

MARY'S TOUCH ③

THROUGH MARY TO JESUS

AN OUTLINE OF OUR LADY'S MESSAGES IN NAJU

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MESSAGES

Our Lady gave us the following messages through Julia Kim in Naju, Korea:

Tears are important. But the contents of the messages are more important. You must spread my messages fast. (Oct. 19, 1987)

Those who practice my messages are accepting me and, therefore, will experience a renewal of their souls. (Jan. 30, 1988)

As my messages are founded on love, mercy will overflow into any soul who repents and practices the messages. (Feb. 4, 1988)

My messages of love will be the brake that suppresses disorder. All the children in the world must hurriedly understand my messages of love and accept them. (Feb. 2, 1995)

Our Lord also gave us the following message immediately after the 11th Eucharistic miracle through Julia on September 22, 1995:

Because My Mother's loving and kind words for the past several centuries have been ignored, sin has reached a saturation point, even within the Church.

Two thousand years ago, in the small town of Nazareth, Our Lady humbly consented to God's Plan of Human Salvation, opening the door to the Incarnation and Redemptive Work by God the Son in our human world. About thirty-three years later, she was standing under the Cross participating in her Divine Son's sufferings and offering up His and her own sorrows and pains to God the Father for our salvation. Even after her Assumption into Heaven, she has been constantly praying for us, her poor children on earth, and channeling God's graces to us.

At about the same time the devil was wreaking havoc in Europe by spreading the Protestant errors, Our Lady appeared in Guadalupe, Mexico, in 1531, giving us messages and a miraculous image to remind us of her deep motherly love for us and her constant presence and powerful protection for us. About three hundred years later (1858), in Lourdes, France, she repeated the Gospel message that we should do penance for our sins and also identified herself as THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, who, by virtue of the fullness of God's graces in her from the moment of her conception, can and will be totally triumphant over the devil. In Fatima, Portugal, in 1917, she asked us to consecrate ourselves to her Immaculate Heart and to fervently pray and offer penance for the conversion of sinners. At other apparition sites also, she repeated her pleas for our prayers, penance and consecration to her Heart. Now, in the small city of Naju in Korea, she has been giving us "a synthesis of all her messages" (according to Monsignor Matthias Peres Merino in Vatican who visited Naju in September of 1990), supported by a great number of most amazing miracles.

"If you love God, draw all to the love of God."

—St. Augustine

Our Lord's Words through Julia in Naju on July 1, 1996

When you make Me known, follow Me, and make My Mother known, you may experience pains. But you must lighten the dark world by hurriedly propagating to everyone the salvation that has been won through My immeasurable pains on the Cross.



Hundreds of thousands of people have visited Naju since the beginning of the miracle in 1985. Many of them have personally witnessed miraculous signs such as tears and tears of blood from Our Lady's statue, fragrant oil from the same statue, the Stigmata on Julia, and Eucharistic miracles (thirteen times so far). Physical healings have also occurred on numerous occasions during Julia's prayers and in connection with the water from the miraculous spring on the mountain near Naju. Countless people have experienced spiritual conversion, repenting their sins and returning to the Sacraments, regaining peace and love in their families, and, most of all, recovering humility and love in their hearts.

In concerning ourselves with the Marian messages and signs, it is important that we go deeper than what we can see and hear externally and try to understand the motives in the Hearts of Our Lord and Our Lady for giving us such messages and signs. Undoubtedly, Our Lord is giving us supernatural signs not to satisfy our curiosity but to induce some important changes in our hearts and in our lives, as He changed water into wine at the wedding in Cana.

The nature of the changes God desires in us was already explained in the Gospels. The Church that Our Lord established has been guiding, healing and nurturing the faithful in their efforts to live Our Lord's teachings for the past two thousand years. The Saints have been the living examples of how we must conduct our lives. But human minds are weak and unsteady and easily get distracted and misled. Frequently, we read and hear the Gos-

pels but remain spiritually blind and deaf to the contents. Invaluable spiritual treasures are always available to us through the Church, but we often turn our eyes elsewhere, following erroneous ideas and pursuing vain goals. It is because of our such spiritual complacency, apathy and unreliability that God has been prodding, encouraging and warning us by sending us the Mother of the Savior, who is also our true spiritual Mother. Our Lady is the ultimate reflection of God's Love and Mercy. God filled her with such an abundance of His Love, Mercy and Goodness that she could identify herself as the Immaculate Conception It-

self in Lourdes, totally free from anything that is evil or unholy. God created this Mother of God the Son in order to reveal His infinite Goodness and Love for us. By God's Will and by the merits of her Divine Son, she is the only one who can turn the tide of evil which is currently enwrapping and pressing down heavily upon the entire world.

Thus, what is at stake is the salvation of each one of us as well as the status of the Church and the fate of our world. Our Lady is bringing to us the message of hope that God wills to rescue us from our current spiritual and moral crisis. In order to help this to happen, we must make a drastic rearrangement of our priorities and begin living Our Lord's teachings faithfully as explained in the Gospels and as taught by His Church. By means of her detailed messages in Naju and elsewhere, Our Lady is repeating and explaining to us the Lord's teachings in the most loving and persuasive manner as our Mother and as the final attempt by Heaven to change us. So, when Our Lady says that we should understand, practice and spread her messages, she is actually asking us to return to the original teachings by Our Lord entrusted to His Church and to evangelize the whole world with these teachings. We should never treat the true messages from Our Lady like the daily newspapers, which we read and, then, throw away. God's truth is eternally beautiful and life-giving. He entrusted this precious, awesome truth to His Catholic Church for us and is now refreshing our faith by means of Our Lady's messages and signs.

II. "The Truth Will Set You Free"

The foundation for our life as Christians is our faith in the truths that Christ revealed and entrusted to His Church. So, we profess the Creed and accept as truth all the official teachings by the Magisterium. Because we believe that Christ is our Savior and the Truth Itself and also because He promised that the Holy Spirit will guide and protect His Church (John 14:26), we accept that the official teachings of the Church on matters of faith and morals are totally free from errors. If there are any errors in what we believe, we will be misled and will mislead others, too. In order to attain salvation and eternal life, we need firm, absolute truths that will remain true for all eternity. Because our salvation primarily involves supernatural dimensions, human brains and efforts alone will never find all the truths necessary for our salvation. We need revelations and graces from God and also a safe preservation and authoritative interpretation of these revelations. In providing us with the necessary revelations and preserving them for us, God has never failed. It has been the humans, who have become proud and lost faith in God's revelations, His Power and His Covenant. As people began reasserting their egos - their own

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The Apostolic Pro Nuncio in Korea (second from right) explains the seventh Eucharistic miracle to other priests. — The Chapel in Naju, November 24, 1994

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ideas, preferences, and judgment even on spiritual and moral matters, throwing away what they had been receiving from God through His Church, the moral standards in the world were crumbling down, the spiritual dimension of human life and culture was being replaced by materialistic and hedonistic vanities, and human dignity was being trampled upon at all phases of the life. In fact, underlying all the problems in the Church and in the world today is the contamination of human minds with the ideas, perceptions and beliefs that are not from God. Humans have been eating the apple of pride and independence again, forgetting that God alone is the source of all truth, life and love. Therefore, correction of our current problems requires, before anything else, the restoration of eternal truths in our minds. If we do not know God, we cannot love Him. If we do not know His Commandments, we cannot do His Will. If we do not know the truths from God, we will be at the mercy of the devil and all his errors that will only lead us to confusion, corruption, violence, destruction and despair. This is exactly the reason why Our Lord gave us His teachings in the first place. It is the reason why He entrusted His teachings and His teaching authority to the Church so that the truth may always be available to us. It is also the reason why Our Lady is now giving us messages and signs to reawaken us to this tremendous reality of God's eternal truths in the Church. Jesus said to His disciples: ***If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*** (John 8: 31-32)

III. THE DOCTRINAL AND THEOLOGICAL CONTENTS OF OUR LADY'S MESSAGES AND SIGNS IN NAJU

If a supernatural revelation truly originates from God and, therefore, constitutes a genuine part of the unfolding of God's Plan of Human Salvation, it must not only be free from any conflict with the official Church teachings

but also play a positive and yet supportive role of facilitating and reinforcing our understanding and implementation of the teachings of the Church. Good examples are the Blessed Mother's apparitions to Sister Catherine Labouré in 1830 giving us the Miraculous Medal, which confirmed the doctrine of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception prior to the official declaration of this doctrine in 1854; and also Our Lady's apparitions in Lourdes in 1858, which confirmed the same doctrine after the official announcement.

The signs and messages in Naju are rich in contents with doctrinal and theological significance. These contents mainly concern: (1) the Holy Trinity; (2) the Incarnation of God the Son in our world and the continuation of His Real Presence in the Eucharist and Redemptive Work through the Church; (3) the need for redemptive sufferings by the members of the Church; and (4) the role of Our Lady in salvation history.

1. As the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are One, you must all become one, too. (The Blessed Mother, October 19, 1986—the first day of Our Lady's shedding tears of blood in Naju)

On a number of occasions in Naju, the Blessed Mother repeated the above message, which resonates beautifully with Our Lord's prayer before the beginning of His Passion, ***"I pray ... that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you ... that they may be one, as we are one."*** (John 17: 20-22)

The Scripture tells us that God created us in His own image and likeness. (Genesis 1: 26-27) So, like God, we have souls with intellect and free will. Unlike animals, we can conduct intellectual activities by distinguishing between truth and errors and between good and evil and, then, with our free will, choose between truth and errors and between good and evil. Our ability to exercise intellect and free will is not perfect, though, because our human nature was impaired and weakened by the original sin. For this reason, we are vulnerable to the disorderly inclinations in ourselves and the evil temptations by the devil and the world. Imperfect as they may be, our intellect and free will are at work in our daily lives and we will be held responsible for all the choices we make with our thoughts, words,



and acts. The weakness and limitation of our human nature is compensated for by the help of supernatural graces from God in our understanding the supernatural truths, in our keeping God's Commandments and in our attaining eternal life.

Stating that we have intellect and free will, however, covers only part of our likeness to God, as God not only has His Intellect and Free Will but is a triune God, Who is Three Persons – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit – united as One, still remaining as three distinct Persons but completely sharing the same perfect Divine Nature because of the infinite Love between Them. The principle here is that the distance between persons decreases, as the love between them increases, and disappears completely, when the love is infinite. Actually, the Love is between the Father and the Son and this Love Itself is another Person: the Holy Spirit. Thus, God is not a lonesome, stationary being but Three Persons interacting with each other with infinite intensity and harmony in Their infinite Wisdom, Goodness, and Love for all eternity.

In likeness of the Triune God, we humans were created not as lone creatures but as social beings. Thus, God willed that man and wife form and raise a family, united as one in love, harmony and fidelity. God also willed that we function as members of other social entities as needed like schools, workplaces, religious orders, local communities, countries, and so on, and work toward unity in love in those entities. Our Lady especially emphasized the need for unity between different nations and different races: ***I am Mother to all of you. Come closer to me, overcoming differences in nationality.*** (December 14, 1992)

If all my children in this world transcend national boundaries, racial barriers and factional differences, form a unity and harmony with each other, and display the power of love, the Church will be revitalized, a shining new Pentecost will be realized, and this world will be saved by the Lord, Who is present in the Eucharist. (Sept. 24, 1994)

As the ultimate fulfillment of our social nature, God willed that we belong to the Mystical Body of Christ, His Church. In other words, we will realize our full potential as human beings when we function as true members of God's Family, the Church, which is to

last forever. Thus, God not only gave humans intellect and free will to understand and pursue good; He also gave us the Supreme Principle of Love and Harmony in the Holy Trinity as the ultimate paradigm which we must strive to emulate while we live on earth. Through her messages and signs in Naju, the Blessed Mother is reminding us of this tremendously beautiful and noble goal that God assigned to humans and is imploring us ardently to walk toward that goal by building unity with our fellow humans with love, humility, forgiveness and service toward each other.

2. The Incarnation of God the Son Continuing in Our Human World

A full expiation of human sins committed against God could only be accomplished by someone of infinite dignity, someone who is capable of making reparations of infinite value. God Himself was the only one who could meet this requirement. This was the reason why God the Son was sent to us as our Redeemer. It was an expression of God's Love and Mercy for us beyond our comprehension. It was also a powerful example of humility, because God's becoming human was a descent in dignity of immeasurable proportions. But, in taking the human nature, God the Son did not relinquish His Divinity and will remain God forever. By entering the world of fallen humans, He wanted to rescue humans out of their misery and raise them to the level of God's true children and true friends by restoring supernatural life to them. By this supernatural grace (= the Sanctifying Grace), humans can participate in God's Life, truly understanding and communicating with Him in Love.

After accomplishing the atonement for all human sins through His Passion, Jesus ascended into Heaven to be with God the Father. Out of His infinite Love and Wisdom, however, Jesus left His Church on earth which could continue His Physical Presence and His Work until the end of the world. This Church is truly the living extension of Christ Himself, through which He could be with His followers always; administer the distribution of graces through the priesthood and the Sacraments; and preserve and teach the revealed truths infallibly with His own divine authority. This Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, was also



Our Lady wept tears and tears of blood for a total of exactly 700 days through her statue in Naju between June 30, 1985 and January 14, 1992.

The 12th Eucharistic Miracle through Julia witnessed by the Holy Father

On October 31, 1995, Julia visited the Vatican together with Monsignor Nam Ik Paik, Julio (her husband), Rosa (her eldest daughter) and Raphael Song (a seminarian). They attended a private Mass celebrated by the Holy Father. There also were several people from France who had also been invited. During Mass, Julia and her companions were allowed to sing hymns in Korean. At Communion time, another Eucharistic miracle occurred. As in most of the previous Eucharistic miracles through Julia, the Sacred Host turned into live Flesh and Blood on her tongue.

The process of this miracle was observed by Msgr. Paik. He testified that, as the Sacred Host was turning into

Flesh, it also became larger and formed the shape of a heart. He said that the shape was the same as in the 11th Eucharistic miracle that had occurred in Naju on September 22, 1995 during the Mass celebrated by Bishop Roman Danylak from Toronto and two other priests.

Immediately after the Mass, the Holy Father came to Julia and witnessed this miracle. He blessed Julia and her companions.

Julia also relayed the Blessed Mother's message to the Holy Father, in which Our Lady asked him to teach the importance of the Sacrament of Confession and the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist to all.



The Holy Father witnesses a Eucharistic miracle through Julia.



The Holy Father blesses Julia after witnessing the Eucharistic miracle.



The Holy Father gives a rosary to Julia after the Eucharistic miracle.

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to grow and become sanctified in her members as well over time. For this to happen, her members would have to walk the same way that Christ walked – the way of charity, humility, self-denial and reparations, always drawing the spiritual energy from the Head of the Mystical Body, Christ Himself. Along with her growth and sanctification, the Church will be transforming more and more of the human race into true citizens of God's Kingdom until the end of the world. This is God's Plan of Human Salvation. This is why the Church is so important. The Blessed Mother is trying to open our eyes to this tremendous reality of God's Presence and Work through His Church by giving us many messages and Eucharistic miracles:

My Son Jesus is in Heaven, but is also present on earth with His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, while hiding His Dignity, Humanity, and Divinity. Jesus in the Holy Eucharist will lead you to the pinnacle of prayer. (January 6, 1996)

I want the lay people to obey the Pope, Cardinals, Bishops and all the priests. They are my most beloved sons and have received the power to forgive the sins of countless people who have become contaminated with sins. For this reason, even my Son Jesus comes down from Heaven to earth in obedience to them. (June 29, 1987)

When you follow me entrusting everything to me, your union with God through His Incarnation will continue in the Mystery of the Eucharist. This union is unprec-

edented and beyond human description. (July 2, 1995)

Our Lord also gave us the following message:

Pray for the Pope, My Vicar, all the Cardinals, Bishops and priests. Offer sacrifices and reparations without ceasing so that they may carry out their duties loyally. I want them to follow Me with self-renunciation and poverty. I entrusted all the work to them, and so, all the liturgical celebrations they offer are what I offer. (June 5, 1988)

3. Salvation through the Cross

The teachings that Christ left to us seem to be full of paradoxes. To follow Christ, we must deny ourselves and carry our cross (Luke 9:23). Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Christ's sake will find it (Matthew 16:25). If anyone wishes to be first, he must be the last of all and the servant of all (Mark 9:34). We must love our enemies, and pray for those who persecute us (Matthew 5:44). And to lead us to the glory of Heaven, Christ suffered a most painful death.

Christ's teachings and examples of the Cross have never been popular, because they teach us the value of the opposite of what we usually want and admire. Nowadays, the Saints are not very popular, either, because they reached high levels of holiness not through self-centered accomplishments but through humility, self-denial and charity. But the eternal truth will never change and cannot be altered for our convenience. The way of salvation is still the way of the cross. Sacrifices and self-denial are still the only true signs of love.

The emphasis on the importance of re-

demptive sufferings is so evident throughout the messages and signs in Naju. The Blessed Mother wept tears and tears of blood through her statue so many times in Naju because of her immense love for us and our repeated failures to obey God and His Commandments. The Blessed Mother has also been imploring all of us to participate in the sufferings of Our Lord and herself for the conversion of sinners. It sometimes seems that many people are turned off by the numerous intense manifestations of sorrows and pains in Naju. We could feel better if the messages were filled with joy and compliments. But didn't Christ suffer more because of many of His followers who ran away from the Cross? Didn't Jesus rebuke Peter, when Peter was trying to dissuade Him from suffering? (Matthew 17:21-23) Isn't Christ calling us to a life of the cross and penance, only because He wants us to find true joy and peace that will last forever?

Our generation may want salvation with minimum or no cross, peace and joy without penance, love without sacrifice, the Mass mainly as a joyful celebration rather than a renewal of Our Lord's Sacrifice on the Cross, Holy Communion with no Confessions, deemphasis on Purgatory, membership in the Church without full obedience to her teaching authority, and the like. But aren't we deceiving ourselves with a false sense of security by compromising and diluting what is from God for our own convenience? The Blessed Mother has been very emphatic about this subject in Naju. In fact, her call to us to participate in the redemptive suffering of Christ and herself is the main theme of her messages in Naju. There is nothing new about this. It is what Christ's teaching has been all about.

I am carrying the burden of reparation

for you; so carry the burden for others. There are too many souls who fall into hell and bruise my Heart. When you offer penance and prayers to compensate for the sins and ingratitude of so many souls, they will be saved. (June 29, 1987)

In order to save many souls, we must carry the cross of love together and offer reparations with prayers and sacrifices and, thereby, appease the just anger of God the Father. (October 19, 1987)

The souls who are elevated high on the Cross and offer themselves gracefully as victims to the Lord are truly the souls who glorify the Lord and are the little souls who are closest to me. (September 17, 1991)

4. The Marian Role in Human Salvation

There is a significant corollary between the circumstances surrounding the fall of our first parents and those surrounding the redemption of the human race by Our Lord. In the case of the first human sin, the evil angel, Satan, first approached the woman, Eve, and tempted her into committing the sin of disobedience. The woman, then, talked the man into committing the same sin. In the case of human redemption, a good angel, St. Gabriel, first approached the Woman, Mary, and asked her if she would be willing to consent to God's plan of human salvation. In humble and loving obedience, Mary accepted God's Will and, thus, conceived the Savior in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit. This humble obedience by Mary to God's Will constituted a preparation and precondition for the Savior's

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The 11th Eucharistic Miracle through Julia

The Sacred Host in Julia's mouth turned into live Flesh in the shape of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This was witnessed by Bishop Roman Danylak from Toronto, Canada, two other priests, and more than ten lay people. – Naju, September 22, 1995

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work of human salvation through His perfect obedience to God the Father. Mary's loving assistance to the Savior did not end at this beginning phase of God's Incarnation in the human world. She devoted all of herself to supporting her Divine Son throughout His Life on earth – from the moment of His conception to His birth and growth in the family and, eventually, to His suffering and death on the Cross. Even after Christ's resurrection and ascension, Mary continued supporting His followers. Especially, she was together with her Son's disciples in the upper room in Jerusalem, praying with them until the Descent of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:14), which marked the birth of the Catholic Church.

The Church is the Mystical Body of Christ – a true continuation and extension of Christ that comprises His followers as her members, breathing with the Holy Spirit and living with the Life of Christ Himself flowing in the members of the Church, just as the same life flows from the vine to its branches (John 15:1-10). Therefore, the Mother of Christ is also the Mother of the Church and the Mother of everyone who belongs to the Church. As she conceived, gave birth to and raised the Child Jesus two thousand years ago, she is still conceiving, giving birth to, and raising the members of the Church as their true spiritual Mother. This spiritual motherhood of Mary for all the followers of Our Lord was confirmed by Christ Himself just before He expired on the Cross (John 19:26-27). As the mother's care is always essential to the growth and safety of her children in any family, Mary's care is always essential to our spiritual nourishment, growth and safety in the Church, which is God's Family. It is no surprise that the many problems that exist in the Church today have occurred simultaneously with an erosion of the Marian devotion. Whenever we distance ourselves from our Heavenly Mother, we are go-

St. Bernard says that God has filled Mary with all graces, so that men may receive by her means, as by a channel, every good thing that comes to them. He says, that "she is a full aqueduct, that others may receive of her plenitude." Before the birth of the Blessed Virgin, a constant flow of graces was wanting, because this aqueduct did not exist. But now that Mary has been given to the world, heavenly graces constantly flow through her on all. – St. Alphonsus de Liguori, *The Glories of Mary*

ing to lose the clear perception of God's Incarnation and Its continuation through the Church, as Mary is the true guardian and vessel of the God Incarnate and the channel through which all of God's graces flow to us. Thus, Mary is never an obstacle in our worshiping God, but is the greatest gift that God bestowed upon us for the purpose of leading us to the road of loving and serving Him.

The Marian Doctrines

The Fathers in the early centuries of Church history had to contend with many heresies that promoted erroneous ideas about Our Lord. Some denied the Divinity of Christ, while others denied His humanity. As the correct understanding of the Savior's identity was an essential foundation for Christian Faith, the Church countered these heresies by clearly stating her official teaching that Christ is truly God and truly Man, with both Divinity and humanity united in one Person of God the Son.

To prevent people from correctly understanding the revealed truths, the devil works diligently by employing one method after another. In addition to confusing people's understanding of the Savior's identity, he also finds it convenient to harm people's salvation process by blurring their minds about the Blessed Mother. For example, as soon as people begin hesitating to call Mary the Mother of God, their belief in God's true Incarnation becomes shaky. If they can call Mary the Mother of Jesus but not the Mother of God, then, they are denying that Jesus is God and, therefore, are not fully accepting the doctrine of God's Incarnation in our world. Against the heresies about the Blessed Mother, the Church formally declared the doctrine of Mary's Divine Motherhood in 431 (The Council of Ephesus). The Church continued clarifying the truth about Our Lady by defining her Perpetual Virginity in 649 (The Lateran Council), her Immaculate Conception in 1854 (Pope Pius IX) and her Assumption in 1950 (Pope Pius XII).

Our Lady has given us many messages in Naju reminding us of her essential role for our salvation and for the renewal of the Church. Most significantly, these messages concern her role as the Mediatrice of Graces, the Advocate for sinners and the Helper to Christ in our redemption or the Co-Redemptrix, which have not yet been officially declared as doctrines but have been generally accepted as theological truth by many Saints and theologians. A large number of the faithful led by the Mexican hierarchy are already petitioning the Holy

See to proceed with the official declaration of these teachings as dogmas. When the messages and signs in Naju are officially approved by the Church, it will significantly enhance the chances for such a declaration. These titles of Mary: the Mediatrice of All Graces, the Advocate for Sinners and the Co-Redemptrix (or the Helper to Christ in Redemption) clarify Our Lady's role in God's Plan of Human Salvation. Together with the already-defined doctrines, an official declaration of these as Church dogmas will represent a full blossoming of our understanding of the Blessed Mother's role in salvation history and a glorious climax in the unfolding of God's Plan of Human Salvation. The following are some of Our Lady's messages in Naju highlighting her essential role for our salvation.

I came to this world as the Lord's Helper to save you in this age fallen into danger. When you renounce everything and follow me completely, my role as your true Mother and the Lord's Helper in saving the world will soon be manifested clearly. (Aug. 27, 1991)

The reason why I was chosen to be the Lord's Helper was to give the opportunity of salvation to everyone. Keep in mind that you were also chosen to be my helpers. (Aug. 27, 1991)

While the world is rushing into moral decays, all the children of the world will soon know that I am the Mediatrice of Graces. (November 26, 1991)

What is important is that you become sanctified in the Lord and offer up your prayers with a sincere heart. I came down from Heaven as the Queen of the Universe enwrapped in a brilliant immaculate light in order to nurture you. (Feb. 18, 1993)

Sons and daughters who have been called because you are so dearly loved! This Mother, who is the Mediatrice of Graces and the Co-Redemptrix, will transform you through the little soul whom I have chosen. (May 9, 1995)

Ask the Bishop to restore my position in the Church. Then, my messages will spread to the world and people will amend their lives. (Dec. 8, 1988)

I wish to rescue the world by the victory of my mercy and love. Therefore, if you pray with me, with confidence in me, holding my hands, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. It will surely triumph. (Jan. 15, 1989)

I am praying, shedding tears that they do not walk on the road to hell but repent. (April 23, 1987)

I am praying for them (the Pope, Bishops and priests) and offering up sufferings in their place today as always. (Jan. 15, 1989)

Here are some of what Our Lord said in Naju about the Blessed Mother:

Have complete trust in and reliance on My Mother who is also your Heavenly Mother. My Mother, who is united to the sufferings of My Sacred Heart and is weeping tears and tears of blood and praying constantly so that all the children in this world may leave their sinful ways and return to My Bosom of Love, is the only one who can turn the just anger of God the Father away from you. (Nov. 2, 1994)

My Mother Mary who is most holy is a most precious treasure of the Church. My Mother is the Queen of the Universe, the Queen of Heaven and your Mother. Therefore, My Mother Mary can love you, as I love you, and can do anything through the grace from Me. (Sept. 22, 1995)

The title of the Co-Redemptrix for Mary can be confusing to some, because no human or angel can be elevated to the level of the Savior. This is really an unnecessary concern, because the title of the Co-Redemptrix does not mean that Our Lady is equal to Christ. All the redemptive merits originate solely from the sufferings of Christ. The merits by the followers of Christ including the Blessed Mother can have supernatural value, only in connection with and dependent on the merits of Christ. It is Christ's Will that the members of His Mystical Body imitate Him and do what He already accomplished as the Head of His Body. That is why Christ taught us to carry our own cross and follow Him (Luke 9:23) and St. Paul also said that he was filling up what was lacking in the afflictions of Christ (Colossians 1:24). St. Paul was not implying that the sufferings of Christ were inadequate to atone for all human sins but that what Christ achieved as the Head of the Mystical Body of Christ must also be achieved by us, who are members of the same Body. Thus, every follower of Christ is being called to participate in Christ's sufferings for the conversion of the world and, thus, become another co-redeemer or co-redemptrix. In assisting Christ in saving the world, the Blessed Mother excels all others by far and, therefore, is truly the Co-Redemptrix *par excellence*.

Our renewed and deepened understanding of the Blessed Mother's role for our salvation and the resulting revival of the Marian devotion in the Church will be essential for revitalizing the Church and saving this world. As Mary's humble and loving obedience preceded the coming of the Savior two thousand years ago, a full blossoming of the Marian doctrines and devotions will precede Christ's reign on earth. Saint Louis Marie de Montfort said:

It was through the blessed Virgin Mary that Jesus Christ came into the world, and it is also through her that he must reign in the world. – True Devotion

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IV. OUR LADY'S REQUESTS

1. Achieve Unity in Your Family

God willed that the family be the most basic social unit in our human world. He created human beings as man and woman so that they could form a family and prosper. Christ also sanctified the family by living as a member of the Holy Family Himself for most of His time on earth. God wants our families to be healthy and united in love and harmony and gives special blessings to everyone who tries to maintain a good family. The devil, who wants destruction of our world, on the other hand, attacks families with all his fury by promoting anger, resentment, violence, materialism, infidelity, abortions, child abuse, pornography, feminism, homosexuality, and so on. The fate of our whole world depends on the condition of our families. This is why, on the first day of her messages in Naju and also afterwards, Our Lady talked about the family:

I want you to be happy. A husband and a wife are joined together so that they may lead a happy life. But my Son becomes broken-hearted when they hate each other and do not forgive each other. You must love one another. Who are your closest

neighbors? How can you say that you love me and love the Lord when you cannot even love those in your family? Sanctify your family through love and harmony. This is what my Son Jesus thirsts for. (July 15, 1985)

This world is being covered with darkness, as sins multiply. There cannot be peace in the world, because many families are getting sick. The couples united together to live a happy life are becoming isolated individuals, as they are unable to forgive and love each other and are becoming jealous, resentful and hateful of each other. (March 13, 1987)

2. Stop Abortions

Another message Our Lady gave us on the first day of her messages in Naju was about abortions. She has been repeating her pleas to end abortions since then making it clear that abortion is murder. She has been weeping so sorrowfully, shedding tears of blood, because of this killing of innocent babies. In lamenting over abortions, Our Lady also mentioned "unlimited birth controls." By abortion, we often mean the killing and removal of unborn babies by surgical methods. Estimates show us, however, that surgical abortions represent only 10-15% of all abortions and the rest are by pills and other means that kill babies very soon after fertilization. (Research re-

sult published by Bogomir Kuhar, president of Pharmacists for Life, *Catholic Insight*, May 1996, Volume IV, No. 4) Our Lady confirmed to us that human life exists from the moment of conception. She said in Naju:

Tell everyone that a little baby is not a bloody lump, but has a life flowing in it from the moment of conception in the mother's womb. (July 29, 1988)

Then, taking any measure to stop pregnancy after fertilization is taking human life. Our Lady has asked us to pray hard for the elimination of this horrible evil, as the devil, the angel of death, is the real force behind it. Julia often suffers extreme pains in her womb in reparation for the sins of abortions.

My Heart is broken because of the unlimited birth control. Prevent abortions and pray for those who carry out abortions. (July 15, 1985)

People are carrying out abortions even at this moment, causing intense pain in my womb. Pray the rosary more fervently. (Jan. 30, 1988)

People are walking on the road toward hell, because they commit cruel murders and yet do not know that they are murderers. These little lives are deprived of their human dignity and receive terrible punishments that their parents deserve.

Aren't these punishments too cruel for them? (July 29, 1988)

I am overcome with sorrows, because these innocent lives, precious lives given by God, are cruelly trampled, brutally kneaded, crushed, torn, and killed by ignorant and indifferent parents. (July 29, 1988)

3. Respect, Love, Obey and Pray for Priests

On the second day of her messages in Naju, Our Lady told us about priests. This is a clear sign from Our Lady about the importance of priesthood in the Church and for the predicted triumph of her Immaculate Heart.

Priests (the Pope, Cardinals, Bishops and priests) are the backbone of Christ's Church and the core elite unit in Christ's army against the devil. They are human beings also, but they were given the power and mission from Christ to continue His Work of Redemption for the faithful by celebrating Mass, consecrating bread and wine into the living Body and Blood of Christ during Mass, forgiving people's sins, administering other Sacraments and teaching the revealed truths to the faithful and the world. They are little Christs who have given up everything to follow the Lord and to serve His people. This is why we must respect, obey, love and support them and also

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The 13th Eucharistic Miracle occurs in Naju and Julia receives the Stigmata again

During the 11th Anniversary of the Blessed Mother's first tears in Naju (June 30, 1996), the Chapel was filled with pilgrims from many countries attending the overnight prayer service. At about 3 a.m. on July 1, 1996, Julia saw the Precious Blood flowing from the seven wounds of Jesus on the Crucifix above Our Lady's statue in the Chapel. The Blood soon turned into Sacred Hosts enwrapped in bright light. The light became stronger and began shining upon all those who were present in the Chapel as well as those outside the Chapel. Then, a very powerful light radiated from the Crucifix and reached Julia. She fell down screaming loudly because of extreme pains at seven places on her body: the head, the heart, both hands, both feet and the side. While her mouth was open because of the

screaming, the Sacred Hosts entered her mouth. Fr. Francis Su, two other priests and lay people around Julia witnessed the Sacred Hosts filling Julia's mouth.

From about 12:30 p.m., July 1, 1996, Julia received pains again and began bleeding on both palms. Fr. Raymond Spies, Fr. Francis Su and several lay people witnessed this bleeding.

At about 1 p.m. on July 2, 1996, Fr. Spies, Julia and several other people were praying before the Blessed Mother's statue in the Chapel. While praying, Julia suddenly screamed and fell down on the floor. She received a powerful light from the Crucifix and suffered the same pains as on the previous day. Bleeding again occurred on both palms. Julia wore gloves to hide the bleeding, but the gloves became wet with blood. At about 4 p.m., Julia visited two hospitals in Kwangju in obedience to her spiritual director. Doctors examined her wounds and issued written statements that the bleeding and the wounds on Julia's palms could not be explained by any natural causes. Bleeding stopped, and wounds disappeared later.

Comment

Our Lord performed many miracles during His public life on earth so that people may witness or hear about these supernatural signs and accept His teachings for their salvation.

To continue His Real Presence and Redemptive Work even after His Ascension and until the end of the world, Our Lord established His Church and entrusted His teachings and teaching authority to her. Especially since the 16th Century in Guadalupe, Mexico, Our Lord has been giving us amazing supernatural signs through His Mother so that we may not take His teachings and His Church for granted but obtain a true understanding of these teachings, practice them and be saved.

These supernatural signs of God through the Blessed Mother are now culminating in the small town of Naju on the Korean peninsula. While the signs continue, we can easily miss them or fail to understand where these signs are pointing to. Everyone has many important agenda while living on earth, but nothing can be more important and urgent than recognizing God's signs, understanding their meanings, and doing what is expected of us, because our eternal life may depend on it.





Julia took this photo soon after the Blessed Mother promised to give a special sign for the Holy Father on June 27, 1993. Just before this photo was taken, the statue moved forward a little, which many people in the Chapel saw. Then, Julia saw some images forming behind the statue. When the photo was taken and developed, it had clear images of the Sacred Host and a Chalice. On the Sacred Host, there were a cross in the middle and two letters: "A" and "Ω".

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constantly pray for them and offer up sacrifices for them so that they may be protected from the devil's attacks and become saintly priests.

Become sacrificial offerings for priests. I am helping them, too. So, support them to the end, because they are my most precious and beloved sons. (Aug. 11, 1985)

Pray for priests ceaselessly. Your severe pains to the extent of shedding blood and sweat will help priests. When priests work to help those people who fell into errors because of their ingratitude, how can they be liberated from their sins, unless your sacrifices and reparations accompany (the priests' work)? (April 18, 1987)

I want the lay people to obey the Pope, Cardinals, Bishops and all the priests. They are my most beloved sons and have received the power to forgive the sins of countless people who have become contaminated with sins. For this reason, even my Son Jesus comes down from Heaven to earth in obedience to them. (June 29, 1987)

4. Live a Consecrated Life

Every day, lower yourself further, thinking about Jesus on Mt. Calvary. Through poverty, humility, obedience and purity, keep going down from the high place to the low place following this Mother who wants you to walk the way of perfection. Shouldn't we become more humble like Jesus, who chose to be humble? Change your life further – throwing away every attachment. Change your value system. Live a life of conversion. Convert every moment and converse with Jesus. Conversion does not just mean repenting sins. It means trying to live the life that God wants you to live. Abandon the worldly life and live a life based on the Gospels. Live like a lily. As the higher-grade protein gives rise to a more foul odor, the shiny things of the

world entail a greater darkness. Let's die again and imitate Christ. (June 14, 1987)

Our Lord also told us: **Admitting your sins in a simple and humble way and in obedience, aspire ever more strongly for the little person's way of love, loving and trusting My Mother. Then, your attachment to pleasures, reputation, social status, power, material goods, pride and face-saving will be replaced by heroic deeds.** (Dec. 8, 1992)

What Our Lady is asking for is basically that we empty our hearts by throwing away all our vain attachments – attachments to wealth, fame, achievements, respect by others, pleasure, comfort, and, especially, the desire to satisfy our ego. So, we should never deem ourselves worthier than anyone else; we should not get upset when others criticize us; and we should not derive satisfaction from others' praises. **All we need to desire and seek is the fulfillment of God's Will and the Blessed Mother's wishes for the greater glory of God.** Also, as we strive to free ourselves from all the vanities, we should develop a habit of truly respecting and loving other people, because God loves them, and accepting our crosses and our duties faithfully for the love of God.

5. Participate in the Redemptive Sufferings of Jesus and Me

This world is decaying with sins. Even with the Sacred Blood of my Son Jesus, it is difficult to appease the just anger of God the Father. Let me borrow your body and your mouth. (Oct. 20, 1986)

My Son Jesus paid a dear price to save the poor, sinful souls – the souls who are walking toward ruin because of their hypocrisy, ingratitude and indifference. Do not have any doubt in following my wish that you offer your sufferings gracefully to lead many souls to the path of salvation. Also, believe that when you suffer much, you accumulate much joy in Heaven. (Feb. 4, 1988)

Christ accomplished His Work of Human Redemption with His Passion and Death on the Cross. This does not mean, however, that the

salvation of the human race will be automatic. It does not even mean that our salvation is guaranteed when we declare Jesus as our Lord. Jesus said, **"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' but not do what I command?"** (Luke 6:46)

What remains to be done for the salvation of each person and of the whole world is that we follow the way Christ walked – the way of self-denial and charity – in connection with Jesus and His Church and deriving graces from the infinite merits that Christ already earned. In other words, we have to participate in the actual work of salvation that is being carried out by the whole Mystical Body of Christ. If we say we are believers and members of the Church but fail to live a life of prayers and reparation, we are not contributing at all to the advancement of the Lord's Work of Human Salvation. It is truly amazing that God is allowing us to participate in His Work of Human Salvation. We should be so grateful to Him for this, because we do not deserve it. Also, while participating in that work, we should always remember that all the graces originate from the Lord and reach us through the Blessed Mother and, therefore, we should never pretend that any good is originating from us.

6. Spread My Messages All Over The World

Courageously and hurriedly spread my messages of love to the whole world so that all my children may respond to the words I give them shedding tears and tears of blood and that they may repent. If you accept my words without reservation and follow Jesus in this world which is becoming more and more miserable, you will experience my presence filled with motherly love in this age of dangerous trials; this world will become purified resulting in the softening of God's just anger; the victory of my Immaculate Heart will be achieved, bringing the Lord's Kingdom into this world; and, you, who are working for me, will surely stand by my side. (Jan. 21, 1994)

In addition to the above message, Our Lady has repeatedly urged us to spread her messages all over the world hurriedly. She says that the triumph of her Immaculate Heart and the Coming of the Lord's Reign depend on the acceptance and implementation of her messages by her children all over the world. We are often tempted to choose an easier way, thinking that everything will be done by the Divine Hand and that we should just remain passively. The Blessed Mother, however, is telling us the very opposite, asking us to be courageous, forceful and even martyr-like in complying with her wishes and following the Lord. The devil carries out his evil schemes through humans by instigating anger and hatred among them, by infusing errors into their minds, and by promoting greed and lust in their hearts. God also does His Work through people. He sends the Blessed Mother to lead us in the fight against the devil. The Blessed Mother also relies on us to offer prayers, reparations, sacrifices and works of charity in order to accomplish God's Plan of Human Salvation. Her messages are about waking us up from our complacent life style and turning us into truly motivated workers and self-sacrificing fighters for her. Our Heavenly Mother's invitation to be a devoted apostle of hers is for every one of us: **Do not seek your own satisfaction, but love me in a simple way. Satan's violence is increasing day after day with a terrible force. He is becoming more active to make even fervent souls reject me. Help me. I will give you the light from my Immaculate Heart so that all of you may be saved. Become apostles of my Immaculate Heart by receiving the light from my burning Heart.** (May 17, 1987)

The information about Naju is spreading all over the world, but with much difficulty and at a slow pace. The dissemination of this information is mostly by word of mouth and with publications that have been prepared with anemic resources. Currently, there is no large organization doing this work. Perhaps, this is the way Our Lady wanted, at least at this stage. But there are so many people in the world, all of whom are so precious to Our Lady and all of whom need to be reached and touched by Our Lady's love. That is why she needs more help, more sacrifices and more prayers.

7. Pray and Pray Fervently

Our Lord said, **"Without me you can do nothing."** (John 15:5) All the truth, life, goodness, and love originate from God. And He is infinitely merciful, always willing to bestow abundant blessings upon His children. Therefore, we must always ask our Heavenly Father for graces for ourselves and others. We should ask for His favors as His beloved and trusting children. We are unworthy, but Christ earned infinite merits for us and we can also always ask the Blessed Mother to pray with us. Besides, God will not grant us special graces, unless we keep asking for them. (St. Alphonsus De Liguori, **The Great Means of Salvation and of Perfection**) Also, when we pray, we must not pray for the fulfillment of our will but for the fulfillment of God's Will in our life and in our world. Jesus said, **"Seek first the kingdom of God and his justice and all these things shall be added unto you."** (Matthew 6:33)

Our Lady also told us numerous times in Naju to offer fervent prayers: **Hurriedly pray and pray. As the Apostles gathered and prayed together with me in the Cenacle in Jerusalem in preparation for the Descent of the Holy Spirit, you, too, should pray with me in my Immaculate Heart as the Apostles of these end times.** (Nov. 21, 1995)

Pray without ceasing for the souls that are not turning away from the road that leads to their perdition. (Sept. 15, 1985)

You must pray together constantly for world peace and the conversion of sinners. (Jan. 29, 1989)

Thus, not only our own salvation but also the fate of the whole world depend on our prayers. The Blessed Mother especially encouraged us to pray the rosary, which she said defeats the devil. She also repeated her Fatima message that we should offer the First Saturday devotion and also her request for Holy Hours prayers every Thursday evening in reparation for the offenses against the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the sacrileges against the Blessed Sacrament. By offering fervent prayers, we will be helping Our Lord and Our Lady (and ourselves and other fellow humans) more than by any other means.

(For more details about Our Lady's requests, see the book: **Messages of Love – The Mother of the Savior Speaks to the World from Naju, Korea**; also another book: **Our Lady's Messages from Naju – Compiled according to Subject**)

V. PROPHECIES

In Naju, Our Lord said, **"My Mother came into this world as the Heavenly Prophetess and My Helper who will lead you to My brilliant and glorious revelations."** (May 16, 1991) Indeed, Our Lady delivered us very important prophecies for the future of mankind and the Church. She did not give any secrets to Julia as she did in Fatima. Nor did

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Our Lady's Message on June 27, 1996

Children! My beloved babies! This is an age of a great degradation, more corrupt than at the time of Noah and the Deluge and at the age of Sodom and Gomorrah. For this reason, a great disaster lies ahead, but the release of God's wrath is being delayed because you gather and pray together like this. Open your hearts widely and accept the grace humbly and meekly. However much grace I bestow on you, you cannot receive it unless you open your hearts. There may be souls near you who had received graces but turned against them. See to it that nobody is forgotten or given up, because they have to overcome temptations that entail deceptions and refuse all the compromises that are being made in the secular spirit.

Even the slightest sin, that is, a venial sin, casts a shadow upon the innocence of the soul and damages it by dimming its pure light. But numerous children in this world are neglecting to make Confession even when they are in the state of mortal sin.

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she give us any timetables or any other specifics about exactly how events will unfold. In fact, she warned us against too much curiosity and against anticipating the outcome with human calculations. Jesus Himself discouraged us from unnecessary curiosity: **But of the day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.** (Matthew 24:36) Instead, Our Lady urged us to devote everything we have to realizing God's Kingdom on earth by helping her with prayers and sacrifices and by spreading her messages.

The most urgent part of Our Lady's prophecy is that this world is on the brink of a major disaster because of the overabundance of sins all over the world and even an infiltration of them into the Church. Several times, she has indicated that the chastisement may involve the Third World War and also the fire from above. She keeps asking us to repent our sins and offer up prayers and reparations so that the terrifying chastisement that is approaching may be turned into a blessing from God. This blessing, she says, will constitute the Triumph of her Immaculate Heart over the devil and also the Second Pentecost, opening a new era of Christ's reign on earth. She says that there is very little time left for our conversion before the chastisement. To those who accept and practice the Blessed Mother's messages, her prophecy is one of great hope beyond our imagination rather than one of fear and disaster. The following is some of what Our Lady said about the critical time we are entering.

I will always stay close to the Pope, help him, protect him from dangers, and be with him in the Heavenly Garden. If my words are well accepted and practiced, the chastisement which is to fall upon all of you will turn into a Second Pentecost, and the Church will be renewed by the irresistible power of the Holy Spirit and Love. (June 27, 1993)

Depending on whether you accept my words well or reject them, the time of the Second Pentecost and Purification can be advanced or delayed. Therefore, become simple and innocent babies, listening to your Mother and rushing to her. Then, you will be saved through a new Resurrection and a new Birth, and this world will surely be saved through the Lord's Resurrection. (Feb. 4, 1994)

When you follow me believing, trusting and relying on me, I will carry out my Plan at your side through amazing methods; God the Son, Who is my Son, will establish a Kingdom of Glory filled with Love, Peace and Joy through you; and, through Him, there will be a Resurrection and a new Pentecost in this world. (Nov. 21, 1995)

VI. EUCHARISTIC SIGNS IN NAJU

God is present everywhere in the universe through His power and knowledge and as the first cause of every existence and activity. He is also present in a special way in every member of the Church who is in the state of grace through his or her participation in the Divine Life. In the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, the Incarnate God's Presence is total, as the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ exist in the Sacred Host (and in every particle of it) and in the Precious Blood in the form of wine (and in every drop of it). This Sacrament is a perpetual extension in Christ's Church of His actual presence and life on earth two thousand years ago and is intended for an intrinsic union of its recipient with Christ. Our Lord said, **"He that eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him."** (John 6:57) Through this Sacrament, Christ gives the totality of Himself to the souls who love

Him and, thus, promotes their sanctification.

Because the Eucharist is Christ Himself Who is God and Man, its value is simply beyond our comprehension. Eternity will not be enough for us to thank God enough for this tremendous Gift of Love. In giving us this Gift of incredible dignity, God requires of us at minimum two conditions: (1) that we have faith in Christ's teaching of His Real Presence in the Eucharist and (2) that we remain in the state of grace and restore it if lost by making a sincere Confession. It is by God's Wisdom that this Sacrament has the external form of bread and wine, making it impossible for anyone without faith to recognize the Lord's Real Presence in it, and that we overcome this external impossibility with our faith in Our Lord and our love for Him.

Humans' faith in God's revelations in general and, particularly, in the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist, however, has eroded for the past several centuries along with the advancement of a human-oriented and materialistic culture. This erosion has accelerated especially in recent decades resulting in many abuses in the Church. The tendency of treating the Eucharist merely as a symbol of Christ has been spreading. In Naju, the Blessed Mother showed Julia a vision of numerous people receiving the Communion in the state of sin and, thus, committing additional sins of sacrilege (October 31, 1986). In many churches, tabernacles have been moved to inconspicuous corners or side rooms. There even are some people who receive the Eucharist with the explicit intention of committing sacrilege. Our Lord said in Naju, **"Many souls pay little attention to My Real Presence, insult Me with sacrilegious Communion, and neglect Me with ingratitude."** (May 16, 1991) Our Lady also said, **"Jesus established the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist to nurture us with His Body and Blood, to unite with us, and to resurrect our bodies after death. We must praise this amazing Sacrament, but many souls are becoming unclean by failing to make frequent Confessions."** (June 15, 1987)

By neglecting and rejecting Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and committing many other sins, our world is rapidly accumulating spiritual and moral debts in the presence of God that call for massive and urgent reparations by us all.

In Naju, the Blessed Mother has been giving us the signs of tears, tears of blood, fragrance of roses, and fragrant oil as clear reminders of her deep love for all of us without exception and also her extreme sorrows over our refusal to repent sins and return to God and His Church. Her main goal in Naju is to awaken us to the reality of her Divine Son's Presence and Redemptive Work through His Church. For this reason, she has been repeatedly bringing to us Eucharistic miracles. From April to June in 1993, she gave us miraculous photographs that had clear images of the Sacred Host and the Chalice beside her statue. Between 1988 and July 1996, she brought Eucharistic miracles thirteen times through Julia – mostly in Naju but sometimes while Julia was in Rome or Hawaii. Even before Naju, there had been Eucharistic miracles throughout Church history to strengthen our Eucharistic devotion. The miracles in Naju are for the same purpose and represent a culmination of Heaven's efforts to strengthen our faith in the Eucharist. Some of these miracles in Naju occurred in an unprecedented manner. On July 1, 1995, for example, seven Sacred Hosts came down to the altar in the Chapel in Naju (See the photo on Page 8) and one of them later turned into visible flesh and blood on Julia's tongue.

All supernatural signs are important, but Eucharistic signs in particular demand our most humble and serious attention. The fact that the Eucharistic miracles occurred thirteen times already through Julia is not an ordinary matter that we can ignore. Ever since Christ came to our world and died on the Cross two thousand years ago, too many people have missed this sign of salvation, because they were too busy with other "important" matters. We must wake up and seriously ponder the meaning of the Marian and Eucharistic signs that have been given to us especially in the past several centuries. Our Lady said in Naju, **"If my numerous children only knew that the Eucharist is truly the Life, the Everlasting**

Spring, the Manna and a continuing miracle that is no less than the miracles of the Creation of the Universe and of the Redemption, they would not be walking toward hell...." (Nov. 24, 1994)

VII. THE IMPORTANCE OF OBEDIENCE TO THE TEACHING AUTHORITY OF THE CHURCH

The proud angels fell because of their pride. Our first parents also fell because of their disobedience to God. In contrast, salvation came to our world because of the obedience by the Blessed Virgin and Our Lord to the Will of God the Father. Thus, humble and loving obedience to God is the most basic of all virtues.

God also delegates some of His authority to certain people and positions. Thus, parents have God-given authority as well as duty toward their children. Teachers have certain authority over students. The government also has some authority over the people for the sake of public good. Regarding spiritual and moral matters, God gave the teaching authority to the Church. Jesus confirmed this with the following words to His disciples: **Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.** (Luke 10:16) This is the reason why we cannot negotiate with the Church on spiritual and moral matters, but must obey her, accepting ALL her official teachings instead of accepting them selectively.

This is also the reason why all the reported private revelations should be subjected to the teaching authority of the Church. When the

Church makes her official discernment on the reported revelations, she must be respected and obeyed. Of course, the teaching authority of the Church is not above God's Word but is its servant (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #86). Its role is not to confer truthfulness or falsehood on anything, but to discern, and guide the faithful accordingly. Both the pastors and faithful in the Church are called to be fully devoted to preserving the purity of Christ's teachings entrusted to His Church.

Along with conformity and resonance with the official Church teachings, a full submission of the reported revelations and the people involved in them to the teaching and pastoral authority of the Church is the most salient mark of their authenticity. Our Lady has also emphasized repeatedly the need for obedience:

Obey all – your superiors as well as those who are of a lower status than you. As I obeyed all, you should do the same. (Oct. 29, 1986)

Obedience is the precious key that opens the gate of Heaven widely. (June 21, 1995)

Sometimes we cannot do certain things that you and I wish to do, in order to be obedient to the Church. (June 21, 1995)

In Naju, there have been many occasions when obedience was tested. For example, on July 1, 1995, during the overnight prayer meeting, there was a Eucharistic miracle in the Chapel. At about 3:45 a.m., seven Sacred Hosts came down from the Crucifix and landed on the altar before Our Lady's statue. Julia and all others in the Chapel were so grateful to the Lord for such a tremendous, unprecedented Eucharistic sign. They also remem-

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St. Louis Marie de Montfort

(Excerpted from the book: *Jesus Living in Mary – Handbook of the Spirituality of St. Louis Marie de Montfort*)

Comparative study of the three works in which Montfort speaks of the end times (*The Secret of Mary, Prayer for Missionaries, True Devotion to Mary*) leads us to distinguish four successive and intersecting stages.

a. First stage: tragic state of the Church.

In the eyes of a missionary and mystic like Montfort, the state of the Church and the society of his time offered scarce consolation. In his converging texts, he refers to the "universal failure" of contemporary Christian practice, to the "corrupt kingdom of the world" and the reign of the enemies of God. The encroaching wave of sin takes on cosmic dimensions and does not spare even the Church herself: *"Your Gospel is thrown aside, torrents of inequity flood the whole earth carrying away even your servants. The whole land is desolate, ungodliness reigns supreme, your sanctuary is desecrated and the abomination of desolation has even contaminated the holy place."* The Church herself has become a "languishing heritage," "so weakened and besmirched by the crimes of her children." Behind the domination of sin, Montfort sees the work of the devil, which is "daily increasing until the advent of the reign of anti-Christ." Montfort is so dismayed that he invokes his own death if divine intervention does not bring a change: *"Send me your help from heaven or let me die."* Thus does he feel compelled to send up a cry of alarm when confronted with such a grave and imminent danger: *"The House of God is on fire! ... Help!"*

b. Second stage: divine intervention within salvation history.

This intermediary stage is the most dynamic and active, because during this stage we pass from the reign of sin to the reign of Jesus Christ in the hearts of men and women. Montfort is convinced that the Kingdom of God in Jesus Christ should not be projected into the hereafter but must come into existence on earth, in this world: *"Is it not true that your kingdom must come?"* This is the leitmotif of *True Devotion* from its first sentence: *"It was through the blessed Virgin Mary that Jesus Christ came into the world, and it is also through her that he must reign in the world."* Who will be able to transform the world? For Montfort there is no doubt: God alone can

accomplish such a task. He will intervene with "a deluge of fire, love and justice" through the mediation of the Spirit and the manifold acts of Mary. This divine intervention will be through and in mankind, especially through the "apostles of the end times." Their task will be twofold: *"destroying sin and setting up the kingdom of Jesus."*

c. Third stage: the Second Coming and reign of Jesus Christ.

There is no doubt that *"the whole Church expects him (God) to come and reign over all the earth and to judge the living and the dead."* This Second Coming of Jesus will lead successively to the reign of Jesus in the world and to the Last Judgment, although not in tandem. Here we see the characteristic vision of Montfort: the universal and stable reign of Jesus anticipated in time as an effect of his coming. Jesus *"comes in glory once again to reign upon earth," "the knowledge and the kingdom of Jesus Christ must come into the world," "you yourself will ask of Jesus, together with Mary, that he come with his kingdom on earth."* It is not a visible and personal advent of Jesus and a temporal kingdom, as millenarians would hope for; Montfort insists that the kingdom of Jesus is "in the hearts" or "in our soul." In other words, Jesus will reign when, by the intervention of Mary, he is known, loved, and served. In *True Devotion*, we have the logical and perhaps even chronological steps: **reign of Mary, coming of the Spirit, reign of Jesus Christ.** We also see here how Montfort spirituality has as its goal the establishment of the kingdom of Christ: *"When will that happy day come . . . when God's Mother is enthroned in men's hearts as Queen, subjecting them to the dominion of her great and princely Son?"*

d. Fourth stage: In the first, the deluge of the fire of love will be followed by the deluge of justice, an expression of divine anger, which *"reduces the whole world to ashes."* The reign of Christ in the world is followed, as if in continuation of his Second Coming, by the universal judgment: God will *"come and reign over all the earth and to judge the living and the dead."* Then the end times themselves will end, and the true eschatology – that is, eternity – will begin. □

Pilgrimages to Naju

1. Late June, to coincide with the anniversary of Our Lady's first tears in Naju (June 30).
2. Mid-October, to coincide with the anniversary of Our Lady's first tears of blood in Naju (Oct. 19).

More information available from Mary's Touch By Mail. (Replica statues of Our Lady available to pilgrims.)

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bered the Blessed Mother's earlier requests that a tabernacle be prepared in the Chapel. Also in His message immediately after this miracle, Jesus reminded Julia of the Blessed Mother's such wish. There was no doubt that the seven Sacred Hosts were to be preserved in a new tabernacle in the Chapel.

The local Archbishop, however, instructed that the seven Sacred Hosts be consumed as soon as possible. People in Naju were in a painful dilemma. What should they do? After much prayer and discernment, their conclusion was to obey the Archbishop, as they have always been doing. From human standpoint, this would make little sense, because it could constitute a waste of an extremely precious heavenly sign that could help millions to convert. However, the Archbishop was the head of the Archdiocese with authority from Christ. Our Lord and Our Lady will never want us to disobey Our Lord's own authority vested in the Church.

So, just one day after the miracle of the seven Sacred Hosts, two priests, Julia and other

pilgrims gathered in the Chapel again and they selected seven people including Julia to consume the Sacred Hosts. The Sacred Host received by Julia turned into visible flesh and blood on her tongue and this was witnessed by everyone in the Chapel. It was the 10th Eucharistic miracle through Julia. Undoubtedly, Our Lord and Our Lady were pleased with the obedience. The Archbishop also saw another sign of obedience in Naju.

FINAL WORD

Archbishop Victorinus Yoon of the Kwangju Archdiocese which covers the Naju Parish formed an investigating committee at the end of 1994. The committee has been actively working, interviewing many witnesses and examining evidences. No official announcement has been made yet. Through the Apostolic Pro Nuncio in Korea, reports about Naju have been made to the Holy Father and to the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith. We need to remain firmly obedient to the Church and also pray hard that the revelations in Naju will be officially approved soon and that the Church and the whole world will be renewed by the mercy and graces from God through the Blessed Mother. □

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(according to St. Alphonsus de Liguori, *The True Spouse of Jesus Christ*)

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St. Augustine: Good books are, as it were, so many letters of love that the Lord sends us; in them he warns us of our dangers, teaches us the way of salvation, animates us to suffer adversity, enlightens us, and inflames us with divine love.

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