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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have been exploring in our bulletin articles approved apparitions of Jesus, Mary, and the Saints to certain seers, especially in recent times. We have also been discussing various Catholic prophetic messages that seem to fit with the movement of time and history in our day. A few weeks ago we reviewed the criteria the Catholic Church uses to judge the authenticity of messages from heaven. We begin this week to present prophetic messages from Catholic believers and visionaries that have not received official authentication from a Church investigative process. However, any messages that have not been officially condemned by the Church may be integrated into one's spiritual life provided that they do not contradict anything that Christ and His Church have taught through the centuries. And, so, we must use sound judgement based on whether the message truly fits with our Catholic Faith and what we must believe in order to be saved.

During these days when many of us are thinking to ourselves about the events foretold by Jesus in the Bible which will lead up to the "End Times" and His Second Coming, we may not have been aware that several Catholics throughout the world for many decades have been receiving messages from The Lord, the Virgin Mary, and the Saints regarding these coming realities. There is a website called countdowntothekingdom.com which seeks to compile current messages from heaven, scriptural prophecy, and prophecy throughout the history of the Catholic Church, in order to discern where the world may be in its movement toward the Second Coming of Christ and the Last Judgement. What is good about the theologians and faithful Catholics who have assembled this website is that they seek to be faithful to all of the teaching of the Church, never go against the authority of the Church in judging the authenticity of apparitions and prophetic messages, and they are willing to set aside some of the messages when the Church in her responsibility to guard the faithful from spiritual error has condemned particular messages that come through "private revelation". Over the next few weeks, we will specifically discuss some of the messages presented on this website from those who claim to have received messages from heaven. These messages have not yet been found to be authentic or inauthentic, but fit with scriptural tradition and the Catholic Faith regarding the events leading up to the final coming of Christ. Gisella Cardia, has reportedly received messages from the Blessed Virgin Mary for the last four years. We begin this week with her story because, in the last few days, Our Lady's messages to the world through her are getting more urgent. We quote regarding her story and then provide the last few urgent messages which have come to her the last few weeks.

The website states: "The alleged Marian apparitions in Trevignano Romano in Italy to Gisella Cardia are relatively new. They began in 2016 following her visit to Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and purchase of a statuette of Our Lady, which subsequently began to weep blood. The apparitions have already been the subject of an Italian national TV broadcast during which the seer behaved with remarkable calm in the face of some heated criticism from panelists in the studio toward her and two books. A Nihil obstat was recently granted by an Archbishop for the Polish translation of the second of these—*In Cammino con Maria* ("On the way with Mary") published by Edizioni Segno, containing the story of the apparitions and the associated messages up until 2018. While such a foreign Nihil obstat does not, on its own, constitute in situ diocesan approval of the apparitions, it is certainly not insignificant. And the local Bishop of Civita Castellana appears to have been quietly supportive of Gisella Cardia, having given access early on

to a chapel for the overwhelming influx of visitors who began to gather in the Cardia's house to pray, once news of the apparitions began to spread.

There are several major reasons for focusing on Trevignano Romano as a potentially important and solid prophetic source. Firstly, the content of Gisella's messages converges very closely with the "prophetic consensus" represented by other contemporary sources, without any indication of her awareness of their existence (Luz de Maria de Bonilla, Pedro Regis, Fr. Michel Rodrigue, Fr. Adam Skwarczynski, the diaries of Bruno Cornacchiola. . .).

Secondly, several of the overtly prophetic messages would appear to have been fulfilled: we notably find a request in September 2019 to pray for China as the source of new airborne diseases.

Thirdly, the messages have frequently been accompanied by visible phenomena, photographic evidence found in "In Cammino con Maria", which cannot be the fruit of subjective imagination, notably the presence of the stigmata on Giselle's body and the appearance of crosses or religious texts in blood on Gisella's arms. See the pictures taken from her apparition website <https://www.lareginadelrosario.com/>, which say Siate testimoni ("be witnesses"), Abbiate fede ("have faith"), Maria santissima ("Mary most holy"), Popolo mio ("My people"), and Amore ("Love")."

Here are the last three messages from Mary to Gisella taken from the same website:

Our Lady to Gisella Cardia September 1, 2020:

"Beloved children, thank you for having responded to my call in your hearts and for being gathered here in prayer. My children, today in the midst of all this pain I come to give hope, the hope of a better world full of love, because the kingdom of God is very close. Soon you will feel so much love, wisdom and sweetness in your hearts, because soon this time of fear, of injustice and of pride will no longer exist. God is shaking the world, the earth and your consciences so that you would be capable of kneeling in recognition of your one and only God. So it is that Jesus will open his arms, giving the sweetness of the new world to those who have believed. Leave the things of this world and make your day a continuous prayer. Dear children, do not be afraid, because I will always be with you, above all to comfort you in these sad times. Now I leave you with my maternal Blessing, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen."

Our Lady to Gisella Cardia September 3, 2020:

"Beloved children, thanks for being here in prayer and thanks for having responded to my call in your hearts. My children, the Warning or Illumination will soon arrive, and I am here to ask you to make yourselves ready for this important event for humanity, when there will finally be the last opportunity to choose which side to take – that will be the moment. Preparing yourselves means making a good confession for cleansing your souls, nourishing yourselves often with the Eucharist – this will be the best way. Dear children, the Church is in the most total confusion, but I want to tell my Holy priests not to fear, because I and my Jesus, the only true Savior, will never abandon you. Children, my little ones, I am here to save you and to remind you to pray the Holy Rosary, a unique weapon against Satan. Children, you will be persecuted, there will be punching and spitting along your way, but do not fear, no one will ever be able to touch you, and whoever turns to God with great humility will be a witness to the Kingdom of Heaven and the Triumph of my Immaculate Heart."*

Children, always be lights burning in the world and be witnesses to my love; I am always waiting for you in this place blest by my Father. Now I bless you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.”

[* This is best understood in a spiritual sense rather than as a promise of physical protection against persecution and, for some, martyrdom; we find a precedent for this apparent paradox in Luke 21:16-19: “You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.” Translator’s note.]

Our Lady to Gisella Cardia September 8, 2020:

“Dear children, thank you for being here in prayer and for having responded to my call in your hearts. My children, I see that you fear the famine that will soon arrive, but I invite you to prepare yourselves for eternal life, because that is more important. Dear children, everything will fall, the sky will be tinged with red, the earth will shake as it has never done before. Children, it is useless thinking about a career and accumulating material goods because all this will no longer make any sense. Children, the seas and hailstones will enter into towns and destroy crops; this is a land of sin and nature is rebelling – all this will happen so that all might kneel before God, acknowledging him as the Only God. My children, Jesus weeps because sin and abomination have entered the Church; he weeps because he loves his Church and in spite of profanation He is always there, in pain and weeping. The time is nearly over; please, children, there is no more time, convert. Look often to the heavens: at this moment my angels are fighting against the fallen angels, but pray, pray, pray, and fight on earth for the truth. Do not give in to changes because they do not come from God. Children, my remnant will have nothing to fear because my angels and archangels will protect you. Pray for America which will soon drink the bitter cup. Now I leave you with my Holy Blessing in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.”

As we have mentioned week after week, the best way to prepare for whatever is to come is to pray, especially the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, to repent and come to Confession, to come to Eucharist Adoration and Holy Mass if you are physically able, and to fast and do penance and acts of charity for the conversion of others. As we have also have been encouraging for the last six months, please remember that the grace of Christ that we receive in His Sacraments is our sure refuge during these days. We are all being called to find refuge in Confession and to Jesus present in the Holy Eucharist. Once again, included below, is the liturgical schedule with additional Confession times, Mass times, and adoration times. Weekday Mass times may be adjusted on special days so please remember to check the parish Mass intention section of the bulletin to confirm weekday Mass times. Please remember the Catholic precept to confess sins in the Sacrament of Penance and to receive Holy Communion at least once during or near the Easter Season. Confessions are done in a socially distanced way in the church or outside on the parish grounds. If you are unable to come to church or someone is home-bound and in need of the Sacraments, please let us know and the priest or deacon will come to you.

In Mary, the Queen of Peace,
Fr. Derda, Fr. Steve, Deacon Russ and Deacon Ed