



“Dear My children, even today I’ve come among you to give you all of My motherly heart. Only a mother can understand all your bewilderment and I’m among you to help you. My children, open your hearts so that you can say that “Yes”, only in this way you’ll be able to understand My Son’s Love. I too was like you and He put His gaze on Me and I didn’t see the things of the earth any more, but I saw a great Light. Today My Son’s sending Me among you as a mother and I, as a mother, want to make understand the plan that God has for each of you. It’s necessary to change our lives, it’s necessary to listen to the ways that He’s drawing for each of you to become true Apostles. If you don’t fully live My coming among you and if you don’t accept My invitation, how can you do a holiness journey? Don’t live like beggars looking for the truth elsewhere! But I’m exhorting you, My children, to be more listeners to God’s Word, without using many words; you don’t need to be teachers, but you need to live a constant faith. This is why I’m exhorting you, My children, to invest your lives for eternity, only in this way you’ll be able to do a holiness way. I wish to fill you with His love, so that His Word may take place in your hearts. It takes so much humility, My children, so much prayer is needed to be the salt of the earth. Pray, pray, pray in order not to make you steal hope; don’t allow Satan to take away your peace, by destroying everything on your path, convincing you that you aren’t able to live a total love. Don’t let yourselves be seduced by him, making you feel discouraged and sad! I’m exhorting you to stand up again, My children, through the Pastors that God’s placed on your path and to the Sacraments: only in this way, you’ll be able to defeat his seductions! Pray, pray, pray! Thank you for having responded to My call.”

Comment

Let us admire the particularly tender and maternal tone of this Message: “Dear My children, even today I’ve come among you to give you all of My motherly heart. Only a mother can understand all your bewilderment and I’m among you to help you.”. A probable allusion to the mystery of the Annunciation, of which the walls of the Holy House of Loreto are somehow the reliquary: “My children, open your hearts so that you can say that “Yes”, only in this way you’ll be able to understand My Son’s Love. I too was like you and He put His gaze on Me and I didn’t see the things of the earth any more, but I saw a great Light.”. Here, as in Medjugorje, we find the recurring theme of God’s plan, particular for each person: “Today My Son’s sending Me among you as a mother and I, as a mother, want to make understand the plan that God has for each of you.” No serious evangelical mission without the Apostle’s conversion, a traditional and very Franciscan theme: “It’s necessary to change our lives, it’s necessary to listen to the ways that He’s drawing for each of you to become true Apostles.” Apparitions and Messages are not curiosities destined to flatter the



sensibility or the curiosity but some calls, some privileges to take very seriously: “If you don’t fully live My coming among you and if you don’t accept My invitation, how can you do a holiness way?” Nowadays, so many glean news here and there, on the Internet or elsewhere, some truth crumbs, poorly integrated, leading to confusion, to an inconsistent syncretism: “Don’t live like beggars looking for the truth elsewhere!”. Again, a very Franciscan theme. God does not wish arrogant professors, but some Disciples-Apostles. “But I’m exhorting you, My children, to be more listeners to God’s Word, without using many words; you don’t need to be teachers, but you need to live a constant faith.” The eschatological dimension has been forgotten in the last fifty years. But the theme of “God’s Kingdom” is essential in the Gospel: “This is why I’m exhorting you, My children, to invest your lives for eternity, only in this way you’ll be able to do a holiness way.” Again, an encouragement to prayer and humility to become “salt of the earth”, to become a small element that gives flavour to all pasta: “I wish to fill you with His love, so that His Word may take place in your hearts. It takes so much humility, My children, so much prayer is needed to be the “salt of the earth.”” A mention perhaps to the “Parable of the Sower” in Matthew, 13. We do not believe enough that Satan and the millions of evil angels are concrete, living and active people. Heaven sows Hope, while the devils bring disturbance and despair into the hearts. They never sleep, they work day and night: “Pray, pray, pray in order not to make you steal hope; don’t allow Satan to take away your peace, by destroying everything on your path, convincing you that you aren’t able to live a total love. Don’t let yourselves be seduced by him, making you feel discouraged and sad.”

“Mary’s Pilgrims” are not a closed circle, a sect, an isolated ghetto far from the institutional Church. For more than thirty years, the visionary Raffaele Ferrara and his friends have worked in ties with authorized Apostles like Mother Theresa, Sister Elvira. This is in connection with ordinary, territorial, local priests placed on the path of the visionary. An allusion to the Sacrament of Reconciliation seems evident: “I’m exhorting you to stand up again, My children, through the Pastors that God’s placed on your path and to the Sacraments: only in this way, you’ll be able to defeat his seductions! Pray, pray, pray! Thank you for having responded to My call.”

Conclusion: Let us admire the warm and peaceful style of this demanding message however. No dramatization, no threat. The general tone conforms to the personality and to Raffaele Ferrara’s charisma. This exhortation is addressed to the recipients’ hearts, not to reason. The Blessed Virgin’s purpose seems to form some Apostles in anticipation of a new and perhaps next conjuncture.