

The Apparitions at Aokpe

Foreword

With the apparitions at Aokpe, (even though they are still to be officially confirmed by the Church) it is as if Fatima has come here to Nigeria. We no longer need to travel all the way to Europe, for Our Lady has appeared on our own doorstep. I urge you to organize pilgrimages to Aokpe and discover there the wonderful potency of the intercession of Mama Maria, the ever Blessed Mother of God, and Our Lady Mediatrix of All Graces. She is great with God, for she is the masterpiece of His creation.

To God be the glory in Christ Jesus, now and forever more. Amen.

THE AOKPE APPARITIONS – A COMMENTARY

Pastoral Function and Theological Involvement

Miraculous apparitions of Mama Maria, the Blessed Mother of God, and our Mother, have been recorded for centuries. The first emanation of these began in 1531 in Guadeloupe, Mexico, and was to have a profound impact on the Americas. The second was the French period, beginning with the apparitions to St. Catherine Laboure in 1830 and ending at Pointmain in 1871. The third, or wider European period began with Our Lady's appearance at Fatima, Portugal in 1917 and includes the visitations in Belgium at Banneux and Beauraing in 1932 and 1933. This period culminated in various reports of apparitions in Amsterdam, where Mary appeared as Our Lady of All Nations with messages spanning nearly forty years, (from 1945 – 1984). Now, in our own time, we are experiencing a

fourth period: an amazing intercontinental explosion of world-wide Marian apparitions beginning in Garabandal, Spain in the early 1960's

The number of visions so far documented may not of course be accurate, as there may well be further, unreported incidents. However, the alleged apparitions at Aokpe were a *public* event, accompanied by some *publicly* witnessed miracles; moreover, the messages have been published serially in?..... Now, with the further publication of messages received by Christiana Agbo, the visionary, we can be confident of hearing the truth direct from its source. The proof of the pudding is in the eating, and the justice we owe to these messages is to study them critically, but with an open mind. Can they truly be identified as coming from the Lord Jesus Himself, from His Mother, Mama Maria, or from one of the Angels or Saints?

The Necessity of Pastor Involvement

It is vitally important that pastors should be involved in discerning the genuineness or otherwise of an apparition. They cannot simply disregard reports of phenomena which have such an undeniable impact on the spiritual life of the people. Furthermore, it is doctrinally accepted that apparitions belong to the Church as a convincing sign of the ever-present assistance of the Holy Spirit and the Communion of Saints, reassuring us that the all-loving God is concerned perpetually with our life and salvation. Yes, He has said all things that needed to be said in the public revelation of His Son. Nevertheless, he still wants to prove that He has not forgotten us, and one way of achieving this is by granting us visions of Mama Maria, she whom He destined to bring us salvation in Jesus Christ. Pastors cannot disregard apparitions because they are like a catalyst to enhance dynamisms. They are a powerful stimulus to the spiritual life of the people. When they are neglected, and sometimes even ignored, the faithful suffer

confusion and doubt: they become increasingly critical of the clergy for what they see as rigidity, pride, apathy, even lack of faith. Another key consideration is that if the Pastors decide not to involve themselves in this important issue, fraud and delusions are likely to flourish, and to do incalculable harm.

The fundamental responsibility of pastors who agree to investigate an alleged apparition is to determine whether it is authentic, delusional, or simply false. They must also attempt to recognize what is of God, what is of human origin, and even perhaps what is diabolic. Having arrived at their conclusions, they must subsequently issue a clear statement as to the way forward. Ecclesiastical authority should provide unequivocal teaching concerning what is judged good and healthy for the spiritual life of the people. These are essential pastoral functions that priests must not neglect. When they feel unable to act decisively on the basis of delegated authority, they should make reference to the diocesan hierarchy.

The involvement of theologians in the process of discernment is very important because the issues arising from reports of apparitions can be very complex, concerning not merely the identification of genuine piety, but also subtle doctrinal questions. On these matters theologians can be very helpful. However, it must be noted that not all are favourably inclined to Marian Devotions, and any such would find it very difficult, to say the least, to arrive at a genuinely unbiased conclusion. Consequently we must be very prudent in calling upon their services. In fairness to the Church, *all* theologians, irrespective of personal bias, should make use of their erudition for the common good. Their theological expertise is indispensable to Pastors in the task of discernment, but it should and must combine the merely academic with a spiritual and heartfelt devotion to Mary. Intellectual engagement without a foundation of devotional experience will not give rise to true discernment. To avoid bias in their judgment they should be genuinely interested in the actions of Mary in our lives here and now, not just in the Mary of the Bible.

Although apparitions may not contribute anything to the subject matter of their discipline, theological scholars need to consider the profound effect they can have as occasions of grace for the conversion of many. After all, what are we looking for if not the conversion of hearts to God! Jesus came to bring salvation to sinners. The Good News is about conversion, and about faith in God. “After John had been put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee and preached the good news from God. ‘The right time has come,’ He said, ‘and the kingdom of God is near! Turn away from your sins and believe in the Good News’,” (Mark 1:13 – 14).

Theologians should not only be interested in the minutiae of theological principles, but should also consider the fruits of apparitions, and the impact their messages have on the life of the people. Theological professionalism is good but it should also be current. By this I mean that there will be incongruity in a theologian who is academically devoted to Mariology, (that is, the theology of Mary) but is unconcerned with what people say about Mary herself acting and appearing *nowadays* in a particular place. He will be like a catechist who does not teach catechism, or a liturgist who does not attend Mass. Scholarship must not eschew practical, living experience. Theology should be rooted in a sympathetic appreciation of piety, even if piety per se is not the chief source of the discipline.

DISCERNMENT OF MARIAN APPARITION

We should not be surprised that there have been so many Marian apparitions all over the world. Their great number testifies to the role God gave to Mama Maria as mother of the Saviour of Mankind. The crucifixion of the Lord has proved that God loves us with an overwhelmingly infinite love. To save us, He has gone beyond any calculable measure of demonstrating love; transcended any human comprehension of love when He did not even spare His own son, but offered Him up for us all, (Rom. 8:32). No one appreciates the ineffable love of God more than Mama Maria, destined through her divine motherhood to be the most active and intimate participant in His Saving Grace (Gen. 3:14; 7:14; 9:6). Her consent to God, “Be it done to me according to your word”, (Luke, 1:38) is the affirmation of her whole-hearted willingness to be used as an instrument of God. Moreover, she was given the role of caring for us in that most crucial and unforgettable moment in the history of our salvation when Jesus turned to her on the cross: “Behold your son”, (John, 19:26). No one knows more than Mama Maria the inestimable price God paid for our salvation. Consequently, she does not want God to be further

offended by our worldly ways; she certainly does not want the blood of her son to have been shed in vain, nor does she want more souls to go to Hell. Her chief concern is that all of us might know at last the joys of heaven, after leading a holy life glorifying God and striving always to do His will. Like a tender, loving mother, she is constantly warning us against the horror of sin and its consequences - an eternity of pains in Hell, and the impending chastisement of the whole world if individual men and women fail to repent. These and many other reasons are what prompt the frequency of apparitions of Mama Maria. Her love for us is so great that, if God permitted her, she would be appearing every moment.

The Difficulty of Discernment

I must emphasize that any judgment of the authenticity or otherwise of an apparition is not easy. What makes it so difficult is that in most cases it is not something we can prove scientifically, and is thus always open to the charge of falsehood. Our best yard-stick is the *truth* an apparition seems to manifest or enhance. Jesus says "Every tree is known by its fruit," (Luke 6:44), and we should indeed be very concerned about the kind of fruit an apparition bears. As a matter of fact, as far as Marian apparitions are concerned, we are not aware of many cases of deliberate and outright falsehood. It is possible of course that after an apparition is linked to a person or group of persons in a particular place, a similar apparition may spring up in connection with someone else, or another group of persons. They may be saying the same thing, or saying something contrary to what the first seer, or seers have said. Pastors should take decisive action: the Evil One may be at work, aiming to discredit the first apparition; the spirit of man suffering from delusion or wishful thinking may be responsible; pride, jealousy and fanaticism may also be playing their part. The Evil One will always set out to sow confusion in the wake of an authentic apparition, in order to discredit that which is genuine and stifle it from yielding spiritual fruits.

God can use anybody for His purpose, irrespective of that person's degree of holiness. More often than not He uses simple people, so we should never be dismissive of any seer, or deny his or her claim without proper investigation. No one is perfect. That being so, we must not reject the message of an apparition just

because of the identity of the messenger. Of course, even when such a message is very clear, we cannot rule out its being flawed or compromised by the human imperfection it passes through. Nevertheless, we should be more concerned about the truth of the message itself than about its carrier. It is possible that the moral excellence of the messenger might lend the message itself an extra credibility, but this would also depend on the openness of the judge. The Jews rejected the message of Jesus not because of any failings on his part, but because of their own prejudice, ignorance, pride and so forth. Jesus told them, "If I am not doing my father's work, there is no need to believe in me; but if I am doing it, then even if you refuse to believe me, at least believe in the work I do," (John, 10:38). We have an obligation to believe the messages of an apparition if they *clearly* follow the path of Christ's truth, and if they accord with the teachings of His Church. Surely it is unreasonable to throw away the baby with the bath water!

On Our Doorstep: the Aokpe Apparition

Despite the large number of apparitions, there is no need to be confused provided we exercise discretion, and we may be guilty of negligence, if we carelessly dismiss those we have heard of here in Nigeria. We should study the phenomena reported at Aokpe, Umuya and Precious Blood with open Christian minds, tempered by an appropriate degree of caution and without judging or condemning them out of hand. Certainly the substance of our faith exists in the doctrine of the Church and Sacraments. Apparitions in no way interfere with these, but they can surely be helpful in deepening our faith and reinforcing our devotion to God. If we exercise an open mind in studying them, we may well find much to enrich our personal lives. If you read the messages transmitted by the alleged apparitions at Aokpe and Umunaya, you will almost certainly be inspired with a deeper appreciation of the Eucharist, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, brotherly love, the purpose of life here on earth, and above all the infinite love of God.

The Aokpe Apparition is not unknown to the local bishops, or to the Metropolitan. I am not aware of any official pronouncement confirming it, but nor is there a ban on visiting the site for devotion. We must acknowledge that the bishop is the chief judge of affairs within his own jurisdiction. He is the Principal Pastor: he has the authority, the responsibility, the grace and power to pronounce on matters affecting the religious life of the people in his diocese. We can rely on his judgment, especially when he has thoroughly investigated and studied an event there. However, this does not mean that the bishop is infallible, particularly when his judgment negates what the majority perceives as positive. In saying this I am not setting out to belittle the authority of the bishop, but only to suggest that, while his authority is real, it is also limited. However, when all is said and done, it is still generally profitable to follow the judgment of the appropriate bishop, particularly in cases of doubt.

In short, we don't need to sit on the fence waiting for the Church's official judgment on an apparition before we embrace whatever genuine-seeming instructions and devotions it inspires. One thing is certain, failure to do so would forever deny us the grace it might offer. Official Church approval is always slow in coming; indeed, most of the apparitions will *never* have such approval.

Apparitions in Nigeria

We have heard of so many apparitions of Mama Maria all over the world, but only a very few of them have been sanctioned by the Church. Before the year 1992 Nigeria was not one of the countries that had enjoyed a public apparition of Mama Maria, the Holy Mother of Jesus. However, by virtue of the many religious experiences granted since October 1992 to little Christiana Agbo, Nigeria can at last be numbered among them. By "recognition" I do not mean Ecclesial approval: only time will tell whether or not that is to be granted in our life time.

The best evidence of any supernatural event is the testimony of the one who actually experiences it - unless the phenomenon leaves a physical and observable mark which can be determined as supernatural. In the case of the alleged apparition at Aokpe, there seemed to be no visible proof that something preternatural or supernatural had taken place, apart from the gyration or spinning of the Sun, and the only witness we have is the visionary herself, Christiana Agbo. We shall leave questions of Psychology, Psychoanalysis, and Theology to the many experts in those fields. Suffice it to say that our own interaction with Christiana left us in no doubt as to her being humble, modest and clear-minded; focused, respectable, level-headed and devout. She certainly did not appear to be “making things up”, or trying to project her own ego. She seems to love God very dearly, and loves Mama Maria with her whole heart. She is not subject to self-delusion, fancifulness or hallucination. Christiana is sincerely and deeply convinced that it is her duty to impart to others the messages she received, and to manifest their truth in the way she lives her own life. She alone is the channel through which others may come to accept the authenticity of the messages, and to be inspired by what they teach. Anyone who reads them and does not find them to be contra the Church’s teaching as regards faith and morals cannot simply ignore them. To do so would be to deny another human being’s experience of spiritual truth, and this would have grave moral and religious implications. All Christians have the obligation of open-mindedness to whatever is good. As St. Paul said, *“Whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about all these things. Whatever you have learnt and received and heard ...do; and the God of peace will be with you”*, (Phil. 4:8 -). The messages of the alleged apparitions at Aopke encourage us to strive for a life of perfection, just as Jesus Himself commands us: *“You must be perfect as your heavenly father is perfect”*, (Mount. 5:48). They cannot be ignored. They must not be ignored.

Christiana’s experience at Aokpe cannot be dismissed as just “one of those things”. We need to appreciate that the alleged apparition was not only the first,

but also by far the most impressive in Nigeria, and we ignore that at our peril. Secondly, the messages are not merely of local, but also of universal significance. We have an obligation to broadcast them as widely as possible because they are in such clear accord with the teaching of the Church as regards faith and morals. Christiana herself is not tied down to the physical locality of the messages, but left Aokpe for many years to pursue her University studies. Visionary though she undoubtedly is, she is also a “normal” woman, leading a simple and honest day-to-day life.

Most importantly, it is surely out of the question to ignore Christiana’s claims when we bear in mind the glorious identity of the personality her apparition professed to represent. That personality is a woman who has no equal, but is the masterpiece of God’s creation; the one who is full of grace, the Mother of God and our mother.

May the ever Blessed Virgin and Mother intercede for us.

One may ask, how can we know the messages are truly from Our Lady? Well, I have studied very closely some of the messages of her many apparitions. One can see a clear pattern running through all of them, in that they share a fervent desire to identify those evangelical demands which will enable us to make the Faith a living reality of each day of our lives. We hear the voice of a tender mother, lovingly encouraging her children to practice the virtues, pray more fervently, do penance, focus at all times on the Kingdom of God.

To my mind, the messages of the Aokpe apparition are in complete accordance with the teaching of Christ and the Church, the voice of the tender, loving mother re-echoing her own words. “Whatever he tells you, do it”, (John, 2:5). Mama Maria wants to inspire us to love God, love our neighbours and to recognize that our chief purpose here on earth is to live our lives in such a way that we may at last become worthy of the joys of Heaven. It is her motherly love that motivates the frequency with which she manifests herself, and with which Nigeria has now

been blessed. It is indeed a matter of great import for a country to experience two such major claims of apparition at the same time.

The purpose of the alleged apparition was simply and clearly stated to Christiana: "I come from Heaven as the refuge for sinners. I come to win souls for Christ and to shelter my children in my Immaculate Heart. What I want you to do is offer consolation to Jesus in prayer. Will you accept?" and Christiana answered "Yes". In another apparition she declared, "it is the love and mercy I feel for you that motivated me to come down from Heaven, my little, little children I have come to remind you of what you are to do, and what you are not to do. Strive, as I have been telling you, not to sin again. Pray and pray. Do penance. Remove the thorns surrounding the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Pray for those whom the Devil has ensnared I am begging you to entrust yourselves to my Immaculate Heart and come close to Jesus now. If the people turn away from sin, and wholeheartedly repent, they can be assured of forgiveness."

These words encapsulate so much of what Our Blessed Mother needs us to know. She declares herself to be a "refuge for sinners," (1992). She emphasizes that the survival of the human race will depend on prayer, penance, and repentance; that we are living at a critical time, with prayer our only hope of salvation. This is urgent. It saddens her to see that evil is ever and everywhere increasing, but she has come to reassure us that it *can* be curtailed through the prayer of the Rosary. She warns us to change our old ways, otherwise God will surely chastise the whole world. We can confront the machinations of the Evil One through the power of the Rosary because "the Rosary drives the evil one far away", (Jan. 1st, 1994). Mama Maria wants her children to be soldiers in her victorious army, and the Rosary is their weapon of victory. She told Christiana, "Say the Rosary fervently, with all the might of the spirit within you. In doing so, you will be helping me bring down the mercy of God, which is what the world needs right now," (Jan. 1994).

Mama Maria wants us to be more deeply aware of the "serious war between the world of light and the world of darkness", (Jan. 1994). The weapon she has

offered us is nothing more than seriousness in prayer and Divine Praises pleasing to God. St. Paul said, “Be strong in the Lord for we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against principalities ... the spiritual host of wickedness in the heavenly places, (Eph. 6:10 – 14).

No human being can fathom the power of the Holy Spirit and the indispensability of the Divine Being in our lives; no one more than Mary longs for us to cultivate a greater devotion to that Holy Spirit, and for us to be empowered by Him through self-abandonment. If this is achieved, one becomes an instrument of the Holy Spirit, (Messages 04.01.1994; 09.02.1994).

Simple and Maternal Spiritual Teachings

One of the most interesting things about the messages is their personal and maternal touch. Mama Maria offers herself as the model of those virtues she wants us to cultivate, and urges us to be humble because we cannot fight the evil one alone, (Message 21.02.94). She wants us to follow the example of her own humility, and to be totally emptied of self in following Christ. When the cross is born with patience, it becomes light.

The messages consist essentially of simple and maternal teaching on spirituality: the way to perfection is pointed out in the clearest and simplest of terms, and without any ambiguity. They are the messages of a tender mother who wants her children to live as she lives; to long for Heaven above all else, and to work for the salvation of souls. “I pray always for the conversion of sinners and you, my children, must do the same. Pray and fast earnestly for the repentance of sinners. Carry your Rosary wherever you go”. (15.04.1994).

The Necessity of Spiritual Exercises

One cannot over-emphasize Mama Maria's insistence on spiritual exercises: prayer, amendment, reparation, reparation for aborted children, whose blood cries out so loudly for justice. All this we must do in acknowledging her as the refuge of sinners. She says that love is the key that opens the gates of Heaven - love of God and love of our neighbours. She warns against sensual pleasure, through which Satan deceives so many into denying the will of God. To evade the snares of Satan, we must beg for God's grace, "be constantly watchful and prayerful," (22.07.1994), and be mindful of God's presence everywhere, and at all times.

The Necessity of Silence for the Nurture of Spiritual Life

The importance of silence was dramatically illustrated in certain actions of the Blessed Mother at Aokpe. Twice, if I remember rightly, when Our Lady appeared and Christiana shouted, she disappeared before coming back again. Without the need for grand-sounding theological terminology, she teaches the merit of silence: be still, she tells us. Many of us talk so much that, while we may see and hear a great deal, we never just quietly listen and understand. Forever talking, we so often mislead both ourselves and others, (28.12.1997). Silence is indispensable to anyone who wants to grow in spirit. We cannot journey into that inner self where our God is enthroned if our attention is always focused on external things. Silence is spiritual power, and it is in silence that great ideas evolve and great Saints are made. In this modern world with its culture of noise, let us learn to imitate Mama Maria, the woman of silence "who kept all these things, pondering on them in her heart", (Luke 1:19). As the old saying has it, empty vessels make the most sound: a noisy person only betrays his or her spiritual emptiness. Learn to be silent, particularly in God's house where He dwells spiritually. "Keep silent and listen to me", (Is. 41:1). Learn to listen to the word of God!

The messages of Aokpe are similar in essence to the Fatima messages, and indeed to most of the messages brought down from Heaven by Mama Maria. They are

purely evangelical, telling us not to worry about the future but to trust God, “and make the word of God your companion; it contains all the truth”. She declares that we are “too choked with the noise of the world and hardly can we give time to God read the Bible and ask for understanding because there is confusion everywhere”. In this same message, (28.12 1997) she urges her children to “pray together and make time for penance”. We could not ask for advice more maternal and nurturing than this. Hail Mary! Let us pray the Rosary together more often and make time for penance, otherwise we will surely perish just as Jesus warned in the Scripture: “I tell you, now that unless you repent, you will all likewise perish”. (Luke, 13:3)

Mama Maria’s Love for Social Justice

Mama Maria’s compassion for the poor is strikingly and abundantly clear in the alleged apparitions at Aokpe. She strongly denounces all social discrimination and financial corruption, declaring, “You are commanded by Christ to love and care for your neighbour, yet look what happens. If the son of a wealthy family gets leprosy, they will take him to hospital to be cured by all the medical treatment that money can buy. When a poor man gets the same sickness, he is driven far away into the bush. Some traders are responsible for the suffering of little children. They fix their prices so high that my children cannot afford to buy what they need for their loved ones to survive. All this is deeply wrong, and you must become better Christians before it is too late. I can only entreat you to pray that you may understand my message here, and that you be granted enlightenment by the Holy Spirit.

Mama Maria warned against the evil of riches when she said, “Remember not to become so comfortably attached to material wealth that you forget your God”. (22.07.94).

Warning against Riches

Our Blessed Lady is reiterating here the evangelical teaching of her son that love must not be discriminatory (Mount, 5:43 – 48), and that a selfish concern for money is inevitably a major obstacle in achieving a good relationship with God and with our neighbours. In the same vein, St. Paul said “Those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and fruitful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all evils”, (1 Tim. 6:9–10). Let us heed the warning of Mama Maria and never allow ourselves to be overly concerned with getting and spending.

Heaven is our Goal

In all her maternal messages, Mama Maria’s main preoccupation is the idea that Heaven should be the goal of our earthly life. In this she is echoing the words of Our Lord. “Seek first the Kingdom of Heaven and its righteousness, and all other things shall be added unto you”. (Mt. 6:33). She was reported as having said, “You must love those who do the will of God” [(Same-day)? I don’t understand this ref] No instruction from a concerned mother could be clearer and simpler than that. Let us follow it, that we may at last enter Heaven. Until we turn away from sin, it will be as if we are perpetuating the crucifixion of Our Lord Jesus, (Message 29.04.94; Heb. 6.6).

Mediatrice of All Graces: the All-Encompassing Title

One of the significant features of the Aokpe apparition is the title Mama Maria is said to have given herself: Mediatrix of All Graces. This title is dear to the hearts of all Marian children because we believe that she actually mediates for us when we pray to receive the graces Jesus won for us when He achieved by the power of his blood our reconciliation with God, (Eph. 1:7). Of course we know that Jesus is the Supreme Mediator par excellence, “for there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ,” (1 Tim. 2:5). However, the Blessed Virgin is invoked by the Church as Mediatrix “because by her maternal charity, Mary cares for the brethren of her son who still journey on earth, and are surrounded by difficulties and dangers”. The [Vatican?] Council insists that this title is so clearly and universally understood that it in no way detracts from, or adds to the dignity and efficacy of the One Mediator “It is a sharing in the one source”. The Church does not hesitate to profess the subordinate nature of Mary’s role, (Vatican II. The Church Art 62), a role that depends entirely on the Mediatorship of Christ, to which she joins her own merits, love and compassion. This was powerfully transmitted to Christiana by the Lord Himself in the alleged apparition of the fourth of August, 1995.

Our Blessed Lord said:

“Your trust in Mary should be immense, knowing that by the will of God, Her power is without limit. Through the graces God has bestowed on her, you approach the Eternal Father more faithfully. All that I could give her, I have given her, and all that she is able to receive she has received in fullness. If you ask anything from her, you are acknowledging the power of Divine Grace. She is the spouse of the Holy Spirit and she channels all graces; all such gifts you receive you owe to a positive intervention on her part. She has the power to obtain anything for you from my hands she is the woman who has greatly humbled herself. At prayer, ask her for her intercession, as she will present all your requests to God. She is close to the heart of God. At Mass, she is always present”.

Further explanation of the role of the Blessed Mother as Mediatrix of All Graces would be superfluous in the light of what Our Lord Himself has said above. The only thing now necessary is to have faith in running to her in all our afflictions. She is there for us as our solace and refuge, and she wants her role to be honoured. According to Christiana, Mama Maria told her on the 4th of August, 1995, “Honour me here as the Mediatrix of all graces from God, to be passed on through me to the children of God”.

It is interesting to know that when Mama Maria appeared to a woman in Amsterdam, (Ida Peerdeman, 1945 – 1959), she did not only say that she wanted to be called by the Mediatrix title, but requested that this title should be *officially* declared by the Pope as Church dogma. Let us pray wholeheartedly for this to come to pass, for it will surely bring a shower of blessings on the whole world. When a person’s status is rightly valued, that person will certainly perform even more wonderfully. Once the dogma has been pronounced Our Lady, as the Mediatrix of ALL GRACES, will be publicly enabled to help humanity even more powerfully than hitherto. The Blessed Mother longs to be recognized as our Mediatrix and advocate, and to this end we should constantly be praying the prayer she revealed to Christiana Agbo.

Our Duty to Propagate the Message of Aokpe

It is my strong conviction that we have a duty to propagate the messages of Mama Maria, the Mediatrix of ALL GRACES, and to follow her motherly instructions in the School of Holiness. We thank God for the privilege of heavenly visitations to our own country, and in our own time. The responsibility we owe in return is a positive response to her messages, particularly through constant prayer of the Rosary, through Penance, Repentance, Reparation, by regular attendance at Mass, and by living the virtues of faith, hope and charity. Her intercessory power is limitless, for she declares that she has received all graces from God, saying “All that God is supposed give me, He has given to me. God has

given to me all graces. I can bestow them on those who ask for them”, (Message of 4 – 11 – 1995).

Our Duty to Build a Church in Her Honour

Since all graces come to us through the mediation of Our Blessed Lady, as Mediatrix of All Graces, it is only right that we should show our gratitude by acceding to her sole request at Aokpe. All lovers of Mama Maria, clergy, and lay people alike, should join hands together to embark on the project of building a Church in her honour at Aokpe. Every Legion and all other Marian Societies should mobilize their joint forces to achieve the realization of this all-important project. We shall of course need ecclesiastical permission, and we can be confident that we will have it. The fact that the Church has not banned pilgrimages to Aopke means it has not discovered in the messages any action or teaching that is against Catholic doctrine or morality. This spiritually inspired project must be supported wholeheartedly by actual, physical development of the site as a centre for national and international pilgrimage. Since the Aokpe Apparitions are our very first experience here in Nigeria of such wonderful spiritual phenomena, why should they not find expression in a National Marian Shrine?

We believe these messages to have been given to Christiana Agbo, the visionary by Mama Maria, and that they should, therefore, be devotedly studied and digested. Surely we must treasure them as the most precious of gems, bestowed by the most loving of mothers. They constitute a school of spirituality, pointing out the means by which we may reach our Heavenly goal. We must not ignore the Mother’s wise teachings: if we do, it will be at our own peril. Let us believe that

which we read, teach what we believe, and practice what we teach. May the Mediatrix of all Graces lead us to the Very Presence of God, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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Afterword *** [Better coming AFTER Christiana's testimony]

I may not be around when an official statement of approval of the alleged apparitions is promulgated. Nevertheless, I am bound in conscience to say what I experienced after witnessing the phenomenon of the endless and unprecedented sea of heads on the 27th of January, 1996. I was not privileged to be in the arena of the apparition when a fantastic solar miracle occurred. However, when I was

returning to Ilorin from Jos, something else happened. The sun came out very early that day and the atmosphere was clear, as the sun was bright. Some minutes after we had passed the signboard bidding us farewell from Jos Capital Territory, I took out my Rosary in order to start praying and my mind went back to my whole experience at Aokpe. Then I said, "Lord, I know I am not worthy of you because I am the worst of all sinners. What am I going to tell the people in Ilorin when they ask me whether the alleged Aokpe apparition was genuine or not? Mummy Mary, (that is what I fondly call the Blessed Virgin Mary), I need a sign."

No sooner had I made the sign of the Cross than something spectacular started to happen. I saw the sun dancing, swirling, spinning and rolling; rocking to and fro. I knew I was not a victim of hallucination, but I told the driver to stop the car without telling him what I was seeing. He thought I had forgotten something in Jos and asked whether he should turn back. Keeping calm, I asked him to look at the sun and he exclaimed, 'My Lord, the sun is rolling! It is wonderful! Will everybody see it like this?' I told him that only those God wanted to see it would be able to do so.

The rocking up and down of the sun was fantastic; truly amazing! The more I looked, the more I wanted to. What surprised me most was that my eyes were not affected, despite the intensity of my gaze. At times there appeared to be something golden at the edge of the sun, at others it was as if a silver ball was rolling, and then turning to pure gold. Sometimes it seemed very near me, as if a large Eucharistic Host covered it, making it safe to look at. But even when the sun was covered by that golden Eucharistic Host, it did not stop rolling.

As I was still marveling at the dancing sun, something even more spectacular happened. The sun itself suddenly disappeared, and the whole sky was clothed in an indescribable glory, blending colours too wonderful for words. There was a sense of utter equilibrium; total calm, serenity and a perfect harmonization of all the colours. I felt so tiny and insignificant in the face of this unearthly, awe-inspiring, joyfully radiant loveliness; I was completely *enveloped* in an indescribably sublime beauty. All the colours of the rainbow were there and yet

more besides. A gorgeous blue predominated, but sometimes it was green, and at times the whole sky was suffused with a heavenly gold. As I stood there bathed in this immensity of colour, I saw very distinctly the kinds of colours that are depicted coming from the side of Jesus in paintings of Divine Mercy. It was astonishing! It was wonderful beyond the powers of human expression!

As well as being conscious of beauty par excellence, I was aware of a very pleasant fragrance, and I myself felt extraordinarily light and happy. Eventually the glorious blending of colours receded and the sun appeared again, dancing as before. I got into the car and asked the driver to move on, whilst continuing to gaze up at the sky. Then, just for a moment, I happened to glance sideways and when I turned back I could not look at the sun again. It was too bright for my eyes. I was almost unspeakably happy. All I could say repeatedly was, Thank you Lord! Thank you Lord!

My intention in writing this is not to pre-empt future ecclesiastical judgment on the alleged apparitions at Aokpe. I do not presume to confirm their authenticity before the Church makes a pronouncement. In obedience to the Decree of Pope Urban VII, "I declare that I do not attribute more than human faith to any extraordinary facts narrated above. Nor do I anticipate the definite judgment of the Church to which I intend to offer fullest submission."

Nevertheless, I shall give glory to God if this witness of mine may be of significance in the cause of approving the Aokpe apparitions as authentic.

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TESTAMENT OF CHRISTIANA AGBO

in her own words

THE FLASHES OF LIGHT

One morning in the month of October, 1992 my sister and I went to the farm to weed the portion assigned to us by our mother. In the process of weeding I became tired and stopped. When I stood up I saw flashes of light and I called my sister to look, but she did not see it. She told me it was the rays of the sun, but I insisted that the light was different and unique. I thought about the light for a long time.

EDLO IGBOLE

In the month of October, 1992 I was sent by my mother to the farm [Edlo Igbole] behind the house to collect some herbs. I climbed the tree collecting herbs and I saw the same flashes of light, and then I saw a very beautiful lady. I was so frightened that the leaves I was cutting fell from my hands. She was so beautiful, and she was standing in the air. She smiled, so I climbed down and knelt on the ground. Then she disappeared.

THE GRINDING OF MILLET

In the same month my mother sent Helen and me to go and grind millet. I did not want to go, but mother insisted and I went reluctantly. On my way I saw the same beautiful lady, but with other people beside her, and then I became unconscious for some time. When I recovered there were many people around me. My parents questioned me about what had happened, but when I told them about the beautiful Lady they could not believe it. They were totally confused.

THE WASHING OF PALM KERNEL

On a certain morning in the month of October, 1992. I went to the stream with my elder sister to wash palm kernel, and I heard a sweet and unusual voice saying, "Go home quickly! You have a visitor."

When I got home, I did not see any one but I started saying the Hail Mary and Our Father. Suddenly the same beautiful Lady appeared to me. Her hands were folded across her chest. I became afraid and I was leaving the room, but she asked me to come back and I said to her, *"Please! Who are you and where do you live?"* She

answered, "Behold! I am the Holy Mother! I will come again to tell you more about myself."

My brother ran to the farm to tell my mother that I had started seeing the Lady again, and then my mother came, praying that the Good Lord would deliver me from the hands of the Evil One.

The APPARITION OF ANGELS IN THE ROOM

In the month of October, 1992 I was in my room and all of a sudden I saw two angels singing, though I did not understand the language. It was a very sweet song. I went and called my mother. How sad, she could not see them! One of them said he was the Angel of Peace. The angels stayed for few minutes and then disappeared.

THE BLESSING OF WATER FOR THE SICK

Another day in the month of October, I went to school. During the long break I went home; suddenly I saw a cloud and in the cloud, I saw the beautiful Holy Mother and she said, "I am the hiding place for sinners. Collect a bucket of water, say the Rosary and put the Rosary into the water. Leave it in the room until the following morning, and then I will come and bless the water. Some of the people who accept and drink the water will have their sickness cured, especially those who have faith," and she touched my Rosary and blessed it. I asked her if I could fetch the water from the stream.

She answered, "Do not worry; the water will come from the Father. By six o'clock you will have been able to collect a bucket of rain water to do as I have asked you." Then she disappeared.

WILL YOU HELP ME PRAY FOR THE WORLD?

Another day in the month of October, 1992 the beautiful lady appeared again. I remembered what my mother had said I should ask the lady to do, but I could not

ask it. The beautiful lady said, "Where is your Rosary?" Then I started looking for my Rosary, and when I found it we said it together, but she was only saying, "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end." She said it as if she herself was part of God, and yet as if God was before her, and she was adoring him."My child I want you to help me pray for the world. Will you help me?" And I answered, yes!

YOU HAVE TO PRAY NOW

On another date, very early in the morning, the Holy Mother came in looking sad as if she was going to cry. "You have to pray *now*! So many, many people are leaving the ways of God and they are on their way to Hell. This is urgent!"

1ST DECEMBER, 1992

After praying the Community Rosary, I came out of the church and I saw the beautiful Lady standing there. "You should go back into the church," she said, "and pray some more."

On Tuesday 21st July, 1993, I saw terrific flashes of light. They appeared to roll into a ball, and then the Blessed Lady herself appeared. "Pray fervently for the world. Evil is increasing constantly, and it will be a long time before I am able to come to you."

COMMUNION IN THE ROOM

On Wednesday 18th of August, 1993 I saw communion bread while we were praying. I heard a voice telling me to kneel down, after which the Communion became real blood on the floor, and it flowed gently to where I was kneeling. I got up to see if I was stained, but there was no stain. Then I heard the same voice, saying that we should say the Creed and the Our Father.

The blood became communion bread again. Then I saw an opening in the wall in our room, and half a hand appeared carrying a cup and Communion into the wall. I heard the voice again. "This room is blessed, pray here always."

On Wednesday 25th August, 1993 I was praying with Janet Michael when suddenly both of us saw those same flashes of light I had seen before, and then the Blessed Lady appeared. "I will do many things in St. Patrick's Church. A time will come when I will tell you about my pending visit."

FRIDAY 1st October, 1993

I had come back from church service when a few minutes later I saw two angels. Immediately I saw them I knelt down, but they asked me to stand. They genuflected, and the place where the Blessed Sacrament was kept opened like a door; then they removed the Blessed Sacrament from it. "We have been asked to remove the Blessed Sacrament," they said. As they were leaving, I heard the sound of a ringing bell.

On Monday, October 4th 1993 I was praying as the beautiful Lady had asked me to when suddenly she appeared, and the room was filled with mist. She did not say anything, then after a few minutes she disappeared.

On Thursday, October 7th 1993 I saw only the Rosary of the Blessed Lady, I wanted to pick it up, but my hands became too heavy to do so.

On the 9th of October, 1993 I went to check my mother's farm for her. On arriving there I saw an angel holding the communion chalice. The angel asked me to kneel down to adore the Lord. I did, and the angel gave me Communion, after which he too bowed his head and adored the Lord.

THE PRAYER OF THE ROSARY DRIVES THE EVIL ONE FAR AWAY.

SATURDAY 1ST JANUARY, 1994

The Blessed Lady said, "God will chastise the world. I pray constantly and ask for mercy on your behalf, but I want you to help by praying the rosary. The prayer of the rosary drives the Evil One far away and vexes him in the extreme, so pray the rosary reverently with all your might, and in doing so you will be helping me bring down the mercy of God, which is what the world needs right now. May Our Eternal Father help you as you amend your ways.

You make the Evil One happy when you sin, and you make yourself and your creator sad. If you die in sin, you will never see the Eternal Father again.

Remember, do not spend any of your time in gossip and evil thought. Be in constant touch with the little children, and lead them to God. Do not sin against them, for their Angels are always watching over them and presenting their requests to the Eternal Father.

Then the Blessed Lady held the crucifix of Jesus at the end of the Rosary; she said goodbye and immediately the room became filled with sweet smell.

THERE IS A SERIOUS WAR BETWEEN THE WORLD OF LIGHT AND THE WORLD OF DARKNESS

3RD JANUARY, 1994

When I was praying the rosary, I heard a voice telling me I should not go yet, but that I should stay quiet and pray. Then I saw "11.pm" written on a blue cloth, and at that time exactly two angels appeared and said, "The Blessed Lady has a message for the world: there is a serious war between the World of Light and the World of Darkness and you must pray earnestly with us. You must become a little

more serious instead of playing all day". Then they asked me and the friends praying with me to say three Hail Marys, so that I would be able to write down the prayer which the Blessed Lady had sent them to bestow. They taught me the Divine Praises, and I was able to write them. These are the Praises they say every day to God, for this is what pleases Him.

4th JANUARY, 1994

The Blessed Lady appeared saying, "Ask Grace to follow you to the hospital to pray for the sick ones. You must be quick about it, for the time to be empowered by the Holy Spirit is very close."

17TH JANUARY, 1994

I heard the voice of Our Blessed Lady proclaiming that a miracle would happen by 3.00 pm. Then I saw a mighty moon, very mighty. The Gracious Lady came and stood upon it, and I saw many priests kneeling down before her. Gradually the Lady disappeared from sight, and so did the moon.

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20th January, 1994

On this day I saw the Blessed Lady with a Rosary in her hands; her lips were moving and a light shone brightly behind her.

My prayer mate and I bound our waists tightly with rope, so that we might offer reparation for the sins of the world. The Blessed Lady appeared and said, "Children, you have already suffered so much in helping me to pray for the world. Today's penance is enough. Get some rest."

21st JANUARY, 1992

LOVE GREATLY AND YOU SHALL SEE THE FACE OF GOD

“This is the time to ask and receive graces from your Holy Mother. During this time of the memorial of the suffering of Christ, offer reparation and you will receive many blessings from Jesus.

What your divine master wants of you is love: love for the Blessed Trinity. Love your neighbour, love greatly and you shall see the face of God.

I want you all, especially you my child, to abandon yourself to the Holy Spirit so that you become His instrument.

Be always mindful not to sin against the Holy Spirit. Walk in the light, pray earnestly and God will grant your request.

When you say the litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, your response should be ‘Pray for us, Holy Mother.’

Humble yourselves: have faith and learn from me, for I have the greatest of faith in God and I have learned everything perfectly from Him. Do not think you can fight evil all by yourselves. Take up the Rosary. The Rosary keeps the Evil One far away from you.”

5TH FEBRUARY, 1992

An angel appeared and said, “Today is the first Saturday of the month”. The angel then gave me Communion, and I prayed after receiving it.

7TH FEBRUARY, 1992

The Blessed Lady appeared and said, “You see I am sad. Many have refused to heed my warnings, and they are finding it difficult to pray. I ask you to comfort me: be kind to your sisters in everything, and help your mother. Remember to take some quiet time out to pray with me”.

9TH FEBRUARY, 1992

“My children, I have interceded for you in so many ways, but still many of you do not realize it. I am always your mother and you are my children. Pray always my children, and you will be empowered by the Holy Spirit.”

13th FEBRUARY, 1992

As I was praying in our room, I saw a young man who said that the Blessed Lady wished us to go to Edlo’igbole to pray with her.

16TH FEBRUARY, 1992

YOU GRIEVE THE HEART OF JESUS BECAUSE YOU SPEAK ILL OF ME, HIS MOTHER

This is what the Blessed Lady said to me in a vision. “The Evil One is fighting the Children of God even more seriously. I want you to go to Edlo’igbole, offer reparation and sing songs. Offer up sacrifices, fast especially on Wednesdays and Fridays and pray for sinners to return to God.” She moved back, then all of a sudden I saw thousands of people running to take shelter under her open arms but some could not enter to take refuge, and to them she said, “You have grievously wounded the heart of Jesus because you spoke so ill of me, his mother”. Those who cried out in sorrow were later accepted by our lady, and were happy again. Then I saw a truly fearsome creature sitting beside a blazing fire. There were so many creatures in that fire that it seemed the flames could not contain them.

17th FEBRUARY, 1992

IN FOLLOWING JESUS, YOU MUST GIVE YOUR ALL

Again the Blessed Lady appeared to me in a vision. “See, I am the spouse of the Holy Spirit. As Children of God you must learn to control your senses so that you do not entertain evil in your thoughts. Pray always, and sprinkle yourself with holy water.

Be humble. Become humble like the mother of your Saviour. In following Jesus, you must give your all. Follow the way of Christ and you will become an

instrument of God. Allow the sword to pierce your heart by carrying your cross. Bear your cross with patience and it will become light. Open your heart and soul to God as to me, the mother of your saviour. I, your mother, open my heart and soul to the sword. You too must become part of the suffering of Christ, and console Jesus through prayer. I repeat, in following Jesus you are obliged to give your all. You must strive to do the will of God, for if not, the Evil One will be the first to accuse you. I am your mother, crowned with glory by the Blessed Trinity.

18th FEBRUARY, 1992

AM I GOING TO HEAVEN OR NOT? THIS SHOULD BE YOUR CONSTANT THOUGHT

“My children, do not enjoy the things of the world and forget Heaven; you should always think about heaven too, asking yourself, am I going to Heaven or not? This should be your constant thought.

When your heart is full of evil thoughts, you grieve the Holy Spirit: the Holy Spirit which constantly reminds you of God.

Pray for your neighbor, especially when he goes wrong, and do not go about speaking ill of him. You must show mercy to your neighbours because God is merciful and has shown you mercy; if not you would have been dead.

Ask the Holy Spirit to direct you in all things.

Many people want to see miracles before they believe. I am your mother from Heaven, and in due course I will show them signs: but not yet.

25th February, 1992

KEEP YOURSELF HOLY IN THE SIGHT OF GOD; BECOME UNITED WITH CHRIST

THE BLESSED LADY appeared and said, “My children do not give in to temptation, say the Rosary and do not be afraid, for I am with you all the time. Many of my children are calling out to God but do not follow his ways. Pray with concentration so that your prayer will be received by God. Draw yourself close to God, be good to your neighbour, and make an extra effort to pray for those who hate you.

In worshipping God, you must always ask the Holy Spirit to direct you. When you do the will of God and give to your neighbour when he is in need, you receive abundant graces from the most Holy Trinity”.

Pray always: I, your mother, will present all your petitions to God very quickly. When you have problems, pray about them, and pray for others too.

Always keep yourself holy in the sight of God. In the same way that you care about dressing well, make sure by cleansing away your sins that your inner self is immaculate too. You have become children of God, and your sins will cause the loving Christ great suffering.

Pray always, especially during this period of Lent, that you may become more united with Christ. Do not make Jesus sad. What the Eternal Father did for you means that you are no longer at the mercy of the Evil One, so do not make yourselves his slaves. Pray for sinners and for the souls in Purgatory. I am your mother.”

I saw the Blessed Lady in my vision, and she was upset. Then I saw a man who was also greatly upset; he was carrying something round and very big. He wanted to throw it to the ground, but the Blessed Lady would begin to shed tears and then the man would hold the object back. This happened something like four times. She held her Rosary tight, and blood was flowing from the hands of the man who was holding the mighty object. The man did not throw the object because of the Blessed Lady’s tears.

6th APRIL, 1992

YOU MUST BE MINDFUL OF EVERYTHING, AND EVER WATCHFUL

The Blessed Lady appeared and said, “In following me, to become like my divine son Jesus, you must be mindful of everything and at all times watchful.

My children, your hearts are hard against your neighbours. You must love them, or Heaven will not be open for you. Bless one another and the blessings of God will be upon all of you. Be ready, so that when the time comes you shall be among the living. Heaven is wide open for those who do the will of God. I am here to

remind sinners to amend their ways. I am the hiding place for sinners. My child, stay quiet and pray with me.”

15TH APRIL, 1992

My little children, honour your parents at home, and do with the love of Christ the work they ask you to. If you honour me in this way, I shall accept and protect you. Pray always for the conversion of sinners. I am always thinking about the salvation of sinners and you my children must do the same. Pray and fast earnestly for their repentance. Carry your Rosary wherever you go, my child.

29TH APRIL. 1992

THE BLOOD OF THE ABORTED CHILDREN IS CRYING ALOUD

“My children, the blood of aborted children is crying so loud. This makes Jesus very sad. This sin makes the blood of Jesus flow so much. You have crucified Jesus again and again. You must make amends, for if not you will be chastised. The children of God are also sharing in this pain of Jesus. Make reparation, pray for the world.”

9TH MAY, 1994

I asked the Blessed Lady to give a sign so that people may believe that she is truly the one appearing I prayed about it with all my heart.

Then an angel appeared to tell me that I should not worry, but that the Blessed Lady will give a sign when the time is right.

24th MAY, 1994

The Blessed Lady appeared and said, "You must dig a well to bring water, and you must use an axe. The Angel will come and point out where you are to dig. Be sure to wait for me to give you instructions when the water starts flowing."

25TH MAY, 1994

An Angel appeared to draw a line on the floor with a brightly shining light which everybody could see. *"This is our room, where are we going to sleep?"* I asked, and the angel said, "Do not worry! This is what the Blessed Lady has asked of you."

4TH JUNE, 1994

The Blessed Lady appeared and said, "My children, you are always breaking the Ten Commandments of God. Satan is deceiving you by offering you pleasures and enflaming desires that go against the will of God. So many of my children are not following the right path. When the sun starts heating up no one can cool it. How might people hear this message? Through the grace I will give to those who ask for it, and the salvation I bring from Jesus, my Divine Son.

1ST July, 1994

The Blessed Lady appeared and said, "The 4th August, of this year is the day for graces to be bestowed on those who will ask." Then she gave me prayers to be recited nine days before the 4th.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Lady of purity of heart,

Lady of good heart,

Lady of honour that humbles herself,

Sweetness of angels,

Your heavenly wisdom and your patience

Surpass all others.

The whole of your life,

Is a purity of heart that has no stain.

Lady the Mediatrix of All Graces,

Make us worthy to receive
The gift that has been given to us,
So that we may become holy.
Give us the grace to go and greet our Lord Jesus.
Help us to be pure, so that we may see heaven.
Help us always to do the will of Jesus,
So that we may share in His glory.

22ND JULY, 1994

The Blessed Lady appeared and said, "I have come to complete the prayers I told you to offer before the Day of Grace." She folded her hands bowed her head and said, "Father, fill us with the Grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

"What is this grace?"

"Oh, my poor child, nothing can be done without grace from God. God always bestows his graces on those who ask for them." She opened her hands, and something like rays of light came out of them. She completed her prayers and went back to heaven.

WHEN TEMPTATION AND PROBLEMS BESET YOU, TAKE YOUR ROSARY AND COME TO ME

"My children, when temptation and problems beset you, take your rosary and come to me and your problems will be solved. I will shower my graces on those who ask for them. My children, be constantly watchful and prayerful so that the Evil One will not use you to mislead others. Pay attention to the needs of your neighbours; do not throw mud at them. Say your Rosary, or the chastisement will be terrible. My children, do not live a sinful life, but a holy and humble one, so that you may be united with my Divine Son. I want all my children to be united with Christ. I want to purify you: that is why I am coming down. Pray for the Elected Ones, pray for the Holy Father. You have to pray more, my child: you need to see the souls that are going to Hell and those that are on the same path as you, my children. It saddens me so much, and that is why I have come to win souls back to Christ.

Some traders are responsible for the suffering of my children. They fix prices so high on their articles that my children cannot afford to buy. Remember not to become too comfortable with wealth and in that way forget your God.

The Grace I promised, I bestow upon those who open their hearts to receive it: whatever they ask will be granted them.” The Blessed Lady stretched out her hands. “I grant you my Grace in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Then she waved and went back to Heaven.

4TH AUGUST, 19994

An Angel appeared and gave a Holy Communion, after which the Blessed Lady appeared and said, “I am the Queen of Heaven. I can see all the little children and they can see me too.

Do not concern yourself so much about the misdeed of the priests. The priests that have become hardened and refuse to amend their ways are just “wearing” the vestment. But as Jesus my Divine Son said, ‘I know my own, and my own know me.’”

Then the Blessed Lady asked me to sing Ave Maria, O Maiden, O Mother.

“This is my message for the people of the world who have refused to amend their ways. Even after several messages and when you have been washed clean, you return to dirt. You have refused to open your eyes to see anything supernatural, and refused to hear the message that is being preached. You have shown no understanding of the word of God.

You must show concern for your neighbour. This is what happens among you, if a son of a wealthy person gets leprosy: he will be taken to all the hospitals to make sure he is cured, so that he can live again. When the poor man gets leprosy he is driven far away to a bush. This is wrong if you want to be true Christians. Pray so that you understand my message here. Pray so that the Holy Spirit will enlighten you.

Some traders are responsible for the suffering of my children. They fix prices so high on their articles that my children cannot afford to care for their families. Remember not to become too comfortable with wealth that you forget your God.

The grace I promised, I give to those who open their heart to receive it: whatever they ask will be granted them.” The Blessed Lady stretched out her arms. “I give my graces to you in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

On this certain day, I saw flashes of light severally and then an angel appeared backing a poster of our Blessed Lady in the room.

8TH SEMPTEMER, 1994

While praying the Rosary during a Novena, the Blessed Lady appeared. She looked very sad, she was almost in tears. She did not say a word.

13th SEMBETER, 1994

The Blessed Lady appeared and said, “Jesus sent His light into the world but many tried to quench it.

Many priests and other religious authorities have strayed from the right path. Priests are called to save souls, but they slip so easily into the ways of the Evil One. Some will suffer because of this, some of them will return to God. A time will come when bishops, priests will come here and offer Mass in honour of your Holy Mother.”

I wanted to speak to her in my own language, but she asked me to speak in English, since I have learned to speak and learn in that language. *“Mother, forgive me for not honouring you as I should. Give me the grace to honour you greatly and to pray with you for the conversion of sinners”.*

“I am your mother: I shield you from the designs of the Evil One. I will give another date for my children to bring their Rosary, that I may bless it for them. Fetch water so that I can touch it for my children. Get some flowers and arrange them for me.”

11TH SEPTEMBER, 1994

The Blessed lady appeared and said, "See Jesus alone as your perfect example, so that you are not misled. If you follow the actions of some of my priests, you will be lost. So many of them have let fall the cross of Christ,

My child do not worry about your parish priest, for he will come back to establish a new day of peace through your Holy Mother.

My child, why am I always showing you my Immaculate Heart, sometimes surrounding it with flowers for you! It is because your Holy Mother loves you very much. God loves you so greatly, and there is no one for whom he does not show concern. My children, sing songs in honour of your Eternal Father."

21ST OCTOBER, 1994

We were praying the Rosary and all of a sudden I saw a big star, then the Blessed Lady appeared.

"You must learn constantly to walk with me, your mother, in the light of God. I have given you more love than any earthly mother could give. Anything you ask of me I always do for you. Come, walk with me in faith and I will show you the way of Jesus, my divine son. Pray for wisdom and the fear of God; pray with me, in the light of faith. Hold on to your Rosary: it is your weapon. Pray it very well: it is your power.

The Evil One is seriously at work .During the Great Darkness those that belong to Jesus will be taken care of by the angels.

The *Evil One* cannot defeat my children because of the Rosary. You must be prayerful, so that you may not be captured by the Evil One."

SEPTEMBER 1994

YOU MUST BE CONSTANTLY AWARE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD

The Blessed Lady appeared and said, "My children, you are so much worried about the things of the flesh, but so much less concerned about the things of God.

You have sinned so much against God, you must be truly sorry for your sins. Fear God, and do not forget to say your Rosary. Do diligently all you have to do here and you will see the face of God at the end of the day. Walk with me in the Light of Faith, and I will direct you along the right path.

You must be constantly aware of the presence of God. So many people are not truly alive; they are not attentive to the things of God. There are many people who have slipped totally away from God. You must do all you can to pray for them. In your family, work and everything that you find yourself doing, you must be paying attention to the things of God.

I bore my sorrows patiently. Come close to me, and you will learn how to bear your own tribulations in this world heroically. Follow Jesus, my Divine Son, and become part of his suffering and glory.”

SEPTEMBER 1994

The Blessed Lady appeared and said, “You must take great care of your children, so that they are not lost. *You* may be in Heaven, while your child is lost. Heaven is for you all: you must *all* be gathered there before your God, rejoicing and singing His praises. That is why I am coming to ask you to amend your ways. So many people are lost, and yet so many are still on the path.

The Priest must act always with great humility. His primary duty must always be to show the people the way to the loving heart of God so that they may not be lost. My priests must become like little children, so that the true word of God may be spread. They should ask for the grace of God.”

SEPTEMBER 1994

OPEN YOUR HEART AND BE ATTENTIVE TO GOD

The Blessed Lady appeared and said, “Whenever you are celebrating any feast do not drive the children away. Always consider them and give them proper direction. You will respect them, and they should be taught to respect the elderly ones amongst them. The children should be taught about the Eternal Father.

Open your hearts, and be attentive to God. Some hearts are hardened: they can no longer hear God; they do not understand my message. My message pains the Evil One because many will amend their ways when they hear it.

You should fast and pray your Rosary to defeat the power of the Evil One. Call on the Archangel Michael. Trust me and run to me with your Rosary; it is your weapon, be faithful to your prayer. I will take you all to Jesus and he will do everything for you. Walk with me and I will present you to Jesus, my Divine Son. The Children of Mary should sing songs to their mother.

Remember, the Commandments of God always. Do not be distracted by those who doubt.”

12th NOVEMBER, 1994

The Blessed Lady appeared and she said, “The parish priest does not believe. Don’t worry about him; he will one day come to believe, and will make peace through your Holy Mother.

My children, I love you; that is why I am showing the love of my Immaculate Heart. You are all loved by the Eternal Father, and that is why he wants you to amend your ways.”

“Can we pray and sing at the same time?”

“Yes, sing inspiring songs that will help you meditate. My little children, Jesus came and died for you: you must meditate constantly on his death; you must console Jesus through your actions, offer reparation, love everyone around you, and pray fervently to obtain graces from God.”

I gave her rosaries to bless for the people, and she blessed them.

1st JANUARY, 1995

“I have come to wish you a happy New Year. I have come to remind you of what Jesus has already told you, and of what he instructed you to do. Love everyone

around you. Offer reparation for sinners. Pray fervently to obtain graces from God.” She then disappeared.

1st March, 1995

Our blessed Lady appeared and said, “You are about to enter the Lenten season: the Glory of God will always be, now and forever. You must become sincerely sorry for your sins. With a trembling heart be sorry - it *must* come from your heart. When you are sincerely sorry, Jesus will forgive you and will be joyful whenever he looks down on you.

Do penance. Keep yourself from all evil ways.

Offer up as sacrifice all persecutions and all kinds of sorrows you undergo, as well as what you want to do, but cannot. Pray that the kingdom of God will live in your heart. May the Grace of God be with you always, my children.” She promised to come again soon.

3rd March, 1995

The Blessed Lady appeared when we were reciting the Rosary.

“My little children, I have come to warn you again to amend your ways, and that if you do not amend your ways, the chastisement will be very great. There will be so much trouble in the world. God is going to chastise the world, and it will be terrible: the anger of God will be felt. There will be a great darkness, the world will be shaken.

So many souls will be captured by the Evil One, but at the end my Immaculate Heart will be victorious. In a short time, in the year 1998, the Evil One will increase the error that he has been spreading. There will be a lot of problems and confusion and many will not know which way to follow. The Evil One will claim to be anything and everything, and many will follow him to confuse the children of God. The darkness that will descend on the world will be great: the Evil One could tempt you through anybody, so you must be on your guard, and be prayerful.”

I was frightened and asked the Blessed Lady what we could do. “Amend your ways and pray, pray earnestly. New evil springs up all the time. Have your crucifix close

by all the time; fix your eyes on Jesus. Only the Children of God will be given light.”

What can we do to avert the Great Darkness?

“Pray, amend your ways. My little child, pray always.

5TH MAY, 1995

The Blessed Lady appeared again, saying, “Pray, pray always.” I asked about the soul of a member of our community. The Holy Mother said, “He is not yet in Heaven. Pray for him: he will soon go to Heaven.”

8th May, 1995

Jesus first appeared in the arms of Our Lady as a child and then reappeared as a fully grown young man, extremely handsome with a fine beard.

The Blessed Lady asked me to bring some water, which I brought. Then our Blessed Lord touched it. Our Blessed Lady said it should be sprinkled on the people.

Our Blessed Lord said, "Your trust in Mary should be immense, knowing that by the will of God her power is without limit. Through the graces God has bestowed on her you approach the Eternal Father more faithfully. All that I could give her I have given, and all that she is able to receive she has received in fullness. If you ask anything from her, you place yourself in Divine Grace. She is the spouse of the Holy Spirit and she channels all graces; all the gifts you receive, you owe to a positive intervention on her part. She obtains everything for you from my hands."

I gave our Blessed Lady some rosaries to bless.

While Jesus was speaking, rays of light came from his heart. He also pointed to his mother, and seven shadowy crucifixes came out of her heart. Then our Blessed Lord said, *"These signify the painful sorrows she shared with me. I have come to explain her position in the Church, and that she should be highly honoured as the spouse of the Holy Spirit. She is the woman with whom God shares his secrets.*

She is the woman who has greatly humbled himself. At prayer ask for her intercession, as it is she who presents all your requests to God. She is close to the heart of God. At Mass she is always present. She helps her children so much by bringing forward their supplication. She has been crowned with glory by the Holy Trinity."

Then our Blessed Lady said, "This is the one I present all your petitions to....

My children should come to me with faith and I will grant their hearts desire. My children, carry out your duties with hearts full of love and respect. While praying for the conversion of sinners pray for yourself too."

I asked, *"Will you take mineral?"*

The Holy mother answered, "What type of mineral do you have?"

"We have Fanta, Coke and Maltina."

“Thank you, but no. These are earthly things.” Then they waved and went back to Heaven.

14TH MAY, 1995

The Blessed Lady appeared as earlier promised.

“Mother, your peace comes from Heaven.”

“Truly, my peace comes from Heaven. My little children, I want you to pray before the Blessed Sacrament often, and while meditating you will find Jesus talking to you. Many people, especially priests, do not believe in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. It is a great misfortune.

Attend mass, and during Consecration Jesus is there. If you ask Him anything with a sincere heart, you will receive many blessings and graces from him.”

Concerning a woman who has been longing for a child of her own for years now, the Blessed Lady said, “Worry is very fruitless. Have faith in God. Pray and open your heart to God. Do not let the prayer come from your lips alone but your heart too. Persist, and The Lord will grant your request. Love the Church of my Divine Son, renew the vows of your Baptism regularly, and remember to pray for the souls in Purgatory.”

I asked about the souls of some departed members of the community.

“They are not yet in Heaven, but those who remember to pray for the souls in Purgatory, whenever those souls see the face of God, they will receive their reward. Those in Purgatory have the hope of seeing the face of God but those in Hell will never see Him. Their suffering is for ever. You have already done so much penance for sins committed. O my child, pray for the souls in Purgatory and you will be rewarded.

29TH MAY, 1995

The Blessed Lady appeared, and she was standing in the air.

“I will come tomorrow to show you a vision of Heaven, Hell and Purgatory.

30TH MAY, 1995

In the early hours of the morning, the Blessed Lady appeared in my room. "My child, come follow me to Edlo-igbole and I will show you where many souls are going. I will show you a vision of what the souls who love God enjoy."

"But please, you will bring me back?"

"You are not going anywhere: you have not yet finished your tasks here. You must have your work to show the Eternal Father."

The Blessed Lady moved so swiftly that I could scarcely keep up with her. When we got to Edlo-igbole, she disappeared for a few seconds and then came back again saying, "Come and see!"

I held her robe and immediately I could see a blazing fire, and thousands and thousands and thousands of beings were writhing in pain, and some were stumbling into the fierce-burning fire. The creatures were half human and half animal, with long feet and claws like animals. It was most horrifying. Another creature that was also half human would be dragging a similar creature into the fire. It was as if these creatures had seen the Holy Mother and they were pushing themselves away from her. At the same time there was this horrifying groan that I have never heard before. It was a groan of indescribable pain. Some of the creatures groaning so loudly were lying prostrate. There were also those creatures that saw the Rosary of the Blessed Lady and started running away with loud, mocking hoarse laughter. All the time the terrible groaning never stopped!

The Blessed Lady said, "This is the fire they built for themselves."

"Will they ever leave?"

"They remain here for ever."

Then the Blessed Lady made me feel the ground upon which I was standing, but the pain I experienced was unbearable, and I called upon her very quickly to help me.

I saw another vision where many, many beings were in pain too. They were all naked, but you could not tell which were men and which were women. They were

floating in a thin covering of cloud. Once again, the groaning was truly horrifying. The Blessed Lady said, "These have the hope of seeing God."

Then I saw steps, exceedingly beautiful, shining so bright that I could not look at them. Next I saw a gate - indescribable, it shone so bright. I saw the cross of Jesus with Jesus nailed to it. It was filled with blood and rugged. Then I saw beautiful people; light was coming out of their bodies. They all looked so young and so perfectly peaceful. Then I saw a tree such as I had never seen before, giving me an indescribable feeling of joy as I gazed at it.

After this vision I lay down at Edlo-igbole for hours, terribly frightened and overwhelmed, filled with the images of what I had seen.

24TH JUNE, 1995

The Blessed Lady appeared again, as she had promised, and I presented petitions to her.

"My little children, who are always in my heart, it is the love I have for you that makes me come down from Heaven to call you back from your evil ways. I do not want you to be lost.

Pray for peace in your family and in the whole world; pray for peace for the Church of my Divine Son. Behold, evil ways have eaten deep into the Church, and evil is growing in Her. Pray, and pray always."

16th July, 1995

We were praying when the Blessed Lady appeared, and I bowed to her.

"I want you to live in love, faith and peace. Have faith in God. Believe firmly and put into practice the word of God. Pray, pray hard. Pray for the chosen ones of God. Pray for the Pope.

You must have great love for Jesus, who was crucified for your sake and always speaks kind words to you. His love for you is that made me come down from Heaven. Pray constantly, console Jesus all the time and pay continual visits to the

Blessed Sacrament. Have the same love for your neighbours. Do not let the Evil One conquer you; do not abandon the Prayer of the Rosary.

23RD JULY, 1995

An Apparition of Jesus Crucified.

The Blessed Lord appeared crucified, and suffering excruciating pain. There was blood all over His body and He said, "*Child will you comfort me?*"

I answered, "*Yes, my Lord!*" and He held my hand. The pain I felt all over my body was indescribable. An angel stayed with me for a short while, and told me he was the Archangel Michael. He asked me whether the pain was very great, and I answered that it was. Then he went away. I said the Hail Mary, begging Our Blessed Lady to come and ease the pain for me.

28TH JULY, 1995

The Blessed Lady appeared while we were saying the Rosary. She asked me to stop because we were going too fast. She said this so well in Idoma first, next in English, and then in another language. She also made the sign of the cross, and then I said the Angelus in her presence.

"I am going to give you a sign, which you will see when I am going back to Heaven. You said the Hail Mary so well, it is to teach you how to say it even better, especially concerning the speed. Each time you say the Rosary for the world you save souls. Remember to say Our Father constantly. Each time I tell you I am going to appear, always believe it firmly."

"*Can a woman serve at Holy Mass?*" I asked.

"They can serve", the Blessed Lady replied, "But with great limitations."

29TH JULY, 1995

The Blessed Lady appeared to me again in a vision. “Pray as hard as you are able. Look! I am going.” As I watched her go up, the sun started turning violently as if it was going to fall on me, and I called on the Blessed Lady to help me.

3RD AUGUST, 1995

The Blessed Lady appeared and said, “I will come and give a sign: some will see Jesus and Joseph in the sun.”

4TH AUGUST, 1995

The Blessed Lady appeared as she had promised. “Honour me here as the Mediatrix of All Graces”.

“What does it mean?”

“I am the Lady who receives all the graces from God and in turn I give them to the children of God”.

“Is Jesus not coming”?

“Jesus has come!”

“Behold, I was crucified for you, but I have continued to suffer because of those who have rejected the Cross and refused to follow me. My children, abandon yourselves totally in prayer for the priests, but do not complain or judge them. Many Priests are not carrying the Cross which they were called to carry with me. Their hearts are not near to mine: some of them are so far from me that, if amends are not made very quickly, the outcome will be great misery.

Some priests have been completely entrapped by the Devil and now offer sacrifice to the Evil One. You see how they are so attached to the world and so forgetful of the concerns of God, they have made themselves priests in the sight of men only. Their reverence for the Holy Eucharist should be profound and should be without limit. There is urgent need for them to amend their ways. You have to pray for them because they offer Holy Mass for you, and always remember, those that are close to my heart will be of great help to you during the period of Great Darkness.

Our Blessed Lady speaks.

“My children comfort the One who is the most merciful, whose mercy is infinite. Do what is pleasing to God and unbind the thorns from around the Sacred Heart of Jesus; your faith in God should be lively and fervent. Walk with me, my children. The Evil One is dragging many souls to Hell: you must pray because those possessed by the Evil One will attack you too. Will you allow the Evil One to use your name to deceive people? Be watchful!

Pray constantly because in the year 1998 the Evil One will spread even more error, and yet more evil will spring up. Many will become so comfortable with these evil ways that even the name of Jesus will be used to deceive you, so be watchful and prayerful.”

“Has Russia been consecrated to your Immaculate Heart?”

“It has not been done.”

Our Blessed Lord spoke. “My Mother always gives graces to those who ask. She herself has received all the graces, and has won many souls accordingly. Pray always. Mass should be offered here in honour of the Holy Mother. In a short time this place will not be big enough for my children.

Pray and do good deeds, so that you may see at last the Eternal Father. Heaven is for all the children of God. Have Faith, and do not lose it. If you do *not* have Faith, seek for it now.”

Our Blessed Lord looked sorrowful; Our Blessed Lady gave us her blessings and they went back to heaven.

7TH AUGUST, 1995

We were saying the Rosary when the Blessed Lady appeared. “Whenever my children come to pray, they should gather together and sprinkle holy water to protect them against the attack of the Evil One. Tell me now what your requests are.” The Blessed Lady waved me goodbye.

16TH AUGUST, 1995

I woke up and I saw the crucified Lord. An angel was with him, and the whole of his body was injured and covered with blood. Immediately I started feeling pains that cannot be described. The angel was saying a prayer and asked me to repeat the words after him. After he left, I forgot the prayers.

On the same day the Blessed Lady appeared while we were praying the Rosary. "The recitation of the Rosary, she told us, "will bring you to a deeper understanding of the life and suffering of Christ, and of the glorious Resurrection and Salvation He brought into the world.

The graces obtained while saying the rosary will help you to shoulder your cross firmly. Though the Evil One will fight you, do not fear anything, not even death: carry your cross and follow Jesus, my Divine Son. In so doing you will be sharing in his suffering and will one day rise to share in his glory. Do not abandon your cross. Do what is pleasing to God and at the end of your work here on earth, you will reap a wonderful harvest with Him in Heaven.

18th AUGUST, 1995

The Blessed Lady appeared and said, "My children, I will teach you how to love God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Love the Lord Your God with the totality of your being and in all that you do. Have a constant faith in God, and let your love for your neighbour be constant also. Living this way, you will see His face at the end of your stay here.

Walk in the light of faith, and I will speak to you in your heart about the life, death and glorious resurrection of Jesus, my Divine Son. Hold firm to Jesus and carry your cross. Do not abandon it. Of course, the Evil One will mock you, but be firm and you will overcome. I, your mother, followed the way of my Lord and that is why I was so gloriously raised up to Heaven.

My children, I will shelter you from evil in my Immaculate Heart, especially during the Great Darkness. I will be a refuge for my children who fly to me. Those of you that are constantly sharing in the suffering of Christ will be hidden in my heart and will come to share in the Infinite Glory of Jesus, my Divine Son. I share always in the sufferings of Christ, and I am asking that Mass should be said here

constantly in my honour. Your Guardian Angel will teach you a prayer, and after praying it you will forget.”

22ND AUGUST, 1995

I saw the Blessed Lady in my vision; she was standing in a tree in front of my house. She was looking very sad, and the leaves of the tree were falling to the ground. An angel whispered in her ear and she became sadder, as if she was going to cry. I saw a very mighty object in the air; then it fell to the ground and there was a total darkness.

30TH AUGUST, 1995

The Blessed Lady appeared and said, “Yes, I am the Refuge of Sinners. I console Jesus always because of the sins of the world. I will share with you the peace I have in my heart, and your own hearts should be full of love like that of your Holy Mother. My child, I will enfold you in my peace. I will continue to come down to you, my children; I want to draw so many souls to the Eternal Father, so that you too will be able to withstand the great trial that is ahead of you.

Those who know God and fear him but find yourselves close to those who do not have the fear of God, should through prayers make them amend their ways. Pray constantly for the conversion of sinners.

I am the mother of Jesus. It was the will of God that Jesus came into the world through me, so that the people would know His power and humility.

Pray that you may have the love of God in your heart; do much penance and offer sacrifices to console Jesus. I will teach you constantly how to be united with Jesus, my Divine Son. Remember always to walk in the light of faith and of love, constantly sharing in the suffering of Christ through your neighbour. Comfort the one who has no comfort, and in that way come to share in His Endless Glory. Go to school because there is work to be done; respect and listen to your teachers. The distractions will often be great, but work hard. If any of you want to enter the Convent, pray earnestly before choosing that way of life.”

8TH SEPTEMBER, 1995

On this day, I heard the voice of the Blessed Lady saying, "Holy Night." I looked around but could not see any one, so I decided to go home. Then, on getting home I saw the Blessed Lady.

"The Glory of God is now and for ever, and the Evil One cannot suppress it. The children of God will always overcome the Evil One, for I will always be with you.

Do you see the cross I am holding? Love it! Mortify your body for the sake of others. There will be much suffering ahead for you, but be united with me in spirit all the time. If you know how active the Evil One is, you will pray your Rosary constantly."

"The way the charismatic group prays, is it pleasing to God?"

"It is good to pray, but not in a noisy way. Pray to your Eternal Father in an obedient and humble manner, and my spirit will direct you."

11TH SEPTEMBER, 1995

The Blessed Lady appeared and said, "If you want souls be saved, each time I ask you to come here you must make haste and come quickly to wait for me. Remember, I am coming because of all my children.

21ST SEPTEMBER, 1995

The Blessed Lady appeared and said, "You must come and meet me here on the 29th of this month, the feast of the Archangels Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael." Then the Blessed Lady told me something which she asked me to keep secret, adding, "Those who honour me as their mother must constantly remind themselves of the Commandments of God, and keep them. The Archangel Michael protects all the children of God. He is the Prince of the Angels, for he fights the Evil One who harms God's children.

My child, eat only once tomorrow, for the conversion of sinners. Say your Rosary every day. My message will spread everywhere, but the Evil One will fight it because when people hear it they will amend their sinful ways.” Then the Blessed Lady gave us her blessings and went back to Heaven.

29TH SEPTEMBER, 1995

The Blessed Lady appeared and said, “My peace comes to you from Heaven. Today is the feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. St. Michael is the Prince of the Heavenly Host, and fights against the Evil One, whom he has defeated: where he is invoked the Evil One cannot prevail. He guides all nations. The angels uphold my honour, and the Archangel Gabriel brings peace to the children of God. My children, pray, pray and pray and invoke the assistance of these Angels of God.

As I watched all of you participating in the Holy Mass celebrated here last night, it made my Immaculate Heart very joyful. Christ himself was on the altar. See these flowers! They show that I am joyful.”

“But what are we to do to stop the Evil One from spreading even more error in the world?”

“The evil one will always set out to spread error. Pray earnestly to God to guard you against him. Pray so that you are watchful and wise. You will stand firm through power of the Word of God. Pray to obtain grace from God. Watch and pray. Have faith in God and pray. I will hide you in my Immaculate Heart; I will protect you during the Great Darkness, and after the Chastisement there will everywhere be love and fear of God.

There is joy in Heaven because of the Feast of the Archangels, and there should be joy in your heart too. I will come to you before you leave for school.” Once again the Blessed Lady gave us her blessings and went back to Heaven.

15th OCTOBER, 1995

The Blessed Lady appeared and I greeted her. “Take heed,” she said. “In a short while priests will be coming here to ask you questions. Be merciful like Jesus. Let your heart be filled with mercy. Pray that the mercy of Jesus will exceed the

limitations of self. When people hear my message here some of them will make great and sincere amends, but some will not change. When you go out to spread my message, take with you my permission, and do things accordingly.”

18th OCTOBER, 1995

While I was saying the Rosary the Blessed Lady appeared and said, “Listen to the word of Jesus. When you hurt your neighbour and you apologize sincerely, that person will be happy to forgive you. But when the hurt becomes continuous they will not be happy to forgive you without punishing you in return.

I give you my blessings in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

4th NOVEMBER, 1995

We were saying the Rosary when the Blessed Lady appeared. I bowed to her saying, “*Mother, your peace comes from Heaven*”.

“My little children, you always come here whenever I call you. Truly, my peace comes from Heaven to *you*, my little children. Pray because of this great period of evil that is spreading everywhere. Pray especially now that I may hide you in my Immaculate Heart. Be close to my Immaculate Heart. Pray to withstand the testing times that are at hand, the Great Darkness; pray for those the Evil One has already captured, those who are dead in sin. My little child, pray that the light of the Holy Spirit will be rekindled in their hearts, that my Immaculate Heart may be victorious over the Evil One. Pray now, my little children, that you truly understand my message, and the reason for my coming here.

“*Ene (mother), please tell us more about the meaning of Mediatrix.*”

“All that God is supposed to give to me He has given. God has given me all the graces and the power to bestow them on those desire it. Ask for them. Ask now for the grace that will enable you have complete fear of God. My children, receive my motherly blessings. These blessings will remain always with you.” And I saw her going straight up to Heaven.

21st OCTOBER, 1995

Our Blessed Lady appeared.

“It is the love I have for you that spurs me to come down from Heaven. It is because of the love I have for you that I am always with you.

The being whose mercy for mankind is limitless, my Divine Son Jesus, is sad because of the sins of the world, especially the killing of unborn children. Jesus is grieving for the souls that are lost.” Our Blessed Lady became so sad that her eyes filled with tears. “Say your Rosary every day – every day - and do penance.

FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER, 1995

Our Blessed Lady appeared and I bowed to her. “My children, my little children, it is again because of you that I have come down from Heaven today. Pray that I may hide you in my Immaculate Heart.

My children, those of you who have answered my call, be generous in accepting my request. I want you to say your Holy Rosary every day.”

“Mother the weather is too harsh. Please cool it down, and then we will be able to pray better!!”

“Why then don’t you offer this sun to Jesus as a sacrifice? My children, it makes me unhappy that you come here and do not attend the Holy Mass when it is being celebrated. It gives me joy *whenever* the Mass is celebrated because in the Mass God is glorified. My little children, you should *always* attend because of the love you have for Jesus and my Immaculate Heart.”

“Mother, your children brought their problems to you, and they are many.”

“Why did you not go to Mass?” I answered that I was sleeping.

“I will come to the aid of some of them. They should have faith. Why did you not offer the sleep to Jesus? You will have to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament more frequently.

My children calm yourselves down and do not make so much noise. Wherever I go I give my peace to everyone. Next year I will give you a sign and then I will bless your rosaries. Tell your parish priest to build a church here in my honour. I

give you my peace, my little children: patience, have patience.” Our Blessed Lady then went back to heaven.

27th JANUARY, 1996

The Blessed Lady appeared and said, “Listen to me, my child!” I cried out, and she disappeared, and then reappeared.

“Your peace comes from Heaven.”

“Truly my peace comes from Heaven. Behold, my Immaculate Heart! I will be known here as the Mediatrix of All Graces. It is because of you that I have come from Heaven, because of the love and mercy which I have for you, my little, little children.”

“All these other people are your little children?”

“Do you think you are the only little child I have! The reason why I am coming down from Heaven is to remind you all of what to do and what not to do. I have told you again and again to avoid sin. My children, pray, pray and pray. Do lots of my penance. Remove the thorns surrounding the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Pray most especially for those the Devil has captured. I am happy that whenever I call upon you, you respond to my call. My little children, what I am asking you to do for me now is to entrust yourselves to my Immaculate Heart. Bring yourselves closer to Jesus.

“If someone does much penance because of their sins will they be forgiven?”

“Anyone who does much penance and is truly sorry will be forgiven totally.”

“There are so many people who have a lot of problems and need your help, especially the sick ones. Please take pity on them!”

“That is why I said, you should bring their problems to me to solve for them. I want all my little children to attend Holy Mass regularly. It makes me happy when you attend the Mass and offer all your suffering to Jesus. Receive my Heavenly blessings.”

Friday 16th FEBRUARY, 1996 16/2/1996

The Blessed Lady appeared and said, "I come to comfort you, so that you will be strong and not worry so much about what others are saying. I will not burden you with what is beyond you. Pray, I will always be with you. Do not worry yourself about public utterances, only pray and offer everything to God."

She gave her blessings, and then went back to Heaven.

SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY, 1995

While I was saying the Rosary the Blessed Lady appeared and said, "Listen to me, my little children. You have now entered the period where you have to meditate earnestly on the suffering of Jesus. This is a period of prayer, a time to do lots of penance and to mortify your senses. My children, you have to fast, taking only bread and water.

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It was two years before the Blessed Lady appeared again. I asked, "Ene, when will you take me to Heaven with you?"

"When you have finished what Jesus wants of you. If you love him perfectly, one day I will come and take you to Heaven."

2nd FEBRUARY, 1997

The Blessed Lady appeared and said, "My children, this is another time for earnest prayers, and you must make yourselves available. Pray for those who have become so confused that they seem to have no way of solving their earthly problems. You must pray for those who are not ready to listen to my message. I, the mother of God, continue to remind you to mend your ways because I do not want the Eternal Father to turn his back on you. You must strive to make amends. Your mother knows that there is confusion everywhere. The Evil One is fighting with all his might to confuse my children, I urge you to persevere and not to tire of praying. Pray always for God's grace to guide you.

My Immaculate Heart *will* be victorious. Do not be disturbed, my little children. Be willing to offer all your suffering to Jesus. I will intercede for you, my child. Pray for my children; offer all your pains. I give you my blessing, and may you know the Peace of Christ. You see, my child, the unjust way so many in this part of the world are treated can only bring much trouble. For this country the struggle will be long and hard, and you have to pray.” She then went back to Heaven.

7th JULY, 1997

The Blessed Lady appeared. “Mother, *when am I really going to Heaven with you?*”

“Not yet! You must do what Heaven wants of you. If you love Jesus, then on your death I will come and embrace you and take you to Heaven. Rely on God’s will and the Eternal Father will grant your little desire.

11th NOVEMBER, 1997

The Holy Mother appeared beside the Blessed Sacrament and said, “My children, see how my heart seeks for you, to see your faces and to hear sweet voices that sing praises to God. My Divine Son Jesus is here and He will give His peace to his Church. My children, how much do you long to hear his voice, or to see his face? He loves the purity of the young, but this is being stolen by the Evil One, for so much of what you now see and hear brings about impurity. My young ones fix your eyes on Jesus and he will love you again.

You must pray more, especially the Rosary. There is war everywhere: there is war even in the hearts of brothers. Moreover, there is war in the Church of my Divine Son. Some of my children no longer listen to His teachings: they want a new teaching and practice. All this is caused by the malice of the Devil. Pray always for the Pope. He will suffer so much, and there will be great distress because so many people no longer listen to the Word of God. The time is very short. Offer reparation to Our Lord before it is too late. Jesus has been offended in so many ways. He is merciful, but time is short. Prepare yourself!

28th DECEMBER, 1997

I heard a sweet voice calling my name, and I knew it was the Blessed Lady. I rushed down to the apparition ground, but I did not see her. Then I started saying the Rosary. At last the Blessed Lady appeared.

“I have come to tell you what Jesus wants of you. Constantly lift up your heart to Heaven, especially now. Make this a time of prayer and penance. My little children, whatever you may be doing, come together and pray one with another. Keep silent. Many of you chatter away all the time, and are hardly ever silent. This means that you see and hear many things, but never take time to understand. If you talk too much, you will mislead yourself and at the same time mislead others.

Many of you are so worried about the future that you no longer value your life in the present. Make the Word of God your companion, for it contains all truth. My children, many of you no longer live by this Word of God; you have no understanding of it because your minds are too choked with the noise of the world, and you hardly give time to God. Many have forgotten that their body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit. How many feel true reverence for the Holy Place of God? Many also of my priests no longer pay due attention to the Holy Temple of the Lord. How many of them are bold enough to speak out the truth? So many have even tried to suppress the word of God. Change your ways and ask for pardon! He will look down on you with great mercy. My children, read the Bible and ask for understanding because there is confusion everywhere.

Tell the poor that I, their mother, remember them, that I have them in my Immaculate Heart, especially the simple ones who are suffering. My child, gather these stones, make a hut and put my statue inside. It will remind the poor that I am their mother.

28th APRIL, 1998

The Blessed Lady appeared.

“Forgive each other; forgive wholly from your heart and come to share your great part in his Glory. Do not punish unjustly. Oh, this poor country that has been so precious in my merciful heart!

Little children, worship the Lord in truth. Be sincere in your dealings with one another. My little children who respond to my call must be sincere, pray and be truly devoted to their Heavenly mother and I will answer you in your difficulty. Spread my message everywhere. Whenever you come across problems and confusion, my peace will reign in your heart. Come here tomorrow evening. Goodbye!”

29th APRIL, 1997

At 5pm, it started to rain so heavily that I thought the Blessed Lady would not come again. I was thoroughly beaten down by the rain and there was terrible lightening. Then suddenly the rain stopped and the Blessed Lady appeared just as she had promised. She asked me to say the Glory Be to the Father, which I did. Then she asked me to say the I believe in God, which I also did.

“You see how truly and firmly the Holy Spirit has led the Church, and how many are now willing to listen! All of my being gives glory to God, and all the gifts God has granted me give glory to His Holy Name!”

Then I heard sweet voices singing, ‘O, purest of creatures,’ but it was not the Blessed Lady that was singing. The Blessed Lady asked me to join in, but I could not do so because my voice would not reach such a pitch. Eventually, though, I did join in the singing. The Blessed Lady waved goodbye and she went back to Heaven.

26th DECEMBER, 1998

The Blessed Lady appeared to me in my room and she said, “Would you be so kind as to meet me at Edlo-bole tomorrow morning?”

27th DECEMBER, 1998

“I remind you again, do much penance, a lot of penance. Make time to pray always.” She asked me to crawl on my knees, which I did; then she told me to hurry up to Mass. I thanked her, and she waved.

16th DECEMBER, 2003

The Blessed Lady appeared and said, “The heart of Jesus bleeds so much, dear children, because the true love of neighbour has continued to die every day. I too am sad because the love I brought to your homes has not been allowed to grow. I know the pain you go through, and that is why I have come today. Be courageous like your Heavenly Mother. I bless you always.”

4th AUGUST, 2003.

Our Blessed Lady appeared, saying, “Peace to you my children. Be courageous like your heavenly mother.”

“Ene, look kindly on these people assembled here.”

“I see you in your struggle and in all the difficulties that you pass through, and I will continue to look down on them. My children, have more trust. Say the Rosary because through the Rosary I act as the source of your consolation, and pray in these days for the Pope. I bless you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

4th SEPTEMBER, 2004

The Blessed Lady appeared and said, “I bless you, children of God. I, your mother, see all of you in your difficulties. I pray for you my little children, and the Saints in heaven are also praying for you.”

9th SEPTEMBER, 2004

THE LAST MESSAGE OF THE HOLY MOTHER

The Blessed Lady appeared and said, "I am always with you. Sometimes the cross will be heavy and at other times it will be light. Offer all to Jesus, for in terms of God's Time none of it will last for more than a moment. Remember always to call upon me: do not let the Evil One make you forget to call upon your ever-faithful mother in Heaven.

If you remember all the things I told you, you will always love God and pray for his children. Do not let the Evil One tempt you to disgrace yourselves before Jesus, my Divine Son. I give you my blessing, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

THE SAYINGS OF OUR LADY MEDIATRIX OF ALL GRACES

EVER TO BE REMEMBERED.

- i. Through the Rosary, I act as the source of your consolation. [NB No inverted commas]
- ii. I see you in the face of your suffering; just have a little trust in your Heavenly Mother.
- iii. Always stay close to Jesus.
- iv. If you love the Lord Your God perfectly, I your mother will come and take you home when it is time.
- v. Always Pray the Rosary with a deep concentration, like one who is preparing for death the next minute.
- vi. Do your best to console Jesus by praying for the world”.

**** Afterword to be inserted here.

