



Mary's Touch *Special Issue 2004*

For the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Jesus upbraids those who ignore his miracles

Woe to thee, Corozain, woe to thee, Bethsaida: for if in Tyre and Sidon had been wrought the miracles that have been wrought in you, they would long ago have done penance in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. And thou Capharnaum, shalt thou be exalted up to heaven? Thou shalt go down even unto hell. For if in Sodom had been wrought the miracles that have been wrought in thee, perhaps it had remained unto this day. But I say unto you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for thee. (Matthew 11:21-24)

Would the Lord not also upbraid our current generation for ignoring the messages and miracles in Naju?

This current age is extremely important for the whole human race.

The Blessed Mother in Naju, Korea (October 4, 1990)

God's special revelations deserve our utmost attention

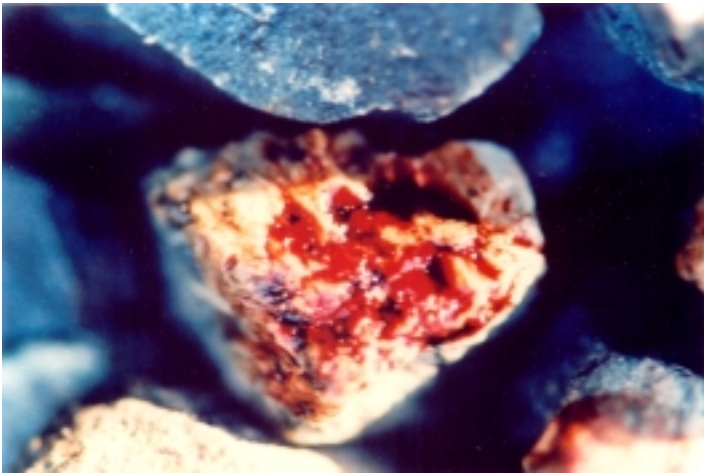
We sometimes hear the remark that we are not obligated to believe the special revelations such as the miracles in Guadalupe, Lourdes, Fatima, and other places. ("Special revelations" is a term used in the documents of the Council of Trent (DS#1566).) If what this remark means is that the special revelations are not the Church's newly-defined teachings, it is certainly correct. God's public revelation of the truths necessary for our salvation was completed in the times of Our Lord's earthly life and of His Apostles'. Anything that is proposed as a new addition to the content of the existing Deposit of the Faith or as an alteration of any part of it should be promptly rejected as not coming from God. (The Church's act of defining a dogma is not an addition of new teaching but a formal clarification and declaration of an already-revealed truth.) True special revelations are never intended as new teachings or changes to any of the existing Church teachings. Their only purpose is to help the faithful gain a clearer understanding of the existing Church teachings, to awaken them from their complacent and superficial faith life and moral laxity, and to make them more zealous in praying, doing penance for their own sins and others', propagating the Faith, and practicing charity. The statement that *we are not obligated to believe the special revelations* contains some ambiguity that can be misleading for the following reasons:

1 Authentic special revelations are necessarily and intrinsically connected with some of the existing teachings of the Church, as they originate from the same Lord for the same purpose of human redemption as the official Church teachings do. The role of the special revelations is a supportive one in regard to the official teachings of the Church, prodding us to be more faithful and zealous in adhering to them. If a certain reported special revelation does not resonate well with the official Church teachings, we should seriously doubt

its authenticity. This inseparable connection between the special revelations and the official teachings of the Church is the reason why we must approach the special revelations with a deep sense of respect and sincerity, even though we are not under the force of the teaching authority of the Church as we would be in regard to the Church's official teachings. For example, a main theme of the Blessed Mother's messages and miracles in Lourdes, France, in 1858, was to confirm the dogma of her Immaculate Conception formally defined by Pope Pius IX just a few years earlier (1854) and thus to increase our faith in it. Even though the facts of the Blessed Mother's apparitions, messages, and miracles are not dogmas of the Church, the doctrine of her Immaculate Conception with which this special revelation is closely connected is an article of the Faith. For this reason, if one chooses to deny or ignore the facts of the Blessed Mother's messages and miracles in Lourdes, he may run some risk of distancing himself from the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception and of slighting Heaven's plan at Lourdes to help increase our faith in it.



The Eucharist miraculously came down into Julia Kim's mouth while she was doing the Stations of the Cross on the Blessed Mother's mountain near Naju. (November 24, 2001)



On Nov. 9, 2001; Jan. 18, 2002; and Aug. 15, 2002, Our Lord's Precious Blood and Our Lady's tears of blood came down on thousands of rocks on the Blessed Mother's mountain near Naju.



Bishop Dominic Su from Malaysia (center, kneeling), Julia (left), and other pilgrims collecting little rocks stained with blood on the Blessed Mother's mountain. (August 15, 2002)

2 Even though the Church's teaching authority is not in force to obligate us to accept the special revelations, we still have an obligation to our consciences when our minds judge certain special revelations as credible facts and as conforming to the authentic Catholic Faith. Of course, our private discernments are to be subjected to the official discernments by the Church: first, to the judgment by the local bishop and, ultimately, to the decision by the Holy See, but there should normally be no conflict between the official guidance by the Church and our private discernment, unless (1) the teaching authority of the Church is misused at the local level (as the charism of infallibility only applies to the solemn announcements on the Faith and morals by the Pope or by the college of all the bishops in union with the Pope; however, individuals should be careful not to make rash judgments regarding the correctness of the bishop's decision, unless there is evidence against it beyond doubt. In any case, the final judgment on such matters is reserved to the Holy See) or (2) individuals' intellect and conscience are underdeveloped or biased by incorrect or insufficient information, bad habits, bad examples,

and so on, which, in fact, are quite common problems. Truth is one, as it originates from the one, infinitely truthful God, to Whom both the teaching authority of the Church and our individual consciences are directed. It would be morally culpable for the faithful not to subject themselves to the legitimate and proper exercise of the Church's teaching authority, on the one hand, or to go against one's own conscientious judgments for fear of others' eyes, criticisms, and persecution, on the other. (*"Sin is an offense against reason, truth, and right conscience," Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1849.*) We also need to remember that we accept as true or credible many of the facts we encounter in our daily lives, most of the scientific laws, and those teachings of the Church which have not been formally declared as dogmas.

Also, it seems important for us to recognize that the true special revelations do not originate from the humans who are only God's instruments and servants, but from God Himself, and, therefore, we have a special obligation to our consciences that become aware of divine will and power at work behind the messages and miraculous signs.



Blood on one of the rocks collected on August 15, 2002, first solidified, but later liquefied repeatedly for the next several months. DNA tests at Seoul National University Medical Center found the blood of two human persons, a male with blood type AB and a female with blood type B (genetically, BO).

CHURCH TEACHING ON MIRACLES

(Vatican Council I, 1869-1870, DS 3009)

In order that the "obedience" of our faith should be "consonant with reason" [Rom. 12:1], God has willed that to the internal aids of the Holy Spirit there should be joined external proofs of His revelation, namely: divine facts, especially miracles and prophecies which, because they clearly show forth the omnipotence and infinite knowledge of God, are most certain signs of a divine revelation, and are suited to the intelligence of all. Wherefore, not only Moses and the prophets, but especially Christ the Lord Himself produced many genuine miracles and prophecies; and we read concerning the apostles: "But they going forth preached everywhere: the Lord working withal and confirming the word with signs that followed" [Mark 16:20].

3 When God reveals His truths to us, He respects our free will and does not force us to accept them. By special revelations, God extends His loving invitations especially to people in a particular age to accept His messages, appreciate His miraculous signs, and reform our lives voluntarily out of our love and humility. We are free to accept or not accept any of the revelations, but it cannot be said that we are also free from the consequences of our choices. In Noah's time and that of Sodom and Gomorrah, God's warnings were delivered to people who were indulged in sinful lives about terrible chastisements unless they repented and reformed themselves. Most people who heard the warnings chose to ignore them, missed the precious chance to be saved, and perished. When it is said that *we are not obligated to believe special revelations*, there seems to be a connotation in this remark that it does not matter whichever way we may choose. This connotation is not correct, because it promotes a false sense of safety in people's minds, leading them to neglect what they should do to avoid the coming disaster.

4 Especially when God works some physical miracles (such as tears from a statue, miraculous changes of the Eucharist into visible flesh and blood, miraculous healings of incurable illnesses, and so on, which lend themselves to scientific investigations to exclude the possibility of natural causes) to accompany His messages, we are under a special obligation to sincerely study these messages and act upon them, not only by the force of our consciences but also because of our obligation to respect the dignity of God's act and His ardent Will to save us. Authentic miracles are heavenly seals attached to the messages and, thus, enhance the credibility and dignity of the messages immeasurably. The recurring miraculous signs in Church history, especially in the lives of the Saints and during Our Lady's apparitions, are also the pulse and breath, so to speak, of the divine reality present and at work in the Church to direct and strengthen her. To accept God's miracles is to recognize this reality, while



The Blessed Mother's statue in Naju exuded fragrant oil for 700 consecutive days from November 24, 1992, to October 23, 1994. In her message, she said that the oil and the fragrance of roses are signs of her presence, friendship, and love.

to despise them, even without sincere efforts to discern them, is to deny it, and is not compatible with the faith that saves. The sacred reality of God the Son's Incarnation, Passion and Resurrection two thousand years ago, still continuing through His Church, is the greatest miraculous sign of all by which we can be saved. We are free to embrace it or not, but we cannot be free from the consequences of our choice. After all, our life on earth is, in essence, a time of testing.

“ So that she can fulfill her mission, the Holy Spirit bestows upon the Church various hierarchic and charismatic gifts, and in this way directs her.”

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, #768)

“ Hierarchic gifts” are the special gifts bestowed upon those in the hierarchy, by which the graces from the Lord are channeled to the faithful, especially in learning the teachings of the Lord and receiving the Sacraments. *“ Charismatic gifts”*, on the other hand, are the special graces given to any of the members of the Church chosen by God as needed to deliver His messages to His people or to use them as His instruments in working miracles or witnessing them. Both kinds of gifts are precious and necessary for promoting the sanctity and vitality in the Church. Those in the hierarchy, the clergy, should guide and discipline the laity in the Church so that they may not waver from the authentic Church teachings or from faithful participation in the Sacraments. But the clergy need not distance themselves from the charismatic gifts, or the special revelations, as if these gifts were their competitors in pastoral care of the faithful or despise them as unnecessary, unreliable, trivial, and only intended for some individuals' private devotions. The truth is that these two kinds of gifts do not compete but assist and defend each other. Without the hierarchic gifts, the Church would be boneless, unable to sustain herself or function as a unified body with one faith. Without the charismatic gifts, the members of the Church could be in a greater danger of losing vitality, zeal, and the spirit of sacrifice in carrying out their missions as disciples of Christ as well as the sense of the supernatural; and heresies and moral corruption can more easily spread like plagues. While cautioning the faithful against becoming credulous and unorthodox, the clergy should discern reports of special revelations with open, humble, and objective minds before God, and defend the authentic ones and draw the special graces from them to help not only their pastoral care of the faithful but also their own sanctification. St. Paul wrote, *“ Extinguish not the spirit. Despise not prophecies. But prove all things; hold fast that which is good ”* (1 Thessalonians 5:19-21).

EXCERPTS FROM OUR LADY'S MESSAGES IN NAJU, KOREA

Alarming spread of the sins of impurity

The sins of impurity which the children in the world commit by seeking pleasure occur not only at night but indiscriminately day and night, and become gifts of joy for the devils. They are unable to pull themselves out of the illusion that evil is good, and are rushing toward eternal death. This deplorable world has finally reached such a shocking stage. Oh, my pitiable children! If they face death without repentance, God's stern judgment alone will be waiting for them. *(January 3, 2002)*

I am overcome with sorrow over the aborted babies

Because of birth control and abortion, I feel extreme pains in my womb. Little lives are roaming about in limbo after having been deprived of their human dignity and treated only as a lump of bloody flesh, which was a consequence of human cruelty, desecration and the failure to recognize the dignity of human life. Pray and soothe their wounds and offer up atonements for the sins committed at night. *(November 5, 1986)*

People are walking on the road to hell, because they commit cruel murders and yet do not realize 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?... I am overcome with sorrow, because the innocent lives, precious lives given by God, are cruelly trampled, brutally kneaded, crushed, torn, and killed by ignorant and indifferent parents. Therefore, I want to show you these little babies begging for their lives and, thereby, convert many sinners and bring them back to me. 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)*

Entrust everything to my Immaculate Heart

A huge battle has begun like this already. Since it is a spiritual war, arm yourselves with me by entrusting everything to my Immaculate Heart. Also practice my messages of love. Then, you will be able to escape from the terrible chastisement approaching the human race and the Church. *(August 26, 1989)*

Pray the rosary more fervently

Now you must pray for the conversion of sinners and pray the rosary more fervently for peace in this country and the world. If you offer more rosary prayers, this country will avoid a calamity. I want all the faithful to do it. *(January 30, 1988)*

Spread my messages all over the world

All the children in the world! Open your hearts widely without delay and return to me. Rekindle the fire in your hearts that has been extinguished, achieve unity among all and practice my messages of love. Spread my messages all over the world fervently and filled with hope. When the messages are practiced by the little souls together with prayers of deep love, it will become fragrant oil that will wash the Lord's bleeding wounds. *(January 29, 1991)*

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On January 14, 1992, the Blessed Mother wept for the last time in Naju after a total of 700 days of weeping since June 30, 1985.

The miraculous signs have been given to save souls

Have I not told you that the signs coming down from Heaven are the Mysteries of Salvation?... But even most of the clergy, whose duty is to make the Lord known, are turning their eyes away from them, because of face-saving and others' eyes. For this reason, many souls are losing their sense of direction and are walking toward hell. As these signs have been given to save these souls, be more awake and pray so that many souls may receive the grace of repentance. *(January 18, 2002)*

My Son Jesus and I are not far away from you

Because the children in the world do not follow the words from My Son Jesus and me but busy themselves with useless things and ruin themselves by doing so, this world has already become covered with black clouds and engulfed in a storm. Even so, they do not realize this, giving this Mama the pain of her Heart becoming torn apart into pieces... How is it that they are so blind and unable to see and so deaf and unable to understand? All the children in the world! My Son Jesus and I are not far away from you, not even at a shouting distance from you, but right at your side. Therefore, do not calculate with human thinking any longer but open your hearts widely and return to My Son Jesus and me. Then, you will not be asked questions about your past, the cup of blessing from God the Father instead of the cup of His wrath will come down upon you, and your sad crying and screaming will turn into joy. *(February 16, 2003)*

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