

Message Reflection, 25th August 2010

“Dear children!

With great joy, also today, I desire to call you anew: pray, pray, pray,. May this time be a time of personal prayer for you.

During the day, find a place where you will pray joyfully in a recollected way.

I love you and bless you all. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

In this month’s message Mary renews her call to her children with a strong emphasis on pray, pray, pray. A time of personal prayer is always for each one of us an opportunity to imitate our Blessed Lord, who often rose early before dawn and went off to some lonely place or hill to pray. That maybe easy and a joy for those who do not have children or a family to care for first thing in the morning, but for those of us who are free from to be free for the Lord, wise is the one who avails of such a blessed opportunity in the day for personal prayer.

The aim of personal prayer is to seek the Lord and find relish in God, to find peace with God.

Seeking His face who said, “Come unto me all you that labour and are overburdened and I shall give you rest.”

Seeking His face to find strength in His presence and above all seeking His face to know and ask for the grace to do his will on earth as in heaven.

DURING THE DAY, FIND A PLACE WHERE YOU WILL PRAY JOYFULLY IN A RECOLLECTED WAY.

For some it may be a short walk from their cell in the monastery or convent to the Blessed Sacrament in their chapel. For others in the countryside a short walk over the fields to some quiet spot.

Where ever you are, and even if you have daily family duties and loved ones to care for, Jesus points to all, that place where by we can joyfully pray in a recollected place. “When you pray, go to your private room and in that secret place your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.”

You may find this helpful as I do when praying in that secret place known to God alone. The private room is your **Soul**. The window’s your **Senses**.

The door through which you enter is your **Free Will**. The key of your door is your **Faith**. The keyhole where you put the key into is your **Desire** to enter into that place of interior recollection and find your God and peace. Jesus gives his love to those who desire it. The capacity of our hearts is measured by the greatness of its desires.

Saints agree that the most important disposition to love Jesus tenderly is to have an ardent desire to love him. This desire disposes our hearts to be inflamed by the love of Jesus. It is unheard of that Jesus ever refused his love to those who desire it.

Why is he not loved as he should be? The answer is simple, SELF – LOVE gets in the way and he is loved so little or not at all.

INTERIOR RECOLLECTION

Interior recollection is a must if we are to experience that which flows from the loving Sacred Heart of Jesus, to our own hearts. To advance toward the perfection of love, one must unite oneself more and more to God and without interior recollection one cannot unite one self to God. Many have been deprived of graces by want of recollection. Keep yourselves as best you can in the presence of God and preserve the spirit of recollection and you will see that each one of us will progress spiritually joyfully in prayer as Mary Queen of Peace has recommended in this month’s message.

God reward and bless you. Fr Ciaran