

# Praying the Rosary



**From the Messages of Jesus  
and the Virgin Mary to Catalina**

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### **The Cover Image**

The Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and rosary. The photograph was taken in May 1999 as the statue exuded a fragrant oil in the Bolivian home of Katya (Catalina) Rivas. A droplet of the oil can be seen forming below the chin, and would subsequently fall onto the cotton pad.



## **INTRODUCTION**

At the beginning of Catalina's book on "*The Holy Mass*", she referred to the Lord and the Virgin Mary providing instructions on how to pray the Rosary. She was referring to instructions in messages given to her that have been published in several books.

The messages underscored the importance of praying the Rosary, particularly in praying for peace in the world. These messages echoed the messages given by the Virgin Mary at Fatima, Portugal in 1917.

We have compiled into this booklet a number of these messages. In April 1998, the Archbishop of Cochabamba, gave his Imprimatur to the books from which these messages were taken. The English translation of the Imprimatur appears on the following page.

The messages in this booklet have been drawn from the following books, all of which have been previously published in Spanish in South America in the mid to late 1990s. Please see the Appendix (or the updated [www.LoveAndMercy.Org](http://www.LoveAndMercy.Org) ) to see which books are available from this ministry in English and Spanish. (Note: the abbreviations following the titles will be used in this booklet along with the message numbers to identify the source of each quoted message):

- *Springs of Mercy (SM)*
- *The Ark of the New Covenant (Ark)*
- *The Great Crusade of Love (CL)*
- *The Door to Heaven (DH)*
- *The Great Crusade of Mercy (CM)*
- *The Great Crusade of Salvation (CS)*

We hope that you will be blessed in reading these messages and be inspired to a greater appreciation and deeper understanding of the Rosary.

May the peace and love of God always rest upon you,

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**IMPRIMATUR:**

We have read Catalina's books and we are certain that their only objective is to lead us all on a journey of authentic spirituality that is based on the Gospel of Christ. The books highlight as well the special place the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother to whom we should offer our complete trust and love, as her children that we are, and our role model in how to love and follow Jesus Christ.

At the same time as they renew our love and devotion to the Holy Catholic Church, the books enlighten us on the actions that should characterize a truly committed Christian.

For these reasons, I authorize their printing and distribution, and recommend them as texts of meditation and spiritual orientation, so as to yield much fruit for Our Lord who is calling us to save many souls, showing them that He is a living God, full of love and mercy.

+ Mons. René Fernández Apaza  
Archbishop of Cochabamba  
April 2, 1998



## PRAYING THE ROSARY

At the beginning of her testimony on *"The Holy Mass"*, which was first published in Spanish in 2003, Catalina wrote: "In a marvelous catechesis, the Lord and the Virgin Mary have been instructing us in the first place, by teaching us the way to pray the Holy Rosary, to pray with our hearts, to meditate and to make the most of our moments of encounter with God and our Blessed Mother..." In Their messages to Catalina, Jesus and His Mother have explained why and how we should pray the Rosary. Many of those messages are presented in the following pages.

### Why Pray the Rosary?

Praying the Rosary has been an integral part of Catalina's spirituality. In Their messages to her, Jesus and the Virgin Mary have repeatedly encouraged Their children to pray, particularly the Rosary.

The Holy Virgin has said of Her children who pray the Rosary:

*"I accompany you and manifest Myself in each Rosary; you are earning a caress from Me with each Hail Mary."* [SM-16 ¶13]

She has also said:

*"Pray much; this is the first step. Your prayers can accomplish a great deal. The power of prayer is so great that miracles reside therein. What parents will be able to deny anything their children request of them with love...? The Rosary... not only repeat it... meditate on each word and pray the Rosary to Jesus..."* [SM-33 ¶13]

The Holy Mother counsels Her children to:

*"Love God with your heart, with your mind and with your consciousness. From now on pray the Rosary with your families. Do not be afraid; you are under the protection of My maternal and loving heart."* [SM-36]

She tells us to:

*"Pray! You do not know how much your prayers are helping. If you pray as you should and do penance, it does not matter how much... A Hail Mary said with your heart and all your being has more power than ten Rosaries said by*

*those who recite their prayers in a merely routine fashion.”* [SM-37]

For those who question or disbelieve, the Blessed Mother has said:

*“It is to you who doubt and have unbelieving hearts that I make this fervent call. As the Mother of Jesus, I have the power of promising to protect those who pray the Rosary daily, offering it to the Father for the sorrowful wounds of My Son...”*

*“Your love of God and fellow men will be forming the crown of salvation through which the rays of light from My graces will penetrate to make you pleasing to the Creator and to heal so many wounds and bleeding sores that I see among you.”* [SM-46 ¶4 & 6]

As long as they recite the Rosary, the Holy Virgin tells Her children not to fear:

*“Find out more about the wonderful work of God’s creation; praise His grandeur and do not worry so much about the attacks of the enemy. You are protected by Me and, as long as you recite the Rosary with Me, you should fear nothing. One can become frightened, but he will not approach a soul consecrated to Jesus’ heart and to Mine.”* [SM-68 ¶132]

The Mother of God has asked Catalina to take this message to all those who pray the Rosary:

*“Hail to you, the spirit of God, little children of Mine. You should know that I shed My graces on those who recite the Holy Rosary... The peace of the Lord be with you all and My blessing together with the blessing of My Son Jesus, I place upon your souls, on your parents and the fruits of their hearts... of their wombs, consecrated to the Lord.*

*“As the Mother of the Son of God, I unite My prayers in each Hail Mary for the forgiveness of your sins and those of your families. I plead and will plead for My children until the day when I will carry them tenderly before the presence of the Most Holy Trinity, Who is and will be the glory, for ever and ever. Thank you, for helping Me in this hour, for your Rosaries and daily consecrations.*

*“Little children of Mine, I will continue to fill you with abundant graces. Let nothing disturb you. I love you deeply... a great deal more than you can imagine... Be silent; offer all suffering to*

*Jesus for the sake of love and gratitude...”* [SM-92 ¶3-5]

The Holy Virgin spoke of the Rosary being a powerful weapon along with the Eucharist and fasting:

*“Little children, you should respond to the great gift that you have been granted. Do not seek to find out what place you have in My plan but know that each one of you is irreplaceable in it. Do not allow yourselves to be held back by the unbelief of those who surround you. Be mirrors in which My image may be reflected.*

*“There are moments when My adversary paralyzes you with distrust, when he sows doubts in your path. Pray; do not allow anything to disturb the joy of surrendering your hearts, of consecrating yourselves daily to Jesus and to Me. Your most powerful weapons are Communion, fasting and the Rosary.”* [SM-108 ¶11-2]

She tells us:

*“You have the immense joy of loving the Rosary, of finding Me in it... I recite it together with you, with each of My children... You have the gift of counting yourselves among My most beloved children. You have the reward of My permanent intervention in your favor.”* [ARK-5 ¶3]

The Mother of God requests that we pray the Rosary to make reparation:

*“Little daughter, what I request of you all is a great deal of prayer and reparation for everything that the heretics are always trying against Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist...”*

*“Please, make it a standing prayer, do not let the rosary out of your hands. Pray even when you think that you can no longer do so. Pray in reparation for your homeland. Pray for an end to hatred and vengeance. Pray that sects will not destroy Christ’s Church. Pray for your own families. Make reparation for the sins of your dear ones...”* [ARK-34 ¶11&3]

*“Offer today a Rosary for the forgiveness of the continent, especially Brazil, the USA. Very soon they will suffer a great punishment... Pray to My Son pleading with Him for all those people who today offend My purity.”* [SM-25 ¶3]

Jesus has said of His children who pray the Rosary:

*"...with the Rosary in your hands, even though your minds are blank, I will enter the depths of your hearts. You will feel My presence through the love that will be penetrating you..."* [SM-24 ¶15]

Jesus has also said:

*"Each decade of the Holy Rosary that you repeat, the angels gather and place as an offering at the feet of My Holy Mother."* [SM-27 ¶15]

And:

*"When you pray the Rosary for someone, every bead is a drop of My blood and those drops fall on the person for whom it is offered. That is the reason why the souls in Purgatory are saved with your Rosaries, because they implore My saving blood."* [ARK 120a ¶4]

Jesus reminds us of His Mother's wonderful promise for those who pray the Rosary:

*"... Spread this devotion [the Rosary], because My Mother promised that if just one member of the family prays it every day, She will save that family. And this promise is signed and sealed by the Divine Trinity."* [DH-44.1 ¶11]

Jesus gave a message for Catalina to give to some novices in a religious community during a visit. It was a loving request to which all His children should respond and of which praying the Rosary was an integral part:

*"My little one, today you are going to the house of My daughters. I beg you to tell them that I dearly love those who respond to Me because they alleviate My thirst."*

*"Tell them that the fasting I request is from anger, laziness, speech, disobedience, and complaining about their crosses. If they are faced with doubts and desires to leave a religious Institution, ask them to cling to My Mother's hand, to pray the Holy Rosary with Her, and to remain for a few minutes before the Blessed Sacrament, keeping Me company while telling Me their feelings. Then they should reflect again. Ask them not to do anything in haste which could possibly lead them to ruin their lives."* [CM-86 ¶2-3]

Jesus also explains to Catalina His special blessings that would be given with rosaries:

*"All the rosaries that you have brought have My special blessings for those who will receive them with love. At the moment when you hand out each rosary or ten I become present and give My blessing, leaving above all peace and faith. In due time, they will discover the special characteristics of each one of them, their graces. Take care of them [the rosaries] because they will be protection in many difficult moments."* [CS-32 ¶11]

## How to Pray the Rosary

The Holy Virgin instructs us on how to pray the Rosary:

*"Little daughter, I am with you. I want to thank you for your obedience and your love. Everyday you will take the Holy Scriptures and will contemplate the Passion of My Son. You will take your Rosary and will use it with much more frequency. Poor, My daughter, with the little time that you have, still you should be concerned. I, your mother, will arrange it in such a way that you will not be tired and you can offer your prayers to the Lord. Always pray in this way, with and from the heart..."* [ARK-26 ¶1]

And:

*"My children, pray the Holy Rosary more often, but do it with devotion and love; do not do it because of routine or fear, because you will become confused. Prepare and clear the path for My Son, Jesus. On this path there must be no thorns or pebbles that will again wound the sacred feet of the Lord."* [CL-140 ¶11]

The Mother of God tells Her children:

*"...Little ones, fill your hearts with My maternal love, fill your senses with My teachings, gather the heavenly graces that I shed on you. My little children, do not doubt My presence, do not refuse the love that emanates from My sorrowful heart."*

*"Pray the Holy Rosary, meditating before each mystery; say it very slowly, so that it will reach My ears like a soft whisper of love. Make Me feel your child-like love with each word you recite; do not say it out of obligation, or to please your brothers and sisters. Do not say it with screams or fanaticism, or in a sensationalistic way. Everything you do with joy, peace, and love, with humble surrender and child-like simplicity, will be received like a soft*

*and refreshing balsam for the wounds of My womb. Yes, those three nails were placed in My womb; for your Mother's womb has also been crucified.*

*"The Divine Will of the Almighty God has again been touched by My cry and anguish, and will permit your Mother to express all Her love and Her call to conversion and the return of Her children that walk down the wrong path. Many will see Me weep; few will be moved, and many of My children will mock...I suffer much because very soon the day will arrive when all knees will bend, eyes will look up to Heaven asking for mercy. They will cry out for pity and clemency; few hear Me; few will be heard.*

*"My daughter, to you I ask that every Friday you turn your home into "The House of Restoring the Rosary." In exchange for this atonement to My Sorrowful Immaculate Heart, you will all receive abundant graces and blessings, and when the longest night of creation arrives, I shall be with you, helping and protecting you. Children, trust your Mother."*

[CL-151 ¶11-4]

Jesus provides instruction on the Mysteries of the Rosary and how to meditate upon them. He also gives us a beautiful prayer for His Mother:

*"Frequently repeat to My Mother in every Mystery of the Rosary: Virgin Mary, our Immaculate Mother, show us Your power, defeat the enemy!"* [ARK-114 ¶6]

And:

*"I wish to converse with you, to talk to you about something very educational for the group. You should know that My birth came to pass almost in secret amidst so many people. It is a mystery, they say, but why? Do you not think that, with My help of course, the shadows are dispelling now? Mysterious My conception because it came about solely through divine Will - totally mysterious My birth.*

*"I have interrupted your prayer precisely here, on the third encounter of the soul that prays to My Mother with the Rosary, meditating on Her joys. Behold what one should meditate upon; My Mother's joy in giving birth to Me, the awaited Messiah and Son of the Most High. There is nothing mysterious about that, because if everything that is not fully understood should*

*be called a mystery, then very little would be left that is not one.*

*"Until today the different periods of My coming, of My Passion, and even the simplest act, which was My Mother's Visitation to Elizabeth have been called mysteries. Yes, because all the mystery in this latter case, you could say, lies in John's leap in his mother's womb, but it was no longer mysterious afterwards because it was easily attributable to an infusion of Grace that I gave directly to John even before his birth.*

*"Therefore, the fact that the other fourteen points of the Rosary have also been called mysteries is due to the little knowledge of matters that pertain to religion, and especially to the very pure love of a great many of those who entreat Me.*

*"There is nothing mysterious in those you call "the Sorrowful Mysteries" because I suffered for love alone. Yet, I understand that love is a mystery for children, and that is why I address Myself to them.*

*"Look into the Joyful Mysteries and the mystery will disappear. I have explained previously that My birth is not mysterious, but the Annunciation, the Visitation to Saint Elizabeth, as well as the Finding in the Temple are either supernatural or natural events on which a little light shed is enough to eliminate the mystery. In contrast, they have turned the fourth Joyous Mystery into a mysterious one. So, everyone must know that the Purification was carried out by Mary in obedience to Me, through the Jewish Law and their customs. I willed that act, which had nothing to do with the purification of Her, the one who had always been without blemish: My Mother.*

*"Was My Presentation in the Temple a joy or a sorrow for Mary? If you remember the words of Simeon and Anne, My Prophetess, you must conclude that it was a sorrow and not a joy. You do well in calling this fourth encounter a mystery, given that it is an enigma for everyone to think of the purification and the presentation among the joys of My Mother.*

*"Would you like to go on to the "Glorious Mysteries"? They are five supernatural events, which do not include anything that may have to do with human life. In contemplating these five encounters, the soul is forced to wander into the*

*void, in other words, to recall that which is proposed for meditation, nothing else.*

*“Do you want to properly contemplate My Resurrection, My Ascension, The Descent of the Holy Spirit, the Assumption and the Coronation of Mary in Heaven?... I appreciate the desire, if you have it. I do not appreciate the parrots who only repeat and think of nothing but yawning and annoyance. They cannot help their yawning because they go about it in the wrong way!*

*“Oh My Mother’s Rosary! Oh Virgin of the Most Holy Rosary! We have given to humanity a Rosary meditation full of riches, and they have turned it into a graveyard of mysteries, into the entrance hall to Purgatory... Do not be afraid because you should know that voluntary distractions are the cause of a longer period in Purgatory. No, involuntary yawns I do not take into account, but I know that they implore Me so as to be able to say that they have recited five or ten, or fifteen points of the Rosary. What is then left of the Glorious Rosary meditation given by My Mother? A petal here and there, and a stem with many thorns and no fragrance.*

*“Now it is My Mother Herself who is going to tell you [Catalina] about how to use it correctly, and She will do it soon, sooner than any of you might think.*

*“In the meantime, in order to make reparation for your blameworthy distractions and for the time that all of you have sometimes wasted, I, the affectionate Son of Mary and caring brother of yours, say to Her:*

*“Hail, Oh My Mother, star of My Heart and hope of those who affectionately invoke You. Receive from Me a most loving greeting which I present to You in order to make reparation for their wretchedness. I greet You, Full of Grace, and I bless You, renovating in Me all the greetings and blessings, which until now have reached You from the cold hearts of so many of your children. I am grateful to You, Oh My Mother, for the blessings with which You respond to Mine, and I ask you to bring Me many sinners now and always, but especially when death is about to strike those most hardened. Do thus now, My Mother, and during all the time that will still be granted to humanity.” [CS-70 ¶11-13]*

## Additional Words from Heaven about the Rosary

**S**t. Michael the Archangel, our defender in spiritual battles, concisely summarizes the “how” and the “why” of praying the Rosary:

*“...Pray the Holy Rosary with more love; you do not know how powerful a weapon it is.” [DH-15 ¶6]*

The Holy Virgin has asked Her children to visit the sick:

*“Go to the hospitals and have all those who are dying pray three Creeds and one Hail Mary. If they refuse, put a scapular, a medal or a Rosary on them. Do not delay, My children. Help Me in this battle of light and darkness.” [SM-38 ¶6]*

The Mother of God tells us to take the Rosary with us when we evangelize:

*“Do not doubt any longer; do not wait any longer. Go out to the streets; reach the squares; knock on the doors. Go out to the battle with prayers, with weapons in your hands: THE HOLY ROSARY, a medal, a scapular, a cross...*

*“He who needs to speak, will speak. He who is arid, is incapable of producing anything. He who belittles, will be belittled. Every person carries on his lips what his heart feels and, therefore, do not be afraid about what you may say to them, concern yourselves with pleasing the Lord, with helping Me in this battle against time.” [SM-76 ¶3-4]*

The Holy Virgin tells Her children to place rosaries in all their rooms:

*“My children, you are under the protection of My mantel and My Immaculate Heart. I only ask of you faith, prayers and daily communion. Pray, recite the Creed every morning and as often as you can, do it during the day.*

*“I cannot say more to you. Agree amongst yourselves upon an hour to join Me in daily prayer.*

*“Put images, rosaries, crucifixes that have been blessed in all your rooms. Your sorrowful and crucified testimony will be more and more anguishing, but it is necessary in order to help My children persevere in the faith and in fidelity. You are My work and you respond to a*

*special intention of My Immaculate Heart.*" [SM-88 ¶1-3]

The Mother of God has repeated Her requests that we pray the Rosary and have blessed rosaries in each room:

*"Little daughter, there will be many more attacks, but you all should not worry. Prayer, fasting and Communion are the most powerful exorcism for you. My enemy can do nothing against the person who is in the state of grace.*

*"Pray the Rosary and keep nearby in each room blessed crucifixes and rosaries. Periodically sprinkle all your rooms with holy water and above all, be certain that I am protecting you."*

[SM-124 ¶1-2]

And Jesus has said:

**A***"It is not possible to love My Mother without loving the Eucharist... The Hail Mary is divine praise for Her, and the Rosary is like a crown of pearls on Her head. But all that together is like a little flower in the field, compared to the immense happiness that Her Immaculate Heart receives when a Mass is given to Her."* [ARK-83 ¶8]

Jesus' message to mothers and wives, is truly an exhortation for all His Mother's children to hear and follow:

*"Run, My daughters, there is still time to save your families. Run! Do not waste even a single day more. Run to Mass and take part in that encounter with Me in the Eucharist. Pray every day; unite yourselves with My Mother in the Holy Rosary, the prayer through which you unite yourselves with Me through the best wife and mother that there ever was in the history of humanity: Mary."* [CM-10 ¶11]

### Some Concluding Words on Prayer from Heaven

**I**n a message entitled *"Pray with the Heart"*, the Holy Virgin said:

*"You do not understand the great sorrow of God when a soul loses itself by its own will and condemns itself forever in the abyss of hell.*

*"Dear children, Satan's claws have grasped the world tightly. He is looking to strangle your*

*hearts and will be able to do it because you do not pray with your hearts daily.*

*"God is all goodness. He the Creator of all, has given humanity signs of His love, His mercy and His justice, but humanity has chosen the path of the evil one, and justice is beginning to strike.*

*"I urge all of My children to prepare themselves. You never can love and surrender to God enough; nevertheless, the evil one seduces and deceives the world. Oh the pride of man!*

*"I plead with all of My children to subject your pride and abandon your will to My Son. He, as savior of the world, will take all of your faults and weaknesses and replace them with the Divine Will. In this way, the time of darkness will be shortened and the My Heart will triumph, crushing the head of the serpent.*

*"Pray children, truly convert with your hearts. This is the year of tears; a sad year of sorrows has begun for you. Please, willingly seek the Holy Spirit so you may praise with Me to the end of time, "My soul praises the Lord!" Join your voices in the eternal echo of this prayer and God will allow My Immaculate Heart to triumph over the one who is now ruling the world."* [ARK 23 ¶1-6]

**I**n messages entitled *"Renew Your Life Day by Day"* and *"Prayer: Towards a Spiritual Marriage"*, Jesus said:

*"I want you to understand that to be born to a new life, it is necessary to go through the phase of a woman's childbirth. She, to give birth to a new child, has many pains and she bleeds. Thus you will have to go through all this, but then will come the joy of being carriers of the product of love.*

*"I ask you to renew your life from day to day; to be meek in your praying; learn to ask with simplicity, with the same naturalness that children ask their parents. I do not want forced words and phrases for your brothers to hear you; I want simple words but modulated with the heart."* [CL-133 ¶1-2]

And:

*"My little child, today we will talk about the meaning of union in prayer. I want you to meditate about this. When a soul rises to*



*Heaven in prayer, she reaches a place in which I bless her with My Love and she achieves a spiritual marriage. At that moment, you come into My Hands through an empty space, which allows you to be in silence so that I can fill that vacuum with heavenly feelings. This Love is not a love of human emotions, but the profound Mystery of the Divine...*

*"I beg you, little one, that, when you reach this phase, do not fight to get out of it. On the contrary, abandon yourself even more until you reach the point at which the tide leaves you exhausted and truly close to your God. This is the purest form of prayer. It is the ecstasy of the union with Me, without words, nor the sense of touch, but in an environment of infinite peace. It requires no effort on your behalf, because the prayer of grace comes totally from Me. Simply, as on other occasions, let yourself go, do not resist." [DH-95 ¶1-2]*

In messages entitled "Prayer Makes My Heart Tremble" and "Pray Humbly", Jesus said:

*"My daughter so beloved by your God, it is like this that you should pray; this is the way to make the burning Heart of your God tremble and be moved. Pray, and be with Me more often in prayer. You do not know how much in need you are of daily prayer for My Church, for yourselves." [CM-17 ¶1]*

And:

*"I greatly approve of humble prayer, that is, prayer that is based on your inability to understand and desire what is the right thing, what is pleasing to Me.*

*"All that is humble attracts Me, because My infinite Goodness moves Me to relieve your misery. In fact, I have created you from nothingness, precisely, because I am good, and when I say from nothingness, I mean non-existence. So you did not exist, but now you do. And, therefore, what are you? Well, more than nothingness and less than everything. You could not implore Me when you did not exist, but you must do so now that you do exist and you will be able to do so as long as you exist and have a share in everything.*

*"So it is good to pray humbly because when you implore Me, I spread widely My one and true 'complete' self which is also uncreated Being.*

*"I do not think about the nonsensical things you sometimes ask Me for, but I do consider attentively if you pray with humble trust. With regard to My welcoming of your prayers, in general I have your good in mind, the good of each one of you.*

*"You already know that as a result of all this, I am subject to blasphemy, misunderstanding, complaint and so many other kinds of rejection. I have the spirit to put up with those things because I have endless, immeasurable love, love that can wait, that can guide and which has been and will be incomprehensible from the time of Adam to the end of the world.*

*"Therefore, implore Me tirelessly as much as you can. Whether you are happy or sad, it does not matter, because all things pass and what is left is the act of humble trust that deserves My reward." [CM-64 ¶1-6]*

In a message entitled "Remain with Me and We Shall Pray Together", Jesus said:

*"My child, I have prayed for you and for all at Gethsemane; I have not forgotten anyone because all were united to Me in a mysterious but real embrace. I have desired and needed to pray, since I had firmly in mind the fact that, notwithstanding My invitation repeated several times, you would not have prayed as much as I wish. Therefore, I lovingly humbled Myself and I prayed for you as much as the Son of God made man could possibly do.*

*"It is example that counts. It is hard for you to follow Me because you do not love Me enough or because [you think] I am indifferent to you, as if I were not your Redeemer, as if your salvation depended not on Me, but on others.*

*"If I have said 'Pray', I have also specified to Peter and the other Apostles that they should pray with Me. I knew, and I know what it meant to ask them to pray, and I have offered Myself to keep them company so that praying would be less difficult, more accepted and more attractive.*

*"Remember and think about the fact that it was at Gethsemane that I have asked them to pray with Me. I did not ask them to do so Tabor but at Gethsemane, and you should understand why. But if you are not awake, attentive and watching, how can you possibly pray with Me? You are overcome by sleep, and you also will*

*sleep and be assailed by temptation, because you have not accepted My invitation to pray with Me.*

*“Ah, Peter, Peter! What an example of human frailty you have left to the world that does not yet understand the great misery you suffered then at that time! You were ready to die for Me and [yet] you put yourself before all, demonstrating the pride you were filled with then. “The others, yes,” you said, “but I will not betray you.” And instead, the others did not fall as low as you fell. They were fainthearted but they did not deny Me as openly, as you have done, My Peter. And why was that?*

*“Because you did not remain with Me praying, so My enemy made you fall by making use of some poor people, but above all because of your failure to be united with Me.*

*“Peter! Peter of My Heart! Oh, My little and most beloved Peter! Throughout the entire world until the end of time your weakness and My Mercy will be alluded to. But all those who wish to follow Me: reflect on the fact that the triple fall of Peter arose from the vanity that separated him from Me, and which prevented him from praying, because those who believe they need help, do pray, and not those who are vain enough to think themselves strong.*

*“What do you want Me to add for you? I have given you an example; I have made clear to you why people fall into the temptation of the flesh and the spirit.*

*“Remain with Me. Let us pray together, that is, I will pray in you and for you, since that is really the meaning of My request. I assure you that you will be heard and at the same time, you will be protected.” [CM-104 ¶1-9]*

### Closing Words from the Editors

**W**E hope that you have been blessed in reading and reflecting upon these words from Heaven explaining to us the importance and power of praying the Rosary and instructing us on how to pray from our hearts this beautiful devotion honoring the Mother of God. The preceding messages are just excerpts, a small sample of the profound wisdom contained in the full messages from which they were extracted. Readers are strongly encouraged to read each referenced message in its entirety. If you have not done so already, please consider reading the other books of messages given to Catalina for you will be equally blessed by these wonderful words from Jesus and the Virgin Mary.

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## **APPENDIX A**

### **THE CHURCH DECREE COMMISSIONING THE APOSTOLATE OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION**

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**DECREE 1999/118**

#### **MONSGR. RENÉ FERNÁNDEZ APAZA ARCHBISHOP OF COCHABAMBA**

Considering that the founders of “the Apostolate of the New Evangelization” (A.N.E.) have applied with the following documentation for formation as a private catholic association.

That the goals and objectives of “the Apostolate of the New Evangelization” concur with the directives for the lay apostolate as per the Second Vatican Council and the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.

That according to the Code of Canon Law the rightful Church authority to form an association of a private nature for the faithful and to grant it legal solicitorship is the diocesan Bishop within its territory (c.312).

#### **WE DECREE**

Article 1. To approve the constitution of “the Apostolate of the New Evangelization” (A.N.E.) as a private Catholic association, with ecclesiastic legal solicitorship in accordance to the Code of Canon Law (cc. 113-123, 298-329) and other standard appropriateness.

Article 2. To consider reviewed the statute of “the Apostolate of the New Evangelization,” attached to this decree.

We strongly urge the founders, directors, and members of the A.N.E. to faithfully comply with the goals of the association and to promote the New Evangelization under the guidance of the Church magisterial and its legitimate pastors.

Given by the Archbishop of Cochabamba on the first day of May, 1999.

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[seal of Archdiocese]

+ MONSGR. RENÉ FERNÁNDEZ A.  
ARCHBISHOP OF COCHABAMBA

BY ORDER OF THE ARCHBISHOP

/signed/

ENRIQUE JIMENEZ  
CHANCELLOR

## APPENDIX B

### WHAT IS THE ANE AND ITS MINISTRIES?

**W**e are a lay apostolic movement who have listened to the call of the Lord, and we have decided to place ourselves at His service.

We try to carry the Good News of the Gospel to all our sisters and brothers, in order to contribute to establishing the Kingdom of God among men and women.

Committed to Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church, we respond to the call of John Paul, II as he insistently declared in his three most often repeated phrases during the course of his pontificate:

“Be saints”; “This is the time for the laity”; and “Let us promote the New Evangelization of the world”. We assume responsibility for working with energy and creativity on the New Evangelization, by attempting to utilize effective strategies and methods to call to conversion men and women of our times.

#### **Our Goals**

To spread among men and women the living presence of our Lord Jesus Christ and to help them to live their faith in accordance with the Gospel, united to Mary in prayer.

To establish small church communities “Little Houses of Prayer” where we are formed in prayer and knowledge of the Gospel, within the lines set out by the Magisterium of the Church, attempting to give witness to a life that is consistent with the teachings of Jesus.

To promote the spiritual and human growth of those who join the Apostolate, motivating the sacramental life of each one of them and facilitating the study of Sacred Scriptures, documents of the Church, lives of Saints and ANE’s own bibliographical material.

Members of ANE have the duty to evangelize each other, and to evangelize and assist and help those most in need, which is nothing more than “evangelizing” through their witness and example.

#### **Our Ministries**

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, a stranger and you welcomed Me, naked and you clothed Me, ill and you cared for Me, in prison and you visited Me... Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of Mine, you did for Me.” (Mt 25, 34-35. 40)

Among those Ministries, the following are the most outstanding:

**Caring for the Sick:** Spiritually assisting the sick and their family members, especially in hospitals and other health centers: a) Helping those sisters and brothers who go before us, to have a “good death”, through prayer and frequent receiving of the Sacraments; b) Consoling and strengthening in God, family members of the sick; c)

Encouraging those who are temporarily sick to offer their suffering to the Lord and to draw near Him by using whatever circumstance they are living through.

**Support for the Church:** Seeking the resources to be able to work together with people who need material help: Parishes, nuns and priests, seminaries, marginal families and in general, those with scant resources.

**Ministry of Communication:** Producing the messages of evangelization intended for wide distribution, whether through radio, television, videos, daily papers, our magazine, the Internet, audio tapes and CD’s.

**Catechesis:** Planning, coordinating and supervising catechetical formation of those working for ANE as well as the contents of the Catechism during the carrying out of evangelization.

**Penitential Work:** Accompanying those sisters and brothers who have suffered the misfortune of temporarily losing their freedom by inviting them to experience liberation of soul through the Lord, by reminding them that there is a reality which is different from that harsh environment that surrounds them and that our true hope must be placed in God. In the Prison at Mérida, our Apostolate is in charge of the section of those suffering from AIDS.

**ANE Pro-Life:** Unceasingly working to spread campaigns for the defense of life and responsible fatherhood, and against abortion, euthanasia and cloning.

**ANE Homes:** “Centers of Assistance from the Apostolate of New Evangelization”. Helping in a direct way those most in need through meals and clothing for people, medical dispensaries, catechesis and evangelization programs, rehabilitation programs, literacy planning, delivery of provisions, and counseling services.

**Small Houses of Prayer:** Coordinating the work for the orderly development of the structure of ANE and promoting the link between the different groups which make up our Apostolate.

#### **Apostolate of the New Evangelization**

## APPENDIX C

### NOTE FROM THE ANE

**T**he books of “The Great Crusade” make up a collection of volumes, which are already more than 15 in number [in Spanish], and its teachings convey the spirituality of the Apostolate of the New Evangelization (ANE), which is based on Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The ANE is a Catholic lay movement, which arises in response to the insistent call of John Paul II to all the baptized, to commit themselves to the task of promoting

the Good News, that Christ has died and risen again in order to save us from sin.

As Catholics that we are, we fully abide by the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, which states the following in regards to the matter of private revelations:

**Canon 66:** “The Christian economy, therefore, since it is the new and definitive Covenant, will never pass away; and no new public revelation is to be expected before the glorious manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Vatican Council II, Dogmatic Constitution ‘*Dei Verbum*’ 3 AAS 58)

Yet even if Revelation is already complete, it has not been made completely explicit; it remains for Christian faith gradually to grasp its full significance over the course of the centuries.”

**Canon 67:** “Throughout the ages, there have been so-called “private” revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. They do not belong, however, to the deposit of faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ's definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history.

Guided by the Magisterium of the Church, the *sensus fidelium* knows how to discern and welcome in these revelations whatever constitutes an authentic call of Christ or his saints to the Church.

Christian faith cannot accept ‘revelations’ that claim to surpass or correct the Revelation of which Christ is the fulfillment, as is the case in certain non-Christian religions and also in certain recent sects which base themselves on such ‘revelations’.”

*Catechism of the Catholic Church  
Canons 66 & 67*

You will notice on the inside page of our books the stamp or “IMPRIMATUR” granted by the Bishops of the Catholic Church, of the Latin and Chaldean Rites. Some have been translated into more than eight languages and have been recommended by several bishops who judge that the reading of them will facilitate spiritual growth among faithful Catholics.

The first books of the “Great Crusade” series were not printed with “offset” but were distributed by photocopies taken directly from the first original transcriptions.

With the passage of time, certain persons –clearly with the best of intentions– collaborated in “a second transcription and formatting of the texts” to photocopy them, given the fact that “the copies of the copies” turned out to be illegible in some cases. Unfortunately, in the process, there were so many spelling and typographical errors committed, that the meaning of the texts was altered and many problems were created.

Precisely for that reason, the Apostolate of New Evangelization, at the suggestion of some priests and bishops, took the decision to request that readers should not make any further transcriptions of these texts, for any reason or under any circumstance, without the strict

surveillance and the due authorization of our Director General.

## **Apostolate of the New Evangelization**

### **APPENDIX D**

#### **HELP THE ANE TO HELP**

All these books constitute a true gift from God for people who desire to grow spiritually, and it is for that reason that the sale price barely covers the cost of their printing and distribution.

However, as disciples of Christ, the Apostolate of New Evangelization, among other activities, is developing a wide range of spiritual and corporal works of mercy to the needy in seven charitable locations which distribute food and clothing to the people, and hundreds of places supplied with basic foodstuffs from the family basket, by promoting evangelization and catechesis in distant villages, and by providing spiritual and material support to our brothers and sisters in any number of jails and hospitals (mainly in Latin America).

All this work can only be carried out through the generosity of people who responding to the Voice of the Lord, are supporting those who are most in need and are donating their time, their efforts and their material resources for the purpose of this charity.

If you, the reader of this book find within yourself the desire to help us in the building of the Kingdom, please get in contact with us through the addresses and telephone numbers at the end of this Appendix. The harvest is great, but the workers will always be few.

Likewise, if you wish to contribute monetarily to the development of this Work, you can do so by making your tax deductible donation check payable to “ANE-USA” and mailed to: Love & Mercy Publications, P.O. Box 1160, Hampstead, NC 28443, USA. Donations can be sent along with book and video orders but they must be made with separate checks with the book and video order check made payable to: **Love and Mercy Publications**. Donations will then be transferred to the ANE International Headquarters.

In the name of the Lord, we thank you in advance for any help you can offer us, and we entreat Him who is generous and provident, to reward you one hundredfold.

May God bless you,

**Apostolate of the New Evangelization**

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## **APPENDIX E**

### **LOVE AND MERCY PUBLICATIONS BOOKS & VIDEOS**

**L**ove and Mercy Publications is part of a non-profit (IRS 501c approved), religious, educational organization dedicated to the dissemination of books, videos and other religious materials concerning the great Love and Mercy of God. As part of its mission, this organization distributes with permission the books containing messages dictated by Jesus and the Virgin Mary to Catalina (Katya) Rivas as well as other related materials. The contents of these have been reviewed by Catholic Church authorities and found to be consistent with the faith and teachings of the Church. Further information on this can be found at the beginning of each book.

The books are available in the original Spanish, in English and some other languages at no cost on the Internet at: [www.LoveAndMercy.org](http://www.LoveAndMercy.org). As English translations are made on remaining books, they will be posted on this web site and available to read and/or print. Also, they will be available to order as printed books for the price that will be on the web site order form. The books and booklets currently available (and in the near future) from Love and Mercy Publications are as follows:

#### **Testimonial & Devotional Books**

**The Holy Mass:** A profound teaching with an Imprimatur on the Holy Mass containing visions at the Mass and messages dictated by the Virgin Mary and Jesus to Catalina that can deepen one's spiritual experience at the Divine Liturgy. This is the most widely read of Catalina's books.

**Holy Hour:** A beautiful devotion with an Imprimatur to read and pray before the Blessed Sacrament that was dictated by the Virgin Mary to Catalina and includes traditional prayers and verses from the Bible. A reader can see and experience the great love that the Mother of God has for this most blessed of Sacraments.

**The Passion:** Reflections on the mystery of Jesus' suffering and the value that it has on Redemption as dictated by Jesus, God the Father and the Virgin Mary to Catalina. This is truly a profound account of the Passion of the Christ with an Imprimatur that will deeply touch and change hearts, increasing one's love for Jesus.

**The Stations of the Cross:** The meditations on the Passion of the Christ in this booklet were almost all extracted from "The Passion", a book that was dictated by Jesus to Catalina, and the remainder was from the Bible. The meditations are organized to follow the traditional Stations of the Cross and will provide the reader with a very moving spiritual experience of walking with Jesus and hearing Him describe and explain His Passion as it transpired.

**Divine Providence:** A profound teaching on death and reconciliation including visions and messages dictated by Jesus to Catalina as well as her personal account coinciding with and concerning the deaths of her mother and brother within days of each other in June 2003. This book has a formal recommendation from the Archbishop Emeritus of Cochabamba. This book can give much hope and comfort to all people, for all experience during life the death of loved ones and all will ultimately experience death and a birth to eternal life. A reader of the book can also gain a deeper understanding of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick.

**From Sinai to Calvary:** Profound visions and teachings that were dictated by Jesus to Catalina concerning His seven last words during His Passion that were given to Catalina in December 2003-January 2004 time period. Completed in 2004 with an Imprimatur.

**My Broken Christ Walks over the Waters:** Catalina's testimony on the written work of Fr. Ramón Cué, SJ, "My Broken Christ". Completed in 2005 with an Imprimatur.

**The Visible Face of an Invisible God:** A testimony that speaks to us about the importance of living our Christianity consciously and of deepening our conversion. It invites us to rediscover the commitment that we, being baptized, have acquired, so that we can assume this responsibility with the befitting seriousness. The Spanish text was completed in 2005 with an Imprimatur. The English translation began in mid-2009.

**In Adoration:** A new contribution for the meditation about our faith and the Eucharist. It is a testimony of sublime teaching on the love in the Eucharist and the Mercy of the Lord. The Spanish text was completed in 2007 with an Imprimatur.

**I Have Given My Life for You:** A compilation of messages given by Jesus to Catalina during the Lents of 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008, and at the beginning of Lent in 2009 and then published in Spanish. Their beautiful content is a new call of the Lord to each reader, to unite to Him in the dramatic moments in which He prepared to surrender His Life for the salvation of humanity. The English translation began in mid-2009.

**Praying the Rosary:** At the beginning of “The Holy Mass”, Catalina referred to the Lord and the Virgin Mary providing instructions to her on how to pray the Rosary, instructions in messages that have been published in several books, all of which received an Imprimatur. This booklet is a compilation by Love and Mercy Publications of a number of those messages.

Catalina continues to receive messages. Please visit [www.LoveAndMercy.org](http://www.LoveAndMercy.org) to check on current availability of the books of Catalina.

#### Books of Formational Teachings

The initial books of teachings dictated by Jesus and Mary to Catalina from 1993 to 1998:

**The Great Crusade of Love & The Door to Heaven:** Catalina received a large number of profound teachings dictated by Jesus, the Virgin Mary and some saints from the Fall of 1993 to the Spring of 1998. These are two of the six books with those teachings. The translations of the other four books are completed in draft form and are being reviewed. They are: Springs of Mercy; Ark of the New

Covenant; The Great Crusade of Mercy and The Great Crusade of Salvation. All these books have an Imprimatur.

#### Other Recommended Books & Videos

**Related Book - “Reason to Believe”:** A statue weeps and bleeds in the same city that Catalina Rivas, writes profound teachings she says are dictated by Christ. Elsewhere, a communion host (bread) changes to living flesh. Are these claims true? What does Science have to say? This is a fascinating journey of Australian lawyer, Ron Tesoriero, in pursuit of answers. On the way he invites a well-known and highly respected journalist Mike Willesee to join him. What they discover will confront the mind and heart of every reader.

#### **Video - A Plea to Humanity**

This video documents recent remarkable supernatural events in Bolivia. The video was produced by the Australian attorney and documentary producer, Ron Tesoriero. The video also includes footage from the 2-hour, prime-time, FOX TV broadcast, “*Signs from God - Science Tests Faith*,” on the bleeding statue of Christ and on Catalina’s messages.

#### **Video - The Eucharist - In Communion with Me**

This documentary is an educational and evangelical instrument to acquaint people with this most important Sacrament. It also deals briefly with certain Eucharistic miracles approved by the Catholic Church. These are powerful reminders of the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. This documentary was produced by Michael Willesee and Ron Tesoriero.

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### PURCHASING BOOKS & VIDEOS

Please visit **[www.LoveAndMercy.org](http://www.LoveAndMercy.org)** for the most current information on available books and DVDs including pricing, shipping and ordering information.

## **The Holy Virgin has said of Her children who pray the Rosary:**

**“I accompany you and manifest Myself in each Rosary, you are earning a caress from Me with each Ave Maria.” [SM-16 ¶3]**

### **She has also said:**

**“Pray much; this is the first step. Your prayers can accomplish a great deal. The power of prayer is so great that miracles reside therein. What parents will be able to deny anything their children request of them with love...? The Rosary... not only repeat it... meditate on each word and pray the Rosary to Jesus...” [SM-33 ¶13]**

## **Jesus has said of His children who pray the Rosary:**

**“Each mystery of the Holy Rosary that you repeat, the angels gather and deposit as an offering at the feet of My Holy Mother...” [SM-27 ¶5]**

**“...with the Rosary in your hands, even though your minds are blank, I will enter the depths of your hearts. You will feel My presence through the love that will be penetrating you...” [SM-24]**

## **The Holy Virgin instructs us on how to pray the Rosary:**

**“My children, pray the Holy Rosary more often, but do it with devotion and love; do not do it because of routine or fear, because you will become confused. Prepare and clear the path for My Son, Jesus. On this path there must be no thorns or pebbles that will again wound the sacred feet of the Lord.” [CL-140]**

## **And about prayer, Jesus has instructed us:**

**“I ask you to renew your life from day to day; to be meek in your praying; learn to ask with simplicity, with the same naturalness that children ask their parents. I do not want forced words and phrases for your brothers to hear you; I want simple**