate Heart cannot come about. See how the Lord is allowing all this to emerge in the Church – the doctrinal problems, the hidden or dormant “spiritual illnesses,” the masks, the projects aimed at changing the Church and of changing the life of the commandments, of the sacraments, of the virtues – so that, through this purification, the Church will once again shine with the light of holiness which the Immaculate Mother will restore to Her, to the glory of the Most Holy Trinity.

It is a process of healing for the Church, a purification that is necessary.

Our response must be clear: live with the love of a soldier in Our Lady's army – that is, with **fidelity** to the Gospel and to the Magisterium, faithful **testimony** with our life and, when necessary, using words to explain our faith, and **prayer** to ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit upon the whole Church, beginning with the Pope, who must be the first to listen to and to echo the Spirit back to us.

“Beloved sons, be faithful and powerful proclaimers of the Gospel. See how the truth contained in the Gospel is obscured by rationalism and torn by the errors that are more and more widely spread about. Thus many are moving away from the true faith. Live to the letter the Gospel of my Son Jesus. Proclaim to the letter the Gospel that you are living. Do not stop spreading the light of the truth in the world, pervaded by the darkness of error and apostasy. Be the apostles of the new evangelization in a world that has become pagan, after almost two thousand years since the first proclamation of the Gospel.” (596efg, Jun 24, 1997)

We ought not to allow ourselves to become agitated. The Gospel is everything for us, and the Magisterium teaches us how to carry it out. Even if some question or doubt it, doing different things or wanting to try new ways, let us remain faithful to the Gospel and to the Magisterium! The more that this confusion seems to us to increase, **the more should our prayer and our acts of reparation also increase.**

IV.

In the Act of Consecration, Our Lady asks us to pray very much for the Pope and to “*set up a barrier to the growing confrontation directed against the Magisterium.*” We are now in the year 2020, the centenary of the death of little St. Jacinta Marto, who so very much offered her suffering for sinners and for the

Holy Father. Every time someone asked her to pray for something, she would always add, “*and for the Holy Father! (and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.)*” We must ask ourselves: why does Our Lady always insist on the Pope? Why at the end of the second secret did she say, among other things, that if her requests were not listened to “*the Holy Father will have much to suffer...*”? Let us try not to look at these sufferings only from a human point of view, (eg. persecutions, etc.), but from a spiritual point of view.

Calling to mind the vision that St. Jacinta alone had near the well at Lucia’s house (*Third Memoir, 6: the Holy Father kneeling in a house surrounded by people who were cursing and throwing stones at him*), let me share a reflection with you.

This insistent request to pray for the Pope and to form a barrier to defend the Magisterium can be seen as if we – the Church (and even more us in the MMP) – are the ones who fortify this “house” that defends the ministry of the Pope and the Magisterium from the evil one. And if our prayer and sacrifices are weakened – if we in the MMP do not live well our consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary – the barrier that defends the ministry of the Pope and the Magisterium is weakened and is overcome by an ever greater number of stones and blows (that is, from the works of the evil one), and it then becomes wounded, blocked, and to some extent destroyed...It is up to us to fight with the weapons that Our Lady has given us, so that the Magisterium and the ministry entrusted to the Pope, that of confirming the brothers in the faith, be protected from evil and be supported and defended according to her expectations of us. Our Lady greatly insists on this, so much so that she has requested it as a second commitment of our Consecration to Her Immaculate Heart. There are countless messages in which Our Lady asks this of us.

To be united with the Pope does not mean just applauding him, and so always being happy and leaving it at that, but rather it

means first and foremost defending his Petrine ministry from the action of the evil one, with our prayer and the spiritual means we have at our disposal. No one in the Church can feel themselves exempt from this, because everyone in the Church has a shared responsibility in supporting this ministry which, since the time of Peter, is the one most subjected to the snares of the evil one.

In the Church, we cannot behave like those in politics: “I like it” – “I don’t like it”; “I’m pleased” – “I’m not pleased”; “I pray – I don’t pray.” People who do not feel the duty to spiritually defend the Pope weaken him. This is not part of the spiritual tradition of the Church. From the earliest years of the Movement, Our Lady tells us that she expects a different attitude from us: “there will even be a time at which, like Jesus on the way to Calvary, he will be as though abandoned by everyone. Then these sons of mine will be his comfort and his defense, and together with me they will be victorious in the greatest battle of the Church.” (17 mn, September 23, 1973)

And some will even go so far as to say...“Where are they now, those priests who are close to the first priest (...) Let it be you, O priests consecrated to my Immaculate Heart, who are closest to the heart of the Pope. Pray for him; suffer with him; be always with him!” (86 s-u, November 9, 1975)... Close to him in fidelity to the Gospel, and close to him in spiritual support and defense.

In this time of confusion, there is all the more reason for us to pray that the Holy Spirit inspire the Pope as to how to guide the Church and how to defend the faith, and to be a true instrument of the Most Holy Trinity for Its purification. Our Lady always asks this and only this of us, such that the Lord then can guide everything for the good of the Church, whether or not we like the paths that He permits. But nonetheless we know that we are in His merciful hands, and from these Hands he gives us Mary. So then we ought to truly place all our trust in her, because she has told us everything concerning our “Time.”

The triumph of Her Immaculate Heart begins already in our combat, above all in the manner in which we do combat, and it is all the greater to the extent that it resembles Her. I repeat that, if we trust in Her, there is no place for the agitation, for the discussions, for the human methods of trying to resolve things through the “clamor” of so many conversations, of the newspaper articles, of the messages on the internet, etc.

And thus, as the fruit of taking refuge in Her Immaculate Heart, she gives us peace.

“The sign of my motherly triumph is peace, which even now I want to bring into the hearts of all my children: of those who listen to me, follow me, and consecrate themselves to my Immaculate Heart.” (311f, July 5, 1985)

“In the deep darkness of this, your time, if you live with me, you can already glimpse the glimmer of the new times which are awaiting you.” (441k, January 1, 1991)

Then our living out of the cenacle will become even better. **Our cenacles become our spiritual power of intercession.** Let us think of this time of the purification as the Time of Mary, as a “long and continuous Marian year,” and let us open ourselves to these words of Our Lady from 1987:

“During this year I am calling all the children of the Church to gather together with me in Cenacles of unceasing prayer. Most of all I desire that the holy rosary be recited often, particularly by the little ones, by the sick, by the poor and by sinners. Surround the world with the chain of the rosary in order to obtain grace and mercy for all. Multiply your cenacles of prayer.”

(356 bc, June 10, 1987)

I wish to emphasize Our Lady’s request to “**multiply your Cenacles of prayer.**” Do not settle for what you have already done thus far, but try to see how to do more. Ask Our Lady for this grace...ask and try.

She tells us that only two people are sufficient to form a cenacle. I recommend that it be done correctly as follows: (1) invocation to the Holy Spirit, (2) the recitation of the Holy Rosary, (3) prayers for the Pope, (4) a message from the Blue Book, and (5) consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Remember that no other messages or devotions are allowed during the cenacles. If you are able, pray before an image of Our Lady of Fatima, to remind you that She in her very person began this work in 1917, this work to which She called Fr. Gobbi and all of us from 1972 onwards.

I would like to suggest that on February 20, 2020, the centenary of the death of St. Jacinta, all of us throughout the world, each of us in our own cenacles, enter into a spiritual unity, in particular with the intention of our second commitment [that is, unity with the Pope], and carefully reread the messages of October 18, 1975 and December 31, 1997. Let us together pray and ask for the grace to fulfill her desire to live trustingly in Her Immaculate Heart, and to be Her Apostles as she desires.

I thank you very much for your prayers which are for me a great comfort, and I assure you of mine every day. I am always happy to receive notices of your cenacles all over the world. Always “*it is with [you] the strength of the little ones...*” (Sept. 8, 1996)

Let us walk together in the light and the Grace that stream out upon us from the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



Fr. Luca Pescatori

MOVIMIENTO SACERDOTAL MARIANO

Ave María

1 de enero de 2020
María SS. Madre de Dios

del P. Laurent Larroque...

Queridos miembros del Movimiento Sacerdotal Mariano,

Todos ustedes saben que he dejado la responsabilidad general del Movimiento Sacerdotal Mariano. Les explico nuevamente que para mí fue solo en obediencia a la voluntad de María, expresada a través de una serie de coincidencias.

Le había pedido ayuda al Cardenal Prefecto de la Congregación para el Clero para poder continuar llevando a cabo esta sublime Misión. Su respuesta terminó así: “Por lo tanto, lo invito a obedecer a su superior.” Además, el Mensaje del Libro, en mi lectura diaria, fue el del 20 de noviembre de 1982. Lo abrí justo después de leer la carta del Cardenal. Y caen antes mis ojos aquellas palabras de la Virgen: “la virtud que más amo en mis hijos sacerdotes es *la de la obediencia*.” Y la siguiente oración hablaba explícitamente de *obedecer a sus superiores*. Para mí fue una indicación muy clara de la Virgen. Siempre me dejó guiar por el Libro Azul y siempre lo haré. Y, espero, que tú también. Por lo tanto, obedezco a mi superior, que no quiere que continúe siendo Responsable General de M.S.M. Obedezco a la Virgen, mi Madre y Reina. Sin embargo, el Movimiento es Suyo y Ella lo lleva adelante, como lo dice repetidamente. El P. Quartilio y Otavio, abriendo el Libro al azar, también se toparon con esta última afirmación apenas regresaron de la última hospitalización de don Stefano, el 15 de junio de 2011.

Este año visité 68 ciudades en 7 países, con 27 vuelos aéreos, presidiendo 96 cenáculos, en los cuales participaron un Cardenal, 11 Obispos, cerca de 350 sacerdotes y unos 74,000 fieles.

También me reuní, para presentarles el Movimiento, con un Nuncio Apostólico, un Cardenal, 8 Obispos y cerca de 400 sacerdotes, 600 seminaristas, algunos religiosos y miles de fieles. Durante el año 2020, iré a Kenia, a algunos Cenáculos regionales italianos y a Oceanía.

Participaron en nuestros ejercicios internacionales en Collevalenza, en forma de un Cenáculo continuo, 6 obispos, 180 sacerdotes y algunos fieles responsables regionales del movimiento. Este año estuvieron representadas 34 naciones. Durante estos Ejercicios, siguiendo fielmente nuestro Estatuto, elegimos al nuevo Responsable General en la persona de don Luca Pescatori, sacerdote diocesano de La Spezia (Italia), quien es el responsable regional de Liguria. Le deseamos un fructífero ministerio en esta sublime Misión de guiar, a nombre de la Virgen, el M.S.M. en estos últimos tiempos.

Su pequeño hermano,
don Laurent Larroque

CARTA ANNUAL DEL DIRECTOR INTERNACIONAL

Queridos miembros del Movimiento Sacerdotal
Mariano,



Soy **don Luca Pescatori**, sacerdote diocesano de La Spezia en Italia, les escribo esta carta circular consciente de que el don y la responsabilidad que me han acontecido el pasado 27 de junio en Collevalenza son enormes. Ser el Responsable, Coordinador General de esta obra de la Virgen es un pensamiento que marea, pero no se debe pensar, se debe dejarse conducir y vivir en la Consagración al Inmaculado Corazón de María. En Su Corazón estamos unidos y juntos trabajamos y luchamos siguiendo Sus directivas, en este Tiempo tan particular, difícil y doloroso.

Nuestra Madre nos acompaña y nos ofrece el verdadero refugio de Su Corazón Inmaculado.

Tan pronto como terminaron los Ejercicios espirituales en Collevalenza, en los primeros días de esta nueva responsabilidad, participé en una peregrinación con 12 sacerdotes a la casa de la Virgen en Éfeso y a la cueva del Apocalipsis en Patmos. Con gran alegría pudimos vivir los cenáculos en esos lugares sagrados tan significativos para nosotros y en esos países, Turquía y Grecia, probablemente nunca alcanzados por el mensaje del MSM.

En los últimos meses he podido tomar contacto con varios miembros del MSM en el mundo y visitar algunos cenáculos en Italia y Madrid en España. Para el 2020, el calendario de los cenáculos italianos será publicado en el sitio web: www.msm-mmp.org. No he recibido el permiso para dedicar mucho tiempo durante el año para visitar los cenáculos en el mundo como el P. Larroque (a quien todos tenemos que agradecer por gastar tanto en la obra de la Virgen!): si el Señor y la Virgen lo quieren, este tiempo aumentará, de lo contrario seguirá siendo muy limitado; por lo tanto, me encomiendo a los diversos responsables para animar y cuidar las áreas a ustedes confiadas de la mejor manera posible, sé que habrá varios sacerdotes disponibles para visitarlos en mi lugar: esta es la obra de la Virgen y, más allá de mi alegría de visitarlos en persona y de la esperanza para hacerlo realmente, la gente es secundaria y lo importante es que en todas partes se anuncie y se viva con fidelidad lo que la Virgen nos pide.

Espero a los sacerdotes en los Ejercicios Espirituales Internacionales en Collevalenza del 21 al 27 de junio del 2020. Pido a los laicos que inviten a sus sacerdotes a participar y, si es necesario, que los ayuden de alguna manera. Estoy muy feliz de que en varias áreas del mundo haya Ejercicios Espirituales adicionales del MSM: aquellos que simplemente no pueden participar en Collevalenza participan al menos en los Ejercicios locales, no dejen pasar esta gracia del Cenáculo continuo.

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Mirando más adelante, ya estamos comenzando a organizar los Ejercicios Espirituales del 2022 en Fátima, con motivo del 50º aniversario del nacimiento del MSM: se programarán tanto los Ejercicios para sacerdotes como un Retiro para los Laicos, indicativamente del 26 de junio al 3 de Julio 2022. Les pido que recen porque la Causa de Beatificación del P. Nazareno Lanziotti, ahora hacia la conclusión, puede tener éxito en poco tiempo: en cuanto a la Causa de Beatificación del P. Stefano Gobbi, renuevo la solicitud ya hecha por el P. Larroque de enviar sus testimonios lo antes posible, para estar listos para presentarlos.

En la nueva tarea que se me ha encomendado, les propongo una reflexión que espero les ayude a vivir este Tiempo a la luz de los mensajes de la Virgen, haciéndonos guiar por Sus palabras en lugar de por las muchas voces que desorientan.

I.

El 13 de mayo de 2010 Benedicto XVI, en la homilía de la Santa Misa celebrada en la esplanada del Santuario de Fátima, dijo: “Se equivocaría quien pensase que la misión profética de Fátima está concluida [...] Puedan estos siete años que nos separan del centenario de las Apariciones apresurar el preanunciado triunfo del Corazón Inmaculado de María para gloria de la Santísima Trinidad.” El Papa hizo hincapié en que la Iglesia todavía está en camino hacia el triunfo preanunciado y rezó para que llegue lo antes posible. Parece un eco de las oraciones de los Salmos “Señor, ¿hasta cuándo?” ...

En este contexto espiritual, debemos leer la solicitud que el Papa Francisco hizo al Patriarca de Lisboa poco después de su elec-

ción, para consagrar su pontificado a la Virgen de Fátima, cosa que tuvo lugar el 13 de mayo de 2013. La Virgen, Madre de la Iglesia, no deja caer en oídos sordos la voz de la Iglesia, y estamos seguros de que continuará interviniendo durante este pontificado para cumplir lo prometido en Fátima y confirmado en detalle a través del Libro Azul. No lo esperamos simplemente como un reconfortante cuento de hadas, estamos seguros de ello: vendrá el triunfo de su Inmaculado Corazón, pero solo al final de un período que Ella anuncia ser de “purificación”, un término que implica el mayor bien en el camino de juicio y sufrimiento. Nuestra Señora llamó a nuestro tiempo “la undécima estación” del Vía Crucis (11 de febrero de 1979)... Llegará el duodécimo, y luego el silencio del decimotercer y decimocuarto... donde todo parece terminado, arruinado de manera irreparable.

Cristo se muestra a sí mismo reinando solo en Pascua pero ya reinó desde la Cruz, Cristo también reinó durante el Sábado Santo, Cristo reina incluso cuando no parece, incluso cuando es abandonado y traicionado por todos, incluso por aquellos que tuvieron que estar más cerca de Él. Solo los que estaban con la Virgen no lo abandonaron. Como ya en el Calvario, Cristo también reina en la historia de la Iglesia y la guía, incluso cuando sus eventos son inesperados o no se entienden fácilmente.

Nuestra Madre anuncia que estamos en el Viernes Santo de la Iglesia: hay un tiempo y es este, en el que la Iglesia vive su mayor dificultad bajo el mayor intento del maligno de destruirla, especialmente a través de desviaciones en la enseñanza de la fe. Quiere hacer entrar a la Iglesia una mentalidad que no proponga al hombre la liberación y salvación del mal y del pecado, sino felicidad y paz fuera de la perfecta fidelidad a Cristo, incluso al aceptar el pecado.

Esto no debería sorprendernos: es el mismo método intentado con Jesús en el desierto, y poco después con Pedro que quería convencer a Jesús de rechazar la idea de la cruz y con los apóstoles otras veces... Por lo tanto, quiere llevar a la Iglesia a

ser lo contrario de ella misma: asemejarla al "mundo" creyendo así ser más semejante a Jesús.

"El error se difunde de la manera más peligrosa, es decir, como una forma nueva y actualizada de entender la verdad; y se acaba subvirtiendo las mismas verdades que son el fundamento de la fe católica. No se niegan abiertamente, pero se aceptan de manera equivocada, alcanzando en la doctrina el compromiso más grave con el error que jamás se haya cometido."

(28 de enero de 1979)

Es una mentalidad alternativa a Cristo, que va en otra dirección, que exteriormente la respeta pero no la considera necesaria, por lo tanto la considera inútil, incluso una utopía: en pocas palabras, una mentalidad anticristiana. El maligno quiere traer la mentalidad anticristiana a la Iglesia y llevarla a la apostasía. Es el verdadero abandono de Cristo *hoy*, el verdadero mal de la Iglesia, su verdadero Viernes Santo. Es un viejo problema, pensemos por ejemplo el Modernismo a principios del siglo XX, solo se ha "desatado" en los últimos tiempos. También el mensaje del 13 de marzo de 1990 es claro sobre este aspecto.

El querido p. Michael Gaughran en 2008 nos dejó una bella meditación titulada "Las nubes se están juntando", las nubes se están haciendo densas... el título era muy significativo. Hasta la fecha, ya se escuchan fuertes truenos, algunos relámpagos y ráfagas de viento ya están causando estragos y algunos daños: la tormenta así anunciada por la Virgen ha comenzado. Sí, no tengo miedo de decir que la tormenta está ocurriendo hoy, las señales están ahí y no se pueden pasar por alto.

Como las tempestades de la naturaleza nos asustan, también en esta "tormenta espiritual" estamos tentados a agitarnos, pero la tormenta conducirá a la purificación y renacimiento de la fe en la Iglesia. Nunca olvidemos que el resultado prometido es este. Está prometido, por lo tanto está garantizado y es imparable. La Inmaculada Concepción no se detiene frente a las nubes oscuras,

las desintegra con la luz de Dios que brota poderosa de Su Inmaculado Corazón. No nos contentemos entonces con mirar la tormenta o incluso alarmarnos, porque ella nos llama a no ser espectadores sino apóstoles, para actuar por el triunfo de su Inmaculado Corazón. Es un gran regalo para nosotros ser llamados a colaborar!

II.

En esta tormenta apóstata, muchos también son tentados a querer señalar a los responsables precisos de la Confusión en la Iglesia, limitándose a emitir juicios y sintiéndose en paz con su fe porque “se ha encontrado al culpable.” En la Iglesia hay quienes atribuyen la responsabilidad a “aquellos teólogos,” los que dicen “esos grupos eclesiales,” los que dicen “aquellos eclesiásticos” y los que dicen “algunos en el Vaticano.” En los mensajes de 1989, la Virgen confirma que la Confusión viene realizada desde el interior de la Iglesia, también a través de algunos pastores, algunos conscientemente y otros menos. Ella nos lo explica sin indicar a los sujetos precisos, pero solo revelando el contexto en el cual ellos actúan (13 de junio de 1989). Ella sabe quiénes fueron ayer y quiénes son hoy, a nosotros solo se nos permite ver el trabajo y, por lo tanto, nos pide actuar como su ejército, dejándole a Ella la tarea de vencer la cabeza de este trabajo maligno. “Ella te aplastará la cabeza.” (Gn 3,15) (8 julio 1977; 8 septiembre 1990).

Por lo tanto, la Virgen vive con nosotros el Viernes Santo de la Iglesia, pero nos pide que no nos perdamos en discursos y juicios. Ella ha vivido el Viernes Santo en el más grande dolor pero con una actitud interior profundamente diferente a la nuestra.

“Vean si existe hoy un dolor mayor que el mío: mi hijo Jesús es ultrajado, vilipendiado; más aún: es desamparado y traicionado por los suyos [...] La Iglesia, su Cuerpo Místico, sigue todavía lacerada por la división y amenazada por el error. Los hijos fieles

tendrán que sufrir mucho y soportar insultos y ultrajes por parte de los que no me escuchan. [...] Cuántos son los que se pierden a diario envueltos en esta general y peligrosa confusión. Participen en mi dolor de Madre! No juzguen a ninguno, a ninguno condenen. Oren, amen, lleven la Cruz de este gran sufrimiento Conmigo para la salvación de todos.”

(30 de junio de 1982)

Ella ha aprendido del mismo Jesús cómo vivir el Viernes Santo y cuál es el camino de la Pascua.

“No juzguen jamás. No condenen a nadie. Vuestra misión es solo la de salvar a todos con la fuerza sobrenatural de vuestra oración, de vuestro sufrimiento y de vuestra inmolación. El milagro del Amor misericordioso de Jesús está a punto de cumplirse en vuestro tiempo.”

(27 de octubre de 1988)

“Aquí les quiero enseñar a sufrir. Mi Hijo Jesús [...] sufre sin proferir una queja; manso como un corderillo se deja clavar en la Cruz. He aquí el camino al que hoy los llamo: el del Calvario, que ha de ser recorrido por ustedes con docilidad {...}”

“Aquí les quiero enseñar a callar. La Palabra de mi Hijo se hace silencio en estos últimos momentos. Ahora habla con la vida [...] Aprendan hoy especialmente a callar. Guarden silencio dentro de ustedes para poder escuchar sólo su divina palabra. Guarden silencio también a vuestro alrededor: no contestando a las críticas ni a las calumnias [...] a los escarnios o a las ofensas de quien los persigue. No juzguen a nadie. En los momentos que les esperan deben siempre guardar silencio. Hablarán con la vida. Y de la vida surgirá también para ustedes, sobre la cruz, la palabra de amor para todos y de total abandono a la voluntad del Padre.”

(8 de abril de 1977)

Hoy hay una tendencia a hablar mucho, a hacer juicios y a rezar poco o mal. La confusión genera un dolor profundo para la Iglesia, pero el dolor para la Iglesia no es suficiente como res-

puesta, es fructífero solo en fidelidad a Cristo exactamente en la forma en que nuestra Madre nos enseña. Una oración llena de juicio, y tal vez incluso de rencor, no sirve.

Nuestra Madre celestial nos pide, entonces, que luchemos contra esta tormenta espiritual con armas espirituales: consagración a Su Inmaculado Corazón, oración (los Cenáculos), fidelidad al Evangelio, testimonio, ofrenda, reparación, confianza.

Ella fue **esto** el Viernes Santo, y esto nos enseña a ser. Después de la muerte de Jesús y todo el Sábado Santo, en el gran silencio de Su dolor y de Su fe Inmaculada, Ella será la fuerte presencia que orará para **reparar el rechazo** experimentado por Su Hijo, y **reparar la traición** de los apóstoles. Ella es **la única que reza** por ellos y por la futura Iglesia, generada por Su Hijo y de la cual por Él mismo ha sido constituida Madre. Ella es **la fuerza oculta** de la Iglesia naciente.

Ella misma nos dice:

“Déjense conducir por mi Luz, que resplandecerá cada vez más, porque estos son mis tiempos.” (23 de mayo de 1987)

“Corran al seguro refugio de mi Corazón Inmaculado, porque debemos vivir juntos la hora de la mayor prueba, que ya ha llegado para ustedes, para la Iglesia y para toda la humanidad.”

(15 de septiembre de 1992)

“Porque en el seguro refugio de Mi Corazón Inmaculado, que la Santísima Trinidad les ofrece como arca de salvación, en estos últimos tiempos, esperarán en la confianza y en la oración el retorno de Jesús en gloria, que traerá su Reino al mundo y hará nuevas todas las cosas.” (1 de enero de 1996)

El P. Gobbi nos repetía continuamente que la consagración debe hacerse y vivirse. Meditemos con atención nuestro Acto de Consagración, es una verdadera escuela de vida. La Virgen nos llama a ser fuertes soldados de Sus armas espirituales, a las directrices

de Ella que se define como nuestra Comandante. No es posible ser colaboradores de esta Su Obra fuera de cuanto Ella nos pide. Si creemos que el Movimiento Sacerdotal Mariano es verdaderamente obra de la Virgen, no podemos "corregir" sus indicaciones o vivirlas "a nuestra manera": serán modos buenos, ciertamente, pero será diferente a cuanto nos pide como Movimiento Sacerdotal Mariano. El Movimiento Sacerdotal Mariano no es una devoción mariana, es una vida, una dedicación, podríamos decir una dedicación al Inmaculado Corazón de María: siguiendo lo que la Virgen nos dice en el Libro Azul, viviendo la consagración al Corazón Inmaculado, ya no podemos enfrentar la vida de otro modo.

"Si viven todo lo que les he indicado y recorren el camino que les he trazado, caminarán seguros por la senda de la consagración que me han hecho y realizarán el gran designio del triunfo de mi Corazón Inmaculado. De lo contrario, los detendrán las dudas, el desaliento, las dificultades, la oposición que encuentren. Se detendrán y no estarán prontos a cumplir lo que he preparado para ustedes y que hoy es tan necesario para la salvación del mundo y la renovación de la Iglesia, de la cual soy Madre."

(9 de noviembre de 1984)

"Solo así podrán combatir Conmigo para la victoria segura; de los contrario, van ya por el camino de la derrota."

(22 de agosto de 1976)

Solo viviendo la consagración podemos ser fieles combatientes para su ejército como Ella quiere, un ejército que tiene **la fuerza de la confianza en Ella** como los niños pequeños lo tienen en su madre. Solo así se comprenden mejor las palabras del 18 de octubre de 1975 "Estén alegres", que el P Gobbi nos recomendó antes de partir para el Cielo.

III.

Finalmente, podremos preguntarnos "¿por qué, Señor, permites que tu Iglesia sea sometida a esta prueba?"...

Desafortunadamente, sucede que cierta parte de la Iglesia, laicos, religiosos, pastores, parecen seguir, apreciar lo que surge de estas desviaciones de la doctrina, de esta confusión, y prefieren otra enseñanza respecto al Magisterio; en algunos casos presionan para que el Magisterio cambie... en la Confusión crece la División (11 febrero 1979) ... Pero entonces se comprende que, además de nuestros pecados, mientras esta situación esté presente en la Iglesia, el triunfo del Corazón Inmaculado no puede cumplirse. He aquí, que el Señor está permitiendo que en la Iglesia salgan afuera los problemas doctrinales, las "enfermedades espirituales" ocultas o latentes, las máscaras, los proyectos dirigidos para cambiar la Iglesia, para cambiar la vida de los mandamientos, de los sacramentos, de las virtudes y así través de la purificación Ella resplandezca de nuevo en la luz de santidad que la Inmaculada le vuelve a dar, para la gloria de la Santísima Trinidad.

Es un proceso de curación de la Iglesia, una purificación que se hace necesaria.

Nuestra respuesta debe ser clara: vivir con el amor de un luchador. Por lo tanto: **fidelidad** al Evangelio y al Magisterio, **testimonio** fiel con la vida y - cuando sea necesario - con las palabras que den razón de la fe, **oración** para pedir el don del Espíritu Santo sobre toda la Iglesia, comenzando por el Papa, que debe ser el primer oyente y el eco.

"Hijos predilectos, sean fuertes y fieles anunciantes del Evangelio. Vean como la verdad, contenida en el Evangelio, es oscurecida por el racionalismo, lacerada por los errores que se difunden cada vez más: De este modo muchos se alejan de la verdadera fe, Vivan a la letra el Evangelio de mi hijo Jesús.

“Anuncien a la letra el Evangelio que viven. No cesen de difundir por el mundo, invadido por la tiniebla del error y de la apos-tasía, la luz de la Verdad. Sean ustedes los Apóstoles de la nueva evangelización en un mundo que se ha hecho pagano, casi dos mil años después del primer anuncio del Evangelio.”

(24 de junio de 1997)

No debemos agitarnos. El Evangelio es todo para nosotros y el Magisterio nos enseña cómo actuar. Si incluso alguno lo pusiera en duda, hiciera cosas diferentes, quisiera probar nuevos caminos... Nos mantenemos fieles al Evangelio y al Magisterio! Cuanto más parece que esta confusión aumenta, más debe **aumentar nuestra oración y nuestros actos de reparación.**

IV.

En el Acto de Consagración, la Virgen nos pide que recemos mucho por el Papa y que formemos una barrera contra el desafío al Magisterio. Estamos en el 2020, centenario de la muerte de la pequeña S. Jacinta Marto, que tanto ofreció sus sufrimientos por los pecadores y por el Santo Padre. Cada vez que alguien le pedía orar por algo, ella añadía siempre “...y por el Santo Padre! (y en reparación de los pecados cometidos contra el Corazón Inmaculado de María.)” Debemos preguntarnos: porqué la Virgen insiste siempre sobre el Papa? Porqué al final del segundo secreto ha dicho, entre otras cosas, que si no se escucharen sus peticiones “el Santo Padre tendrá que sufrir mucho...”? Probemos a no mirar estos sufrimientos sólo desde un punto de vista humano, por ejemplo, las persecuciones, etc... sino desde un punto de vista espiritual.

Recodando la visión que sólo S. Jacinta ha tenido en el pozo de la casa de Lucía (*Tercera Memoria, 6: el Santo Padre de rodillas en una casa rodeada por personas que gritaban y tiraban piedras*), me permito compartir una reflexión.

Este reclamo insistente de rezar por el Papa y de formar una barrera para defender el Magisterio, se puede ver como si nosotros, Iglesia (y con mayor razón nosotros como MSM), somos los que fortalecemos esta casa que defiende del maligno el ministerio del Papa y el Magisterio y que si fallan nuestra oración y nuestro ofrecimiento (si nosotros del MSM no vivimos bien nuestra Consagración al Corazón Inmaculado), se debilita la barrera que defiende el ministerio del Papa y el Magisterio que son alcanzados por un número cada vez mayor de piedras y golpes (es decir de obras del maligno) y después vienen heridos...bloqueados...hasta cierto punto aniquilados...Nos toca combatir con las armas que nos ha dado la Virgen para que el Magisterio y el ministerio confiados al Papa, de confirmar a los hermanos en la fe, sea protegido del mal y sea sostenido y defendido como Ella lo espera de nosotros. La Virgen insiste mucho en esto, tanto para pedirlo como segundo compromiso en nuestra Consagración a Su Corazón Inmaculado. Los mensajes que lo solicitan son innumerables.

Estar unidos al Papa no significa simplemente aplaudirlo, estar siempre contentos, significa antes que nada, defender su ministerio petrino de la acción del maligno con nuestra oración y los medios espirituales que tenemos disponibles. Nadie en la Iglesia puede sentirse exento de ello, porque todos en la Iglesia tienen una parte de responsabilidad en el apoyo a ese ministerio, que desde la época de Pedro, ha sido el más sometido a las insidias del maligno.

En la Iglesia no podemos comportarnos como lo hacemos en los partidos políticos, “me gusta” – “no me gusta”, “estoy feliz” – “no estoy feliz”, “rezo” – “no rezo”; las personas que no sienten el deber de defender espiritualmente al Papa lo debilitan, esto no forma parte de la tradición espiritual de la Iglesia ...La Virgen ya desde los primeros años dice que se espera de nosotros una actitud diferente:

“pues vendrá el momento en el que, como Jesús en el camino al Calvario, será abandonado casi por todos. Entonces estos hijos míos serán su consuelo y su defensa y vencerán Conmigo en la más grande batalla de la Iglesia.” (23 de septiembre de 1973)

Entonces llegará a decir: “¿Dónde están ahora los sacerdotes cercanos a este primer sacerdote? Sean ustedes, sacerdotes consagrados a mi Corazón Inmaculado, los más cercanos al corazón del Papa. Oren por Él, sufran con Él, estén siempre con Él.”

(9 de noviembre de 1975)

...Cercanos con fidelidad al Evangelio y cercanos en el apoyo y la defensa espiritual.

En este Tiempo de la Confusión, con mayor razón debemos orar para que el Espíritu Santo lo inspire como guiar a la Iglesia y como defender la fe, y ser verdadero instrumento de las SS. Trinidad para su purificación. La Virgen nos pide siempre y solo esto y después el Señor guía todo por el bien de la Iglesia, nos gusten los caminos que Él permite o no nos gusten. Sabemos sin embargo, que estamos en Sus manos misericordiosas, y de Sus manos nos ofrece a María...

Entonces verdaderamente debemos confiar mucho en Ella, porque nos ha dicho todo lo que concierne a este “Tiempo.”

El triunfo de Su Corazón Inmaculado comienza ya en nuestro combate, sobre todo en la forma en que combatimos, y es tanto más grande cuanto más se parece al Suyo. Si confiamos, repito que no hay lugar para la agitación, para las discusiones, para los métodos humanos de resolver el “ruido” de los discursos, de los artículos periodísticos, de mensajes con Internet, etc.

Así, como fruto del refugio de su Corazón Inmaculado, nos da la paz.

“Signo de mi triunfo materno es la paz, que desde ahora quiero llevar al corazón de todos mis hijos: de los que me escuchan, me siguen, se consagran a mi Corazón Inmaculado.” (5 julio 1985)

“En la profunda oscuridad de este tiempo, si viven Conmigo, podrán vislumbrar la claridad de los tiempos nuevos que les esperan.” (1 enero 1991)

Entonces viviremos nuestros cenáculos aún mejor. **Los cenáculos son nuestra fuerza de intercesión.** Consideramos este Tiempo de purificación como el Tiempo de María, como “un largo y continuo año mariano”, y acogemos estas palabras del 1987:

“Durante este año llamo a todos los hijos de la Iglesia a recogerse Conmigo en Cenáculos de incesante oración. Sobre todo, deseo que se recite con frecuencia el Santo Rosario, especialmente por los pequeños, los enfermos, los pobres y los pecadores. Envuelvan al mundo con la cadena del Rosario para obtener sobre todos gracia y misericordia. Multipliquen sus Cenáculos de oración.” (10 de junio de 1987)

Subrayo la petición de la Virgen: "**multipliquen sus Cenáculos de oración**". No se conformen con lo que ya han hecho hasta ahora, traten de ver cómo hacer más... pidan esta gracia a la Virgen, pregunten y prueben.

Ella dice que basta ser dos para hacer un cenáculo. Recomiendo que sea bien hecha: invocación al Espíritu Santo, Rosario, oraciones por el Papa, un mensaje del Libro Azul y consagración al Inmaculado Corazón. Ningún otro mensaje, ningún otro texto durante los cenáculos. Si pueden, oren ante una imagen de la Virgen de Fátima, para recordarles que Ella en persona comenzó esta obra en el 1917 y a la cual llamó al P. Gobbi y a nosotros a partir de 1972 en adelante.

Sugiero que nos encontremos todos, unidos espiritualmente en todo el mundo, aunque cada uno en sus propios cenáculos, el 20 de febrero de 2020, día del centenario de la muerte de Santa Jacinta, en particular con la intención de nuestro segundo compromiso. Volvamos a leer con calma los mensajes del 18 de octubre de 1975 y del 31 de diciembre de 1997. Oremos juntos y pidamos la gracia de cumplir sus expectativas, de vivir con confianza en su Corazón Inmaculado, de ser sus apóstoles como Ella lo quiere.

Les agradezco mucho sus oraciones, son de gran consuelo para mí, les garantizo las mías todos los días. Siempre estoy feliz de recibir noticias de sus cenáculos en todo el mundo. “Con la fuerza de los pequeños...” (8 septiembre 1996)

Caminemos juntos en la luz y en la Gracia que salen para nosotros del Corazón Inmaculado de María.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Luca Pescatori".

Don Luca Pescatori

**National MMP Retreat for Laity
Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament
3224 County Rd. 548 Hanceville, AL
Friday, October 16 to Sunday, October 18, 2020**

Retreat in the Form of a Continuous Cenacle
(tentative schedule)

Friday, Oct. 16 2:00 to 5:00 PM

Adoration, Cenacle, Evening Prayer & Holy Mass

Saturday, Oct. 17 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Morning: Adoration, Morning Prayer, 1st & 2nd Rosary, Holy Mass

Afternoon: Presentation on Fr. Gobbi, Adoration, Evening Prayer &
3rd Rosary

Sunday, Oct. 18 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Adoration, Cenacle, Morning Prayer & Holy Mass

REGISTRATION: Open to everyone. You are not required to register with the Shrine, but please inform the MMP office if you will be attending (Tel. (207) 398-3375 / Email: mmp@mmp-usa.net)

MEALS: There is no food available on the grounds, except vending machines with snacks and drinks. Please bring a bag lunch on Saturday.

LODGING: You are responsible for your own accommodations. For a list of lodging options: www.olamshrine.com/visit/lodging

FEE: There is no charge for the weekend. We will accept a free will offering for the MMP and the use of the Shrine facilities.

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in the Form of a Continuous Cenacle
Malvern Retreat House Malvern, Pennsylvania
Monday, Sept. 14 (4 PM) - Friday, Sept. 18, 2020 (9 AM)**

“Why do I want them to come together in cenacles with me? *Above all to pray with me*: when my priests pray, united with each other and with me, how efficacious is their prayer! (...) It is necessary today that my priests know each other...that they be as brothers brought together by their Mother.” (#34, *Cenacles of Life with Me*)

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Go to www.malvernretreat.com and click on “calendar.” Scroll down to the date and go to the MMP page. Click on “register now” and select “create an account” to register. You may call the retreat house if you have any questions or need further assistance. Tel. (610) 644-0400.

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All participants need to submit a letter of suitability to Retreat House.

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COST \$375 (includes 4 nights lodging and all meals)

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ARRIVAL Registration begins at 1 PM in the lobby. All those who register will be receiving a follow-up email later in the year, listing the full schedule and other pertinent information.

Our brother priests from the MMP in Canada will be joining us. Our Blessed Mother tells us how pleased she is in seeing all of her beloved sons gathering together in cenacle. I pray to see many of you there!

Fr. Richard Cortese
National Director