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Dear Family:

May this Lent, that in many ways the Lord is universally allowing us to live aspects of His Passion up close, not be wasted by any of us.



As the Spiritual Mother of this Family, I feel called to write a few words to you from my heart about this unprecedented moment, unprecedented at least for our modern history and the contemporary world: the pandemic of the coronavirus. The Lord truly, as Isaiah says, prepares His servants for all events, even if we do not know it at the time or we cannot understand the preparation.

The first thing I would like to ask you is that we respond at this moment of universal crisis with three dispositions: *with wisdom, with prudence,*

and with an intense reflection.

The Lord has been speaking to us repeatedly in the readings of Holy Mass in the last month about wisdom, that indispensable gift, one of the greatest gifts that the Holy Spirit gives us, because it is the grace to be able to see everything with the eyes of God. It is the light that is received from on high, a special participation in that mysterious and exalted knowledge that is proper to God. It is the capacity to participate in the mysterious ways of God, that are always perfect, to obtain a greater good. It is the piercing gaze to read reality not only at a human and earthly level but elevated to read it from the gaze of faith and the gaze of God. Wisdom gives us the capacity to understand the presence of God in the midst of difficulties, His work, His sentiments and to intuit His purpose with greater sharpness, so that we may cooperate in their realization. It is to have an elevated gaze to see things as God sees them. All this helps us to see a plan of love, perhaps hidden for us, but actively real in God's action. Because of this, wisdom is a science, because it goes ordering our logic, our thinking, our way of living in everything. Wisdom develops in us the divine science and the science of love that penetrates everything and, in the end, is what, in some mysterious way, always triumphs.

Why am I speaking to you about wisdom in relation to the coronavirus pandemic? Because we cannot live this singular and difficult moment in the life of the world without divine wisdom or we will sink into the global sentiment that accompanies it: fear. We must know how to scrutinize not only what the news says, but stop to be in profound communion with the Heart of God and to listen to what he wants to tell us in this global situation which has changed the world in a matter of weeks. Many give us news of the virus, but who gives us news of what God wants to tell the world through this moment of great vulnerability and of realizing that the priorities of many have been placed on the wrong things? Yes, something real threatens us, a contagious virus that has spread through so many countries. We cannot deny nor minimize its seriousness, that would be to be like ostriches, avoiding the reality by burying our heads in the sand. But neither can we deny that God is the Lord of history and that if he is allowing us to live this situation of so much uncertainty and so many limitations even to protect us, what is He saying to us? Who stops to think that there is a voice that cries out in the middle of all the means of communication and that almost no one wants to listen to? That voice is the only one which can bring peace in the storm, purpose and meaning to this moment, and clear direction to bear it. That voice is the voice of God!

By the gift of wisdom, we can deduce that the world is afraid because it is confronted, perhaps for the first time in a long time, by its vulnerability, powerlessness, and lack of control. God needs to speak to us about this through this virus, which is not His work; it will always originate, in some way, in human disorder, but the Lord in His Mercy wants to bring out a greater good for us through this moment of trial. I ask myself if we stop to think about the viruses that does not only threaten the body and can even kill it, but about the viruses, also universal, that are killing the soul. Without minimizing the negative impact of the coronavirus, I cannot stop thinking that we see daily how widespread are so many sicknesses of moral sin, limitless immorality, impurity, violence, idolatries, of the destruction of the human being, of relativistic mentalities that bring many to live without a compass on the path of life.

For me, to see that protest of “pro-choice” women in front of the Cathedral in Mexico, shouting and committing obscenities and making so many sacrilegious and vulgar gestures, blaspheming to show their point of view, isn’t this a serious illness? To see so in many countries of the world how they enter to destroy Churches and break tabernacles, trampling consecrated hosts and sometimes throwing them in the trash, isn’t this a serious illness? How many young people and not so young people are turning to suicide as the way out of difficult and painful situations. Even though many suffer that loss, what are we doing to form strong characters, to support and form solid families that provide a true sense of refuge and support to those young people? Isn’t this a serious illness? How much disorder there is in every area of human life! Does man himself understand his worth, identity, his greatest dignity? Or have they just become the fruit of the latest idea that those who have more power or who want to change human society impose? Isn’t this a serious illness? How much violence and oppression there is in whole nations, where so many die or are obliged to flee without thinking about the risks that it brings or the refugee camps where they will end up living. Isn’t this a serious illness? We see so much confusion, inverted values, rebelliousness, disordered priorities, lifestyles contrary to the natural law and Christian morals, so much disdain towards the ten commandments. Isn’t this a serious illness? All this becomes a damaging sickness that corrupts the world, society, families and persons.



God sees everything and we will see Him care for us and guide us out of the coronavirus, in His way and in His time. His is a provident Father. But I ask myself, if we experience the same fear the virus has caused when we see the chaos the world lives in because of so many who have turned away from God, even rejected Him from their lives and the life of society? Remember what St. John Paul II told us: *“A world without God ends up being a world against the human person.”* No, brothers and sisters, to take God away from society is to bring more disorder to society, to the world, the world in which we live. Many joke about God, even blaspheme. Many, with little or great arrogance, believe they are the masters of their lives!. A virus that we do not know how to stop comes and we can only think that this trail must lead us to change our hearts, must teach us that we are not the masters of our lives and we are not self-sufficient. It is such an immaturity to think this! We depend on Someone infinitely greater than we are and that Someone is love and therefore if we ask Him for Mercy; He will grant it.

Wisdom is to have the logic of heaven to read the sign this virus presents us and what this sign means for our conversion.

Prudence. It is time to practically exercise the cardinal virtue of prudence, which consists of discerning and distinguishing what is right, what is appropriate to do or not to do in certain moments and situations, or what is wrong or inappropriate, each with its own consequences. Therefore, it is important for us to have a sober and serene obedience during these times to what the National Agencies and World Health Organization are instructing us to do to protect us from contamination. The same applies for our obedience to the instructions given by the Bishops of the dioceses we are in as a precaution to avoid contamination. As I have told you, we must be responsible for ourselves, our families and for the people whom we come into contact with. We must keep our immune system strong, wash our hands frequently and, as we have been told, have hand sanitizer, eat healthy foods to help strengthen our antibodies, not to greet with a kiss, not to shake hands, avoid large gatherings, etc..... I do not think I have to tell you the instructions we have received through so many means, but I do have to tell you that it is a Christian and civil duty to be responsible in following these instructions, even if some may seem some measures extreme, our duty is to obey and cooperate in the efforts that are being done to help us all. We wait in prayer and ask for the end to this virus and for the scientists to find the right vaccine. We pray for our brothers and sisters who have been affected, those who have died, those in quarantined areas not able to go anywhere or even, and so painfully, not being able to receive the Eucharist. May the Lord fill them with peace, patience and protection. Prudence will help us see clearly what practical things are needed to do to protect ourselves as much as possible, as much as humanly possible. The rest is in the hands of Our Lord.

Profound reflection: dear family, we are in Lent, and I do not think it is a coincidence that this virus has exploded at a global level during Lent. This Holy Time is a time of prayer, penance, fasting, moderation and mortification, and of helping those in need. All these with the purpose of conversion. It would seem that during this Lent the Lord wants to remind the world of the sacredness of this time. Many cannot leave their homes; then, take advantage to pray more, to read Sacred Scripture, to read a good spiritual book. To spend more time together as a family, to leave the phones and the television for a while and to talk from the heart as a family. It would seem the Lord wants to teach us during Lent to contemplate His

Passion not from the outside, but rather allowing it to touch our lives: we are scourged by a virus that does not distinguish between people; we are without the mobility we are accustomed to, to travel wherever and whenever we desired. It would seem we are experiencing the immobility of the nails of Christ; we are without human escape of this threat and it seems as if the crown of thorns pokes us without a means of escape. Many are prisoners in their own cities or homes, just like Jesus on Holy Thursday in Caiaphas' house. The whole world seems anguished like the apostles on Holy Thursday.... The Lord was giving us



the Eucharist, but it would be days before they could celebrate it. Do you know what it means for many not to receive the Eucharist during times of tribulation? The Eucharist is the life of the world and our lives. *Brothers and Sisters, while we can, we should attend daily Mass, adore the Eucharistic Lord, pray the Chaplet of power, that is the Holy Rosary. Let us pray the Chaplet of Mercy, which has so many promises against storms and disasters it is considered a weapon of Divine Mercy.*

I believe we should reflect seriously about our lives. We have seen our vulnerability, we believe it because we see it, but in reality, we are always vulnerable. How seriously do we take our conversion? The Lord, a month and a half ago, called us for the first time in 20 years during a first Saturday gathering to take a step forward and enter the ark of His Heart, fulfilling the vision He had given me in 1984. In that powerful day, during a moment of intense prayer with serious and solid people, the Lord allowed me to see

internally, a big Sacred Heart with His Wound totally opened inviting me to come towards him. I walked and when I stood at the Wound, sensed so deeply to call others to enter. I turned in the vision, and called to a first group who were young women dressed the same, then lay people, families, young people, children, and then a third group, men dressed the same. I did not fully understand at that moment what



it all meant, but I knew it was a path that the Lord wanted me to walk. Reliving this moment, just a month and a half ago, was the meeting of the whole spiritual family, where all the groups are gathered and listening to the Lord asking us to come forward and enter into His Heart through His Wound, was a powerful moment spiritually. The reading that preceded the vision that day of prayer and formation as a Family, was Noah's ark and how the Lord, faced with the grave sins of the world, wanted Noah and his family and those who listened to him, which were very few, to enter the ark to be saved from the flood that was coming. Today I ask myself if that act that the Lord called us to do recently, together with the spiritual power of living within His Heart, means something more, perhaps it meant entering into the ark as a special protection for our Family constantly facing the floods of our time. It was so strong in my heart a sense of

urgency that I was experiencing, that I felt I needed to introduce in the ark those that were not present at our gathering.

Last Friday, the Lord spoke to us about using the spiritual weapons that He has given us and that He has given us through His Mother: prayer, the Rosary, fasting, confession, penance, Consecration. *On the day of the Centenary of Jacinta many of us consecrated ourselves to the Two Hearts, we prayed the world rosary and meditated on the penitential life of that little girl. Have you thought that maybe this Lent's fasting has taken a different form?... There isn't much left in the stores, there isn't enough of what is always available, we are limited with entertainment. We are even, and I say this with pain, limited with religious events. Today much of the world lives a new reality. Today we understand what others suffer during war, in exile, refugee camps, etc...*

What does the Lord want to say to us? At least, like a Mother, I want to tell you not to waste this moment dedicating our whole being to the coronavirus; dedicate it to God, to prayer, fasting, sacrifice and intercession. To help those that do not have a way to buy what they need to protect themselves. It is time to return to God! We pray many will turn to Him and there would be a universal conversion, a universal awakening, at least. Every suffering brings a fountain of grace, love and holiness. May we let the Lord open these fountains, and if we stay responsibly informed, let us not make this virus our god and our only thought. Let us give the Lord His place in our lives and turn to prayer, reflection, wisdom and prudence. What better hands could we be in than those of our Good Father?

May this Lent marked by a universal cross bring us to a universal awakening to the need to battle corporal viruses, but with greater strength, the virus of sin that kills the soul.

United in prayer and sacrifices for the quick end to the coronavirus and may we give the true crown to Christ and His Mother, our sincere conversion of heart,

May love always triumph!

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