

MISSION OF DIVINE MERCY

Listening to the Lord: An Announcement from the Mission of Divine Mercy

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“Children, the battle looms, and you are asleep. I come to wake you; as a good Mother who, being vigilant and keeping watch over Her children, and seeing the increasing danger, shakes Her children so that they may not perish without fighting.” (Words of Our Blessed Mother)

“This is the Hour, children. I call you to My army. I speak to you, and I will speak to you, do not reject My Voice.” (Words of Jesus)

A PROPHETIC MESSAGE

I am Father John Mary Foster from the Mission of Divine Mercy, a small Catholic movement headquartered in Texas. And the words that I just read to you from Jesus and Our Blessed Mother were given recently in a Message to our Community, but given for all the children of God. We believe that God is asking us now to speak publicly, to share His words in order to awaken those who are asleep, and to bring comfort to His Children, because our Church and our world are going through an unprecedented crisis.

A crisis that only God can solve.

We base this position not just on human indications, but especially because we believe God Himself has been telling us so in prophetic Messages that were first shared with me thirty years ago when I was a young priest serving in Mexico. And then again seven years ago, when God began speaking to a few members of our own Community, as a continuation of the earlier Messages.

Since then, we have been receiving powerful, loving, IMPORTANT Messages, from God the Father, from Jesus, from the Holy Spirit and from Our Blessed Mother. These Messages, many of which were received by a Sister in our Community, offer tremendous hope for all God’s suffering children.

In several of His Messages God describes His plan as,

“...the Reconquest of the Hearts of My children, of My Church, and of all creation, which for so many years has been under the dominion of My enemy. So that what is Mine may be restored to the beauty and holiness I intended for it from the beginning.”

Powerful, almost incredible words. Hope-filled words. As are the words in all of these Messages.

Out of obedience, for all these years we have not published these messages. But now we believe that the Lord Himself is telling us that it is TIME. That His words MUST BE shared now for the sake of His children and His Church.

So today with this announcement, we are releasing publicly a Message we received recently entitled, “A Call to All the Children of God.” It has two parts: first from Our Blessed Mother, and then from Our Lord Jesus.

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The Sister who received the Message was first instructed to go to a specific location on our property, called the Teocalli, our little outdoor sanctuary situated on the hillside known as Tepeyac. Some of you will recognize Tepeyac as the name of the hill on which Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to St. Juan Diego. There She asked him to build a Teocalli, a “little House of God.”

It was not *our* idea to clear a hillside and build a sanctuary and name them after the site of the famous apparition. It was the Lord’s idea, given to us in a series of Messages in the spring of 2017. But we obeyed in faith, as we have tried to do in all the mysterious ways He has instructed us over so many years.

Now, in this Message we’re releasing today, the Lord begins to share some of His plans with His children when He says:

“I speak to you from this Throne of Mine, this little hill on which I will show My Power and My Love.”

And from the Blessed Mother:

“From My new Tepeyac—yes, new, for from here will flow the great River of Grace to reconquer all of the children of God—from this little piece of land, hidden, rough, I call out to you once more.”

FAITH

I know that to hear someone say they are receiving God’s words is both difficult to believe and easy to dismiss. We can’t make someone believe or prove that these Messages are from God. Faith is mysterious. Often challenging. It requires the interior witness of the Holy Spirit and a humble openness to Him on our part.

So, we invite you to pray that He leads you to the Truth.

The Lord has promised us that He would manifest that this work is His by great miracles. When? He says “Soon.” (I often want to give the Lord a calendar.)

So that is the trial that we have been living for long, painful years of “desert” and dark nights of faith: believing without seeing, without big, dramatic “proofs” that people want.

But if He is forming us in faith, the powerful faith of the Gospels, is it surprising that He would ask that of us? Jesus says to Thomas, “You believe because you see. *Blessed are those who do not see, and yet believe.*” Some people only believe Jesus when they see miracles. Jesus praises those who do not need miracles to believe. They are drawn interiorly by the Father. (Jn. 6:44)

Many of the prophets had to speak the word of the Lord without any proof besides their message and testimony. The prophet’s mission is not to convince people, but to faithfully deliver the Lord’s message.

Humanly, it would be easier, safer, more respectable to just continue keeping all this to ourselves until we had more “proof,” but the Lord told us to begin sharing *now* and “soon” He will back them up. And so, in obedience to Him, we take this step of faith. As Mother Angelica said, “Unless you are willing to do the ridiculous, God will not do the miraculous.”

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How's that for a marketing slogan: The Mission of Divine Mercy, proudly doing the ridiculous for 22 years...

We were originally planning to just share these Messages with the people who already know us. Many of them have experienced the good spiritual fruits of the Mission firsthand. But then very recently and quite unexpectedly, providential circumstances arranged for us to speak to a much wider audience. Consequently, many of you hearing this have no experience of the Mission at all.

Of course, only the interior witness of the Holy Spirit can permit us to make a true act of faith. But these are some considerations we found helpful in discerning the Messages.

The Messages

First, the Messages themselves give witness. They faithfully, lovingly teach Catholic doctrine and proclaim the Lordship of Jesus and call us to embrace the Cross. Many people will sense a holiness and “anointing” in them which speaks to their heart, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus. They may sense how the Messages shed a clarifying light on what is really happening today. And that they are in harmony with other credible prophetic words, beginning with Scripture.

Fruits

Another consideration—Jesus Himself gives us a definite criterion for judging true or false prophets: by their fruits. Notice He does not say by the *quantity* of fruits, but by their *quality*— that is, are they good or evil. Our little Mission of Divine Mercy is still small. Like Jesus who lived for many years a hidden life, the prophetic Messages given to our Mission have long been hidden and the quantity of visible fruit seemingly modest.

But these fruits *are evident* to the thousands who have had a chance to get to know our Mission personally over more than twenty years. For example, these fruits are manifest in the many people who have experienced powerful graces during our *Encounter with Jesus* retreats, graces that cannot be explained simply by human dynamics. The origin of these *Encounter* retreats stems directly from clear and detailed instructions given by the Messages over twenty-five years ago.

Also, people tell us repeatedly of the graces of peace, of God's presence, that they feel just coming onto the property, or attending Mass or Holy Hours.

The Persons Involved

Then there are the persons receiving the Messages. Those of us who have had a chance to get to know these individuals, that is the two women I first met over thirty years ago, and the Sister who began receiving Messages in our community, have an additional advantage. We know them. We know they are not seeking glory, prestige or money. Would human motivation have led them to accept to keep these graces quiet for these long years? Would the devil have been telling them to humbly offer to God the painful, hidden crosses they experience, and to keep on doing it over so many years? They may not be saints, but they are normal, sane people. Faithful Catholics. And, despite their goodness and talents, I know they're not capable themselves of producing the quality of Messages they receive.

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PRUDENCE

Having known these persons closely for many years, and having had much experience with prophetic messages, our community believes strongly in the authenticity of these Messages. We have also experienced the results of putting their guidance into practice and seen how they have guided us safely through many stormy waters.

But most of you reading this don't have that experience. And you need to be prudent and discerning because there are many false prophets who can be very deceptive.

Remember though, that prudence especially means being careful not to reject what *may* be from the Lord.

Time often helps. Take your time. Sometimes we need to wait and see.

The Hierarchy

Let me address another question many might be asking: What about the hierarchy's role in discerning these matters?

Normally, as Catholics, we should be able to trust the discernment of the pastors of the Church.

But these are not normal times.

Discernment calls for sound theology. But it especially calls for the simple, child-like faith of the Gospel. As Jesus Himself says: "*I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to infants.*" (Mt 11:25).

The terrible crisis of faith, and the corruption in the Church, have made many pastors unable or unwilling to recognize the Holy Spirit speaking today.

I'm not a theologian, or a Scripture scholar, or a canonist. I'm just a priest. But I have had thirty years of intense, on-the-job training by the Holy Spirit in discerning and cooperating with prophetic graces. I willingly and whole-heartedly give my personal witness to the authenticity of these Messages.

PROPHECY—GOD'S LOVING CALL TO HIS CHILDREN

And why should it be so hard to believe that God is speaking prophetically to His children today?

Prophecy is not limited to Biblical times. As the great Doctor of the Church, St. Thomas Aquinas, said, "At all times there have not been lacking persons having the spirit of prophecy, not indeed for the declaration of any new doctrine of faith, but for the direction of human acts."

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Throughout history, God has raised up His Prophets for His people. They are called to *warn them* and *wake them up*. They are also called to give consolation and hope to His suffering children, who are discouraged and confused. Prophets are *especially needed* in difficult, confusing times, like ours today, when the normal channels of instruction aren't working well.

Does it not make sense that at this time, when not only our world but the Church herself is suffering from grave confusion and corruption, that God would raise up prophets to help guide His people?

God *sees* how much His children and His Church are suffering today. And He wants to act. He will act. And He is telling us so in this very important Message—this *Call to All the Children of God*—in order to give us, His children, Hope.

We of the Mission of Divine Mercy believe that one step in His Reconquest of the Hearts of His children and of His Church is the publication of this Message. As the Message itself says:

“Children there is no time left. The battle, Our counterattack begins. It begins with these Words...”

We need trust—we need Faith—so that God can act.

Jesus, we trust in You.