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### A MYSTERY OF FAITH

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My dear Daughters,

Today's mystery is a mystery of faith: "I am the Resurrection and the Life," Our Lord said. "If anyone believes in Me, even though he dies, he will live." (Jn.11: 25-26). What do these words mean -- since all men have to pass through death? You understand, Sisters, that they do not refer to natural death, but to death in sin, from which Our Lord has come to draw us. Those who died through sin rise from it at this moment by the power of the Sacraments, and find in Our Lord Jesus Christ the life of faith. It is indeed very necessary to strengthen oneself in faith at this time when Faith is attacked from every side.

These things which occur around us are quite similar to those written about in the Psalms: "Why this uproar among the nations, why this impotent muttering of pagans ... Princes plot against God and His Anointed?" (Ps. 2: 1-2). Because it is to Him that the empire of the world has been given and He will rise up and shatter the heads of those who reject His yoke.

Will He do it once? God alone knows. It is possible that He allow those who repel His yoke the power to fight against religion and to persecute it. But is persecution always an evil? Persecution purifies it; converts many souls; and at this time, there are many people, whom, the persecution against the Jesuits dispose to come closer to God by a sentiment of indignation at the injustice done to them. In short, God will end by affirming His rights, but whatever happens, what might be the suffering, the difficulties we shall have to meet -- it is necessary that a great sentiment of faith make us count on the power of Our Lord Jesus Christ who is the king set over the nations and who, being the resurrection and the life, gives life to those who believe in Him.

Let us pray much during this time, dear Sisters; let us pray for the Church, for souls -- that these may profit by the sight of injustice, and that others be not tempted and weakened when they can offer no resistance, and by that, I refer to the poor little children to whom some people would like to give an impious and revolutionary education.

Let us sincerely ask of God that He humble the enemies of the Church, and let us ask this of Him with very great faith and a very great love for Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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