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The Spiritual Transition Journal of Ronda Chervin

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through Anne of Ireland monthly locution:

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Jesus

Dear apostles, how strongly you desire holiness. This desire pleases Me and I will bless this desire. I will increase your holiness. There are times when you despair of becoming as holy as you wish. At those times when you are tempted, I would like you to know that I can make you holy in an instant. If you require heroic holiness in a moment, I can give it to you. The Holy Spirit blows where it is both welcomed and needed so if you welcome the Spirit, the Spirit will sanctify you. I, Jesus, lived on earth and in My humanity I understand the struggles that plague you. I understand the frustration you feel when you examine yourself and find that you have work to do in virtue. Dear ones, consider life like a walk. If you are taking a walk on any given day, you walk. You do not sit down on the path and call that action walking. That would be sitting down and that is different from walking. Your spiritual life is meant to be active. If you look at yourself and find that you need to work on holiness, then you are looking at yourself in truth. You are on the path and you are walking and you see that ahead of you the path continues on into the unknown as far as the possibility for your holiness. I, Jesus, am comfortable with this for you. I am not pleased, however, when you move backwards on the path or leave the path altogether. You were meant to serve Me and you were meant to serve Me in this time. Please, do not be distracted. Do not believe that My plan can do without your service. My plan does not require your perfection, My dearest one, but it does require your presence. If you remain with Me during your time on earth, My treasures are transmitted to you. You can then open your heart to others and allow these treasures to be distributed to them. Ask Me for these treasures for others. I will send them to others through you. Have no fear that this prayer will go unanswered. It will not. It will be answered more generously than you can imagine. Draw closer to Me in holiness, dear apostle, so that I can sanctify you and move into the world through you. Do not be afraid of changes. Just as you must always be moving on your path, so the world must always be moving through time. As the world moves through time it changes and it is changing now. You, dearest apostle, are a part of that change.

October 2, 2008

Partly because of a wish going back many decades and partly because of a sermon of Fr. Ken, I decided to tell Burke Mission that I was willing to take in a homeless person. As you will see later in this journal, this first attempt worked out more than anyone could have hoped for. Truly a gift from Jesus.

From Maryknoll Golden Book:

A little Boy of heavenly birth,
But far from home today,
Come down to find His ball – the earth –
That sin has cast away.
O comrades, let us one and all
Join in to get Him back His ball. Fr. Tabb

I sent a copy of this to the Ridley's and Daniel. It turns out he is one of their favorite poets.

October 3, 2008

Visit of Mary Rose (for background on these locutions go to www.thespiritualtransition.com About Us)

Present: Maria (The Virgin Mary), An Angel, St. Joseph will be coming, Jesus, not visible at the onset. St. Damian (Note from Ronda: Mary Rose had never heard of Damian the Leper. Later we found him on the net with a picture on a stamp that was just like her description of him as around 40 in the vision, with dark hair, squarish face with leathery skin, blue eyes, muscular, hairy thick wrists and arms.)

Ronda to Anyone Present: Do you have something to tell me?

Damian:

Have you ever thought or experienced a change in your job or identification? This is a change for most humans, but it need not be. A change is merely a choice. Who you are is changing, Ronda, and we applaud your efforts to embrace this change.

Part of working with the heart and letting go of previous roles, jobs, identification, is to bring you ever closer to a point where you no longer try to find your personhood in your human doings, but rather in the being that God has placed within you.

Each person is drawn to this same place through different experiences. Some have to have it really rough before they acknowledge the shallowness of their

identity. Others are more open and make their way steadily but surely to the release of the illusion of human identity. So be aware, Ronda, that you are on that path.

Mary Rose: (About identifying Damian) Why can't I get facts and dates?

Mary:

Realize that the names are not really important. It is the message that is conveyed. Too often humans are attached to names. We have revealed ourselves to you. It should be enough to know that those who serve the same God are coming to you. Who they are or from whence they came makes no difference and, secondly, God in heaven does not exist in the realm of time, so dates, specifics, and predictions are limited and for the most part not helpful in breaking your attachment to human perspectives. The point is that we are trying to get through to you with the message to help you along your chosen paths.

Mary Rose: I want to ask all of them about the topic of personal shifts and how they relate to the grand shift.

Mary:

A new dawn, just as Yeshua showed you the other night. This is very important. Don't be afraid. It will be as though the sun is rising for the first time after eternal darkness had prevailed over your minds and hearts. What seems to have been an eternity of war, of lies and deceptions, the fruits of wickedness that were sown when man left his kingdom, and you forgot who you were, how you were made, and have spent every moment since then lost.

But no longer, no longer. We sing for your return. We herald in the celebration for what was once thought separate will be together again. Slowly and with determination, we are ending this cycle of darkness and reopening the gates to the Eden of which you came.

This is the new dawn, This is the shift that you are now becoming aware of. This is a hard concept for you, isn't it, and in truth it seems almost beyond your imagination. It is a big leap of faith to embrace such a world but it is time, it is time for you to ask for our help, to welcome us back into your hearts so that together we can reignite the light.

On a personal level, this will be very different for each individual. That doesn't matter. The important part is that you become aware of the Transition in you. So let us reiterate, the Transition is a returning home of the God-created human. It is a return to heaven on earth. It is replacing the wickedness with light.

So let's touch on two previous times that such a Transition has occurred. Every time in the past that God has tried to relieve people of darkness, it has only reseeded itself in the human nature. Look at how God saved Noah and his family,

but not the others. Such a violent transition God promised not to do again, but it was a transition just like now, only this time He's flooding each of you, with your permission, with light as each person recognizes this shift inside so it helps create a momentum for those around them. It is like stepping through a door from one world into another.

Notice how certain things don't bother you any more. You find that you are less reactive. You may even experience physical changes in your body, in the way that you think about your body. Your focus will start to shift toward the connection you have with all things. You might notice the trees in your neighborhood stand out more brightly or that your heart skips a beat when you see the morning sun. Each person will experience this personal transition differently, so don't compare; just be aware that such a thing could happen.

Would you like to see us? Would you like to be able to hold our hands? Touch and feel us? Soon you will be able to. Soon you will know the embrace which you have wanted and we have wanted.

Keep your attention on what is happening inside you; what resonates within you as you go about your day, ever watchful, ever aware of the growing intensity of our presence within you.

Physical manifestations of this transition are already in effect. The infrastructure of all that you have known needs to change. It is not large enough, nor stable enough, for the expansiveness of the Eden-like humans. So don't be afraid when you see those controlling agents fall down around you. Be vigilant about your focus on light, the love and the truth of God.

Mary Rose to Ronda: I see Yeshua (Hebrew name which is Jesus in English) and feel Him.

Yeshua to Mary Rose (Note from Ronda, I think it is for many of us):

Why are you afraid of the inevitable, of the thing you most desperately want? Why do you doubt what we have to say to you because you sense it and hear it from others? The lion will lie down with the lamb, and the child within shall crawl unharmed in the land of Eden.

There may come a time, maybe sooner rather than later, where you will not recognize who you are and then you will not remember who you have been, for that chapter of your humanity will be finished.

Hear My call. Feel My love for My family and let go of your body and mind so that what is left is the soul.

Do you remember the story of the holy man who waited until I was born and in Mary's arms before he passed away? He asked to live long enough to see the Messiah. Now you must say the same about what is coming. Do you wish to live long enough to see the return of heaven, for it approaches? The new dawn will break within your very lifetimes, now, in the name and body of who you think you are as Ronda and Ann.

Mary Rose: Yeshua, I need some reassurance. I know that You have told me this many times, but to put it so bluntly from me speaking for You?!?!? Can You give me some type of reassurance that you want me to really say it this way?

Yeshua:

Ann, you have to let go, you have to let go of your world. You worry way too much about the limitations of humans. I have been with you for so many nights working with you to bring you to this point, where you will know and understand it's truth; its presence in and of itself. There are too many coincidences that can not be ignored. I am returning and you, as a people, are returning with me, but you can not take the doubt with you. You must leave that behind and don't hold attachment to the lower methods. Your world is changing and you along with it.

All those who wish, will change and you will see the heralding in of a new era.

Mary Rose to Ronda: There's a really bright being here. I can not tell if he has wings or if he is a saint.

The Bright Being: Don't be afraid. Put what Yeshua says in writing.

Ronda to whoever of the Presences wants to answer: Do I need to do more with this than the website (later in the night I checked and the hits on the website www.thespiritualtransition.com had 999 hits so far) and the 6 Steps to Holiness? Are those old lower methods good but to be supplemented by something new such as inviting a group of spiritual leaders to a gathering so You can talk through Mary Rose to them?

The Bright One:

There is a sense of urgency in which we wish to work. However, urgency in your world is accompanied by worry and anxiety; we, on the other side of the veil are not worried or anxious but we are of a determined nature that you understand and relate to what is happening. Others all over the world are receiving the same message as you are. More and more human vessels are being filled with these proceedings, but it is of no use sharing the information if you can not assimilate it first for yourself.

There will come a time when it will be so obvious to everyone and great amounts of talk will be heard about what is happening around you. So what you will see or hear received from us now will only be supported more fully in time. We are trying to get you to gather the momentum with us.

Ronda: So I don't have to do anything different no matter how excited I am about this now? Just absorb it?

Bright One:

Talk about it. Share the information. Try not to be shocked when the two sides of the coin come up. You will be shunned because of fear on the one hand and then you will be supported with resounding evidence on the other. Don't be shocked by either of those. Your reality is changing. Who you are is changing.

Mary Rose to Yeshua, Maria and the others: I have read such claims in other places. You know I have, for you are the one who brought these to my attention, but I don't want to misrepresent the truth of what you wish your people to know. How do you want them to learn about this change?

Mary Rose to Ronda: I just get a series of images:

- 1) a playground slide. The people need to see that you can go from being in one place through a quick dramatic change that may knock you off your feet in order for you to change.**
- 2) Noah's ark. The people who chose not to go on the ark, the panic and violence that they had when the rain started. Jesus doesn't want the people to feel that way now.**

(Mary: We are trying to use the many human voices, messengers, to spread the word as calmly and as comfortably as possible so as not to frighten or cause improper imbalances.)

- 3) The slide becomes like a landing pad where everything comes together, like a ten person slide in an amusement park, but it comes from heaven and lands on earth and all of those meet again, like a congregation, a family.**

Mary Rose: In a resounding voice all the presences reply to our questions about what we need to do this way:

All the Presences:

This is no ordinary transformation. Every soul originates from God, for He created it, but as each soul is making its journey back to God, it participates willingly in the search and the walking of their path.

The path for humanity as a whole is coming to a place of ending and beginning that requires the entire participation and awareness of God within. You can no longer remain asleep. You can no longer pretend that you are separate from the God that made you. This transformation is occurring on all levels for the entire human family.

Ronda to Mary: Should we now be meeting with a wider Transition community?

Mary Rose: Possibly my friend, Suzanne, who can reach people I can't reach?

Yeshua:

This would be very good for Suzanne.

A change is coming. People need to know about it, so however you feel comfortable in hearing this either in a group or individually in a safe, loving environment, give them the information.

Mary Rose to Ronda:

Last Friday morning a white dove flew over my car. There are no white doves in this area. Then later the presences kept showing me that I was to be in the heart space and then came the vision at the Mediterranean sea and cliff place that I have often seen in visions in the past.

I saw a bright red gold sun coming up. The red spread across the horizon and Jesus was with me. He was so happy and relaxed and fully within His domain. He stood with me and that feeling I had was that this is a new world of safety, of light, of divinity, not like anything that we have ever had.

It was one of the strongest images that I have had. It was not rapture, just sheer release. Ah!

Then I came back to my body and I was sleeping on the floor on the pad. Right next to me on my mat was the lamb with the 7 eyes and 7 horns from the book of Revelation. The feeling I had now was intermingled with the new dawn and awe. I was afraid to look at the lamb but I couldn't not want to; like it was too much. But he stayed there with me and then after awhile I just went to sleep.

(Note from Ronda – we got into a conversation about a prophecy that is has been going around in different spiritual circles, including Catholic ones, about 3 Dark Days. I asked the Presences if this was valid or from Satan.

St. Joseph: Don't be afraid.

Jesus: Remember that specifics and details are only possibilities and potentials. Also analogies are used by some as specifics. That is not to undermine the potential, but don't hold or attach to it as truth and don't be afraid.

October 5, 2008

Dear Mary Rose,

I called the publisher of Anne of Ireland's books (CMJ: Chicago) There are two not yet published that are about the kind of thing we got Friday. These were read 4 years ago at Cardinal Ratzinger's office - now he's Pope. Without approving the books he did tell her advisors that she should go ahead with the movement. This they would NEVER have done unless those messages were considered to be not in contradiction to the Catholic faith on things like the millenium etc.

The publisher listened while I read the gist of our message of October 3rd. He says it's just like Anne of Ireland's and that they interpret it to mean a state of great change in hearts - not like some New Age idea of a total change in our situation.

In the meantime, Anne's bishop has a priest assigned to work with her exclusively. He is living in a monastery 40 minutes from her where they are having retreats etc. based on her visions and locutions. The publisher visited this place a month ago.

He also reminded me of John Paul II's proclamation over and over again that there was coming "a New Springtime for the Church.

What a confirmation!

I was swimming in the local pool with my grandsons and in the water I kept wondering why I was so resistant to things being Eden-like. Swimming is my nearest experience of paradise for my body.

Alleluia. Love and prayers, Ronda

October 7, 2008

Bonny said I analyze everything people do and say all that time and that is upsetting to her and I presume others, too, possibly Anne Lassiter who she talked to when she was here.

I need to ponder that. Certainly the Heavenly Presences have told me to live more in the heart than the head.

October 8, 2008

Richard, my philosopher friend at EWTN about cats – he says the cats project onto us their animality – sort of to make us Aristotelians.

I woke with the thought: as the divinity of Christ is to His humanity, so is the immateriality of the soul to our animality.

October 9, 2008

The homeless person I took in, now to be referred to as my guest, Nancy, is a beautiful woman, well-dressed, a Pentecostal singer and poet, divorced mother trying to get her younger children back.

I had a funny experience where I was examining my portable phone and thinking it odd that it had pink dust on it like one has in Sedona, Arizona, where I lived once. Then I realized it was Nancy's mascara from her talking on the phone!

I was feeling overwhelmed by uncertainties. I prayed with Nancy in tongues and got that I am supposed to help her find a job and she got that she is to help me because I am a little lonely for someone to pray with in the house. I admitted that. I do feel that. It felt good to be humble about that.

I remembered the Scripture about widows easing their loneliness through hospitality.

October 11, 2008

I went to the quincinera of a young girl from our charismatic group. This is a sort of coming out blessing ceremony for young girls at 15 sponsored by the older young men in the family such as brothers. Fr. Ken said that it is not so good because they spend a fortune they cannot afford on the clothing and the dinner. Just the same it looked like the Proust Title "jeune filles en fleurs" – young girls in flower. I thought it is such an age of insecurity. How good to have that helped by this Church ceremony, giving the girl to Mary. Also it is a kind of enculturation.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting:

Jesus held me very tight and said "you are flesh of My flesh and bone of My bone." I sensed Him plunging a sweet sword in my heart.

October 15, 2008

What I wrote for Stage 2 of 6 Steps to Holiness Step 4 under Asking for Forgiveness:

I would like to give a personal example. About a year ago I became a close, close friend of another woman in my neighborhood. We would often share meals, advice, prayer and help. I thought she would be my friend for the rest of my life. One day about four months ago she blurted out an opinion different from mine about a moral issue dear to my heart. Her concept was closely linked to painful experiences. Instead of picking up on all the hurt in her heart, I rushed to defend my opinion. Even though I was right about the issue, she was terribly offended that I would ignore her feelings to leap onto the level of intellectual defensiveness. She walked out the door telling me our friendship was over.

I was greatly surprised by the speed of her decision and hurt by her rejection. I confessed my hardness of heart in the sacrament of reconciliation and wrote her a letter asking her to forgive me. It took 3 months for her to make a gesture showing she was willing to try to patch up our friendship. I agreed never to bring up any such issues again and we are trying to keep visits infrequent and conversation relatively light.

Seemingly by accident, however, in the midst of a seemingly trivial conversation, my friend stated “You know, Ronda, you analyze everything anyone says or does. It’s extremely annoying. People can’t stand it.”

I numbed out at this observation but got the grace to reply mildly that this could be true and I would ponder it and try to do better. In prayer it came to me that what she was really saying is not that my analysis of things people say and do is inaccurate or offensive, in itself, but that I substitute analysis for expressions of empathetic compassion!

I started watching myself. Now I am convinced not only that my friend is right about my way of being with her, but that this is a major fault I have never known I had! As Jungians would say, it is the shadow side of my philosophical gifts. Philosophers by trade constantly analyze reality. That is wonderful if we have the grace of the Holy Spirit to come up with the truth. What is bad is analyzing everything in situations where another response is called for such as empathy.

It reminds me of a funny story of a wife complaining that when her husband, a doctor, was making love to her sometimes he would pause and talk about the structure of her vertebrae!

After asking my friend for forgiveness, I decided that I need to bring the subject up with all my family and friends who might have suffered from the same defect so long overlooked by me.

October 16, 2008

At adoration Jesus, Mary and Joseph seemed to want me to be aware that they have arranged a particular balance for me. I have now all these widows in my life for women friends, and to balance it I have, of course, Fr. Ken, and the Flynn (half-way house) boarders and managers and also the philosophy club – only men have stuck it out for a year now!

October 17, 2008

Mary Rose, Ronda and visitors, Dorothy, Suzanne, and Nancy (visiting guest of Ronda)

Present: Jesus, Mary, a dog, and a tall thin man with a spear

Mary:

How fast the change is approaching for you! Embrace what was always yours from the beginning. How quickly the layers of your past are being ripped away. Can you feel the disorientation of this change and the anticipation of our embrace?

(Mary Rose: Mary is really excited.)

Go within! Go within. These are where the changes occur. See the changes within in order to see the changes without. We can not work with who you are unless you are open to its effects. You are an active participant, not an idle receiver. Black out what you know in order to create something new and don't be afraid to change you perceptions for a new reality.

Jesus:

It is time to walk with awareness. It is time to walk in the place where you are now, where we have walked and talked to your people previously. Now it is time for the second lesson. How many do you think understand? How many do you think will understand? You cannot decide for another. You must only decide for yourself.

(Note from Ronda – the Scriptures for the Sunday following this locution included Jesus asking “when I come will I find faith on the earth?)

Dorothy to Mary Rose: My dreams are filled with animals and children, so it was beautiful for me that you said there was a dog present.

Mary Rose: It is a terrier, large, black.

Suzanne: I know that dog, My dog died recently.

Mary Rose: She seems fine.

(Suzanne cries)

(Ronda asks that St. Joseph be present.

St. Joseph: As always, I am here.

Ronda to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph:

I got a huge idea during adoration tonight. I don't want to discuss it with the group but I need to know if it is from the Holy Spirit or is a sham. (The idea concerned building residences for elderly Catholics that would be truly spiritual and beautiful.)

St. Joseph:

Watch your ambition. Perhaps now is not the time for it.

Mary Rose: I sense they are concerned about the amount of energy.

St. Joseph: Like the tree grows, slow as it needs to be at the moment.

St. _____: (a 5' 9" portly man with brown hair and blue eyes.):

There is a great stir of workings to bring you as a whole to a place where you can be awake; no longer asleep. Like the bridesmaids - some were awake and others were asleep.

What does it mean to be awake? What does it really mean? And this is important. It means to remember that God placed Himself within you. If not, how could you exist? To remember this fact is to release the human condition and thereby allow a new expansion of body, of your hearts, and of your understanding.

Think of it this way: how would it be if you could see and communicate with your guardian angel? That is a transition, indeed, is it hot? Have you ever wondered why you can't see them? What would you think the interaction between you and your guardian angel would be like? Like the reaction you have with other humans?

Think carefully. This is so important as a way to understand expansion. Would you treat your guardian angels like you treat your family or your friends? How would you treat them?

Know this: your guardian angel treats you the same as it does any other angel. It praises the God-spark within you as it does with every other (angel). It treats you no differently than it treats the other angels. Do you see the difference?

Do you see the difference between the way humans treat each other and the way angels treat you?

(Note from Ronda: I interpreted this, not to mean that angels see us as angels not men, but rather that angels treat us with respect vs. the off-hand way we often treat each other).

Mary Rose: I never thought about it that way? How would I treat my guardian angel if I could see him? I don't think I would tell him to go mop the floor!

Mary:

It is time for all of you to remember the love from which you come. Long have we sent messengers and we send them still. We have not forgotten who you are and you shall not be left behind. No more must you believe that there is a separation between you and us. Just like the sun whose light infiltrates every nook and cranny, so we will infiltrate every nook and cranny to bring you home.

You can hide only so long from the truth. The truth is inside you and has been for ages. You carry God's light and He knows His own. Is this so hard to remember? Is this so hard to feel? So much damage has been done by creating a separation between mankind and God.

Do you think that when Adam and Eve left the garden that God did not know where they went? Do you think He stopped trying to find them? In the Fall of man, the humans created the separation. But since when has God not known where you are?

Enough! Enough of the separation, you are no more alien to God than is the rest of the universe and we want you to remember who you are.

How difficult it is for humans to get how big this Transition is and yet how simple it is to remember.

Mary Rose to us: It's like what they are asking is so radical that I don't think most people will understand. I can't even put it into words. Mary is showing me a phoenix in flames.

Mary:

Nothing is lost. That which you think you are; you are not; only that which endures the flame is the truth of you. This is the God-spark, so don't be afraid if you are consumed in the fire and come out entirely new. Never before has an offer of transmutation been so in your awareness.

Everyone has the same choice: to remember or not. To remember is to be burned into a newness, into the vibrancy of which you were first intended.

Jesus:

Look within! Do you feel the burning? Can you feel its desire for you to heed My call? Feel it; not think it. Feel it for where I reside is in your heart and where my love burns for you is in My heart. The two are inseparable.

(Note from Ronda – the day before this session was the Feast of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque who had the most influential (for other Catholics coming to know of them) visions of the Sacred Heart.)

Don't be afraid if everything changes. It is like looking through a magazine for one article. In the past, transitions involved ripping the magazine to shreds to get to that article. In this transition we want you to turn each page yourself and find the article amidst all the ads, distractions, pictures. find the article and discard gently the rest. I gave you the methods to do this when I was there on earth and I uphold them now.

But here's a scarier questions now. Do you know what magazine you are and can you sift through the pages without judgment? Your sole objective is to find that article. Don't waste time and energy on who you think you are; on distractions.

Mary Rose: His analogy is that we look at the ads, etc., and say that's my understanding of looking for the article.

Ronda to Jesus: Is this like finding our name that's on the white stone as in the book of Revelation?

Jesus:

Yes, your true name. It is hidden within you. You must find it! Don't be distracted and don't judge what you have not enough love to judge.

Mary:

You mustn't ever think you're alone.

Ronda to Jesus: But that name is so intense and mystical that we seemingly can not just experience that as a steady state of being. So, then, don't we have to be in these others roles between experiences of our innermost selves?

Jesus:

Indeed, as a whole, humanity could not handle the boundlessness of their 'names.' That's why the fire of purification is necessary, but also the Transition must begin in your changing your focus; changing your identity from the

distractions to the “article.” The article is not readable with a human intent. It is readable only by the soul and therein is the seat of God within you.

Mary Rose: The image He shows is that if the human sees the article everything else is blown away and the light is the only thing that can read it.

Ronda to the other humans present in her living room: Let me give you an example to explain. Dorothy, my daily Mass friend, emanates love to all, especially the elderly. She also has other roles in life to fulfill, but she shouldn’t worry too much about them, but just radiate love, which is her true name, or, as Jesus and Mary seem to want to call it, her article. I give other examples such as the way Nancy emanates beauty, and Mary Rose emanates the power of these messages ...

Mary Rose: Mary and Jesus, I want to ask about the message last time. I want to ask about how we communicate. (Mary Rose explains to us: I saw someone who also receives messages get demolished, torn to pieces by the media.)

Jesus:

Do you not think that you would be hit when the eruption took places?

Mary Rose: Yes, but I didn’t want to get bruised.

Jesus:

What is a bruise compared to truth? You evaluate things on the human level with the human mind. That is not the purpose of our transmission through you.

Mary Rose to us: It’s hard to get messages for oneself sometimes.

Ronda: I’ll try if you wish.

Jesus to Mary Rose through Ronda:

Mary Rose, there are two parts of you. One wants only to do God’s will. The other wants, above all, to look like a normal person. This is understandable because of your childhood. Slowly we are healing you of that desire. We don’t blame you when you shudder at the sight of someone being ridiculed because of following us.

Mary Rose: But she was wrong in the message. It was not true and broke people’s hearts. How can I stand as bona fide? How do I know that I am not like her?

Jesus through Ronda:

Have the messages you have given others broken their hearts? No. They bring joy, peace, light and hope. That's how you know they are from us.

Mary Rose: Is it wrong to ask for sensory confirmation?

Jesus through Ronda:

It is wrong to ask for infallible signs. Confirmation is in the experience itself of the fruits of the Spirit.

Mary Rose: I am open to hear anything else.

Jesus through Suzanne:

Don't be so easily lured into others who have the same commitment to Me. They aren't wrong or misleading on purpose, but it is not for you to focus on that yet. You still need to look within because you're not ready yet for what others are saying. It is not lies. You are looking to them to find answers and you are not ready yet. You are being prepared. Like a second grader wanting to go to college.

Ronda: Are the impulses I mentioned earlier not from the Holy Spirit but from me, or are they from the Holy Spirit but I add a rush, rush?

St. Joseph:

Lose time. It is not relevant. Your being is more important. If your being means to dance, write, the timing is irrelevant. Do as you must as long as you are being. The rush is part of your character. It is not your being in the grand sense.

(Mary Rose: It seems that you, Ronda, are picking up on their urgency for the Transition.)

If you work on being present with the impulse, it will be easier to discern it's direction and then look for other pieces that would link to it.

Ronda: Like spread ideas but don't get over-extended?

St. Joseph: There's more happening in you than you think. Think of the stars.

Ronda: Any message for all the readers:

Mary: Get cracking from the inside out and hatch! Don't give up and don't be afraid.

(Ronda asked if we should continue the every other Friday sessions with the larger group as tonight. Mary Rose hesitated because of her fears.)

Mary to Mary Rose: Why are you afraid to wear the pearl necklace?

Mary Rose: I am afraid I'm not doing it well enough.

Jesus:

Be done with this and work! My water comes through to be poured into glasses for those who will receive it. Feel it and burn it.

Mary:

You need to reach as many as possible before the close of what you think is real and the opening of Truth.

October 20-21, 2008

I had a dream (vision?) that I met Pope Benedict the XVI and I told him I was a Jewish convert. He smiled with joy and said always choose mercy over justice.

October 26, 2008

I got a letter from someone who read Love of Wisdom and it helped her overcome the arguments of an atheist professor. Also she loves God Alone.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph: See how we brought you through so many crises as with Msgr. Kevane? (the author of that book though it has my name on it as co-author because I helped him with it. We had a big crisis in the middle of the work, but the Holy Spirit overcame it.) Look, it is hard for a prophetic woman to deal with men. Rest on your laurels. Rest!!!

From wonderful diaries of Dorothy Day:

“Always when I awaken in the morning it is to a half-dead condition, a groaning in every bone, a lifelessness, a foretaste of death, a sense of ‘quiet terror,’ which hands over us all. A sense of the futility of life and the worthlessness of all our efforts. It is, as one of our retreat masters said, as tho we rowed a fragile bark at head of Niagara Falls and all our efforts are to keep from going over into the chasm below.

I turn desperately to prayer. “O God make haste to hel me. Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.’ And there is always ... Lauds (morning prayer) those magnificent psalms, the official prayer of the church, prayers which thousands, tens of thousands are saying each more all over the world. And I am saved ...

This consciousness of salvation comes to me afresh each day. I am turned around, away from the contemplation of the world of sin and death to the reality of God, our loving Father, who so loved us he gave us his son. Son of Justice, who became sin for us, sharing our human condition, bore the penalty, our death, and showed us the resurrection.”

.. ((Dorothy Day, The Duty of Delight, p. 418)

“I was saddened last week when a former nun told me she was tired of going to Mass daily. She had been doing that for fourteen years, and no longer felt it necessary. So much routine.

One could only point out that breathing was routine, and eating was routine ... We go to eat of this fruit of the tree of life because Jesus told us to ... We are nourished by his flesh that we may grow to be other Christs. I believe this literally, just as I believe that the child is nourished by the milk from his mother’s breast.”

(Dorothy Day, The Duty of Delight, p. 459)

“How afraid we are of God, to have ‘Him alone,’ lest having Him we shall have naught.” (Dorothy Day, p. 521)

Letter to Debbie Wang founder of Our Lady of China evangelization movement:

In that same Maryknoll book, called The Maryknoll Golden Book I came upon this beautiful poem to Our Lady of China. In case you don't know it, here it is.

Marion Palmer is the author:

Our Lady of China

**Thou art as pale as the pear-blossoms, and more lovely than the lotus;
The grace of the willow is thine - and thy voice is its sighing, O Lady!
In the courts of mandarins there is no woman like to thee,
And thy handmaids are the daughters of princes.
Thy name is costly incense rising, or moonlight on a lily pond
When the shadows steal down from the mountains;
And white as frost on the moon; the tall bamboos
Bow to the ground at thy passing, even as our hearts, O Lady!**

October 31, 2008

Present: A little lamb (Jesus?), Mary and a young shepherd since he has a staff – Ronda thought it was St. Joseph. – Mary Rose, Ronda, and Dorothy were present.

Ronda: How should I proceed about the Spanish translation of the Transition Messages which is bogged down?

Mary:

There is a great unrest that exists in the hearts of men at this moment, for you see just when they think that all is said and answered, little hints of mysteries haunt their sleep. Many things are unfolding for most people now, who would have never searched for the truth – little things that can't be explained. They are beginning to wonder if they should also seek out their own answers, their own experience of truth. So you see, your people are restless. Now is not the time to push. It is the time to set safe and loving environments.

(Mary Rose: I, Ronda, omitted messages in answer to questions of myself or Dorothy from this transcript. The ones to you are here but will not be on the messages on the web.)

Mary:

Let us be clear about intention and its importance in you day to day life at this time. In previous messages we have talked about the end times, about the return of Eden and many of your people are in great turmoil for they see loss, change, devastation, but what makes those things horrible is your fear and judgment from the human viewpoint.

So, let us remind you of our intentions and this is important. We, your family, want you home. You think you are separate from us, but this is not true. It is our intention to be with you, to love you, to know you and help you until you remember that you re one of us. No lamb was ever lost that we could not find. No disaster or horrible outcome could befall you from heaven. That is not our intention. It is out of the ill perceptions of truth that your sorrow comes; not from heaven. What you have created must be cleansed and it is our intention as it always has been to walk every step with you in all matters of remembering who you are. Hence the cleanse.

Do you want to be part of this? Do you want to remember who you are? Do you want to take a step past belief into being the child of God you are? Then set

your intention as we have ours. Set your intention to be in alignment with the divine, in alignment with the heart of Christ. And therein you will see and feel that we have never left you. We have never abandoned your cause. So, while all the world around you and all that you identified yourself with darkens, crumbles and falls away, know that this is only the cleanse. Look past your humanity and identify with Spirit Surrender to the light that God put within you; to the love, and let everything else fall out of the way and into new places and above all do not be afraid!
The Young Shepherd (who might be Joseph):

Keep watch, dear ones, that you do not judge yourself or others, for judgment is not yours to give. Carry the light boldly, by being your expression of it.

Mary Rose: I have an image of a bunch of people in the water with life vests on.)

All individuals, are being guided to where they are best in service to the Christ-consciousness. Don't fight the water, just let yourself float to where you need to be by listening to the heart He put within you; the heart of love that makes you who you are and makes you one of us.

Mary:

No storm can assail the plan that God has for you; no amount of lightening and thunder can keep us from you; yet, dear ones, all you see is lightening and thunder, but don't be afraid. The storm has its purpose to shake and disrupt all that no longer serves the light of God among you.

Every man now has the choice, as he always has, to choose his path back to God and we will honor that and in such there will be some that may not end up in the same place after the Transition, but again we tell you do not be afraid; each makes his own decision within. What is your decision? What is it that you intend for yourself? Here is a good place to start as we have said before; to heed the call of your soul for God.

(Mary Rose: The night scene is now the same three but it is cloudy and dark and rainy and they keep turning to look at it, but they are not at all effected by it.)

It is the end of the human mind as you know it and is the beginning of a celebration we sing and praise about – the new dawn for our people. Any and all who wish to join; none will be forgotten for there is naught but love from the Creator for you; there is naught but light from the creator for you and we willingly embrace you in the love and light. So don't be afraid. All babies are washed clean in the bath.

(Joseph holds a rose and Mary gave me a pearl earlier)

It is so important that you realize that the change, the transformation that is occurring is a monumental awakening of the divine consciousness in the human

beings. It is the consciousness that needs to be in order for you to experience Eden. This has always been the plan God had made for you. This was and has always been in the making for humankind and so it is important to remember that while we speak to you with your words to help you understand, there are some things that your words can not explain and some things in your experience that can not transition.

So stay centered in your heart, in your prayer, and in the truth that what is to come was always meant to be out of love from the Creator. There will be no struggle, no strife, no hunger, no disease, only that which you wish to create in love will exist for you here.

So, be cheerful and be light hearted, for that is what God is. And so, always, dear ones, we are ever with you.

Jesus turns to Ronda and Dorothy:

Jesus: See it is that you have gathered again to hear words of encouragement and support for the return of love to its proper throne. Know that I am here and I know your ever fiber and you have never been lost from the eyes of the one who made you.

Mary Rose: He is all glowing, eyes so radiantly blue. He seems almost 6 feet in height and has robes yellow and white, throbbing in luminescence like the sun and he is warm, but it doesn't burn, just warmth. Everything seems pale next to him. There is such a peace about all of them; such a sense of victory. The kind of love they have is not like the love I know and experience. It is not needy. It is whole and complete, above emotion and intelligence.

Mary Rose: Half my head feels numb, weird, drugged. The air smells good. There's a little boy. He is standing on the other side of Mary in front of Joseph – a red-haired child as seen in a previous session.

They are telling me that I am tired, so I should rest awhile.

Mary: Peace be with you, little ones.

Close!

GAVE ALL THIS TO DOROTHY – FR. KEN'S IS ON HOLD PENDING RIFT FROM BEGINNING OF THIS FILE TO HERE.

November 1, 2008

from Anne of Ireland

Jesus

Dear apostles, are you aware of My presence? Do you understand how I remain with you in each moment? Sometimes you suffer and in your suffering you feel abandoned. This is merely a feeling that I allow for you so that you can share even that part of My Passion with me. I could never abandon you and I do not abandon you. I remain with you, consoling you and guiding you. If you are suffering, My friend, you can be sure that I am aware of your suffering, and that I am providing you with special graces to cope with your cross. In the same way that I remain with each beloved apostle, I remain with the whole world. I, Jesus, love every person ever created by the Father. I seek goodness and peace for every man and woman on earth. I am looking out for the heavenly interest of all of God's children. You, My dear ones, possess an earthly view that is limited. I understand that your view is limited because I understand everything about you. At this time I would like you, My beloved apostles, to also accept that your view is limited. In seeking the good of all of God's children, I must allow changes to come which will impact all of God's children. I do this to bring about the goodness and peace I refer to but the change will be gradual in terms of the benefits to come. Trust Me in everything. I do not abandon even one of God's children and My beloved apostles who give Me constant friendship and loyalty will be united with Me in everything. Be at peace, dear children, I am with you.

November 3, 2008

I feel all jangled by the election and troubles in the parish. Carla, my daughter, is helping me very much because she knows the neurotic parts through and through. Actually I feel desperate. I reread the locutions of Friday October 31 for me, and now I am going to sit quietly in inner listening.

JMJ:

We give you moments and sometimes hours of peace and joy to give you courage, but, of course, there will always be sufferings until the Dawn.

We have changes in mind for you, but it would not help you to know about them now. We want you, in the meantime, to become ever more attached to us and detached from others, including from frantic plans.

Suppose you do as little as possible, but follow the lead of the Holy Spirit who you claim to want to let lead you. Be in great trust, so you can let our love in. Say "Jesus, I trust in you" constantly during this time.

If you try to quiet your soul, you will be able to notice better all the ways we are trying to help you such as Felix and Conchita and our dear Nancy.

November 4, 2008

Last night, in the doldrums about election tensions in the parish, I read this extraordinary passage from the Maryknoll Golden Book (NY: Book Treasures, 1956, p. 340-341) by Paul Horgan about an old French missionary riding through the deserts of Texas to visit his flock.

“He (Fr. Louis) had seen men grow old and die in his visits here, and their sons and their wives bring new souls to this wilderness in turn. They learned severe lessons in isolation, heat, and the hostility of the animal and vegetable world. Everyone, the child, the grandfather, the husband, the wife, the youth, the horse, the maiden, worked unceasingly against dust, thorns, and scarcity from dawn to dark. The great world was but a rumor here, and, by the time it came to the brush deserts, mostly wrong. But a world without limits of dimension dwelt behind the eyes of all those parched, brown people obedient to the natural terms of their lives. It was the world of the human soul, in which could live promises so beautiful and satisfactions so full of ease that the hardships and betrayals of impersonal nature could be survived, if only someone came from time to time with the greatest news in all life.

For Fr. Louis knew in a simple flatness of fact – fact as hard as rock, as mysterious as water, as dazzling as light – that without God the richest life in the world was more arid than the desert; and with Him the poorest life was after all complete in a harmony that composed all things. To be the agent of such a composition put upon him a duty in the light of which all peril on his journeys became at worst an inconvenience. Everyone he toiled overland to see needed and deserved that which he, at the moment, under existing circumstances, alone could bring. In a very practical way he was still awed by the mystery of his office. And as a human being he could never deny himself the joy it gave him to see in their faces what his coming meant to his people in the harsh wilderness. They knew what he had come through. They were proud to be thought worst such labor and danger. They loved him.”

His mind was active in the solitude through which he crawled day after day mounted on Pancho. One of his favorite fancies was this, that a great triangle existed between God in heaven and any little ranch toward which he rode through the days and himself. It was an always changing triangle, for one of its points was not fixed: his own. As he came nearer and nearer to his goal of the moment, the great hypotenuse between himself and God grew shorter and shorter, until at the last, when he arrived, there was a straight line with all in achieved communion.”

We could substitute quite a different landscape but the same truths for our dear priests.

November 4, 2008

Little microcosm incident with Fr. Ken. I brought over the Horgan quote for him. He wanted to take it away with him but I insisted he read it in front of me to see his delight. He bridled but did read it and loved it. I realized and told him that this is

part of the problem the EJ in me wants to share everything immediately and the IP in him wants to be a loner and his own pace. Of course this means conflict. He agreed.

November 5, 2008

I read an interesting thing about how Pope Pius XII saw the sun dancing a few times – the description is just like what I saw in Medjugorje and now sometimes in the sky, including today.

I was glad to see a black person win even though I am so sorry it is a man with his awful views on abortion. Ken Diem talked about how we have to see that it is in God's hands.

JMJ: We don't want you to expect salvation through politics, but from God. Let go of it and work heart to heart to save babies.

Lily: Don't be under Fr. Ken's spiritual direction, but stay unless God shows you something else because of the boys and the goodness for you of being near Carla.

November 7, 2008

Gen suggested that I need to accept what happened with Fr. Ken and that it is different to accept with anger or to accept with love. I am pondering that like a mantra: accept with love.

November 8, 2008

Dear Carla,

This evening it came together. My dear homeless woman sure enough can't find a job - she doesn't have any HS diploma because she kept her baby out of wedlock when she was 15 and dropped out of school and there are no jobs anyhow. So she accepted my plan to exchange my place to stay in while she takes courses in day care and elderly care where there are jobs when she gets a certificate in May, while at the same time volunteering to help the elderly and caregivers free at our parish.

Tonight we made the announcement of her volunteer offer and sure enough a woman whose husband has dementia came up to her after Mass and asked for help!

I am so thrilled to have been able to follow the Holy Spirit in this barter.

I remember you liked this idea so I thought you'd like to know it is happening. Meanwhile she is a lovely presence in the little apartment because she is very quiet since she spends her time writing Pentecostal songs and writing her memoirs.

Shalom, Ronda

November 9, 2008

Ronda to JMJ: I just want to give up and hide. You have told me just to get closer to you and detach from Fr. K. and frantic plans, but I feel as if I can't break free. Carla said to talk to my father. She said I wanted him to love me as a child even though I provoked and challenged him and that I am doing that now with Fr. K. She thought you can't lay such a heavy burden on a friend. That sounded true. Now I am bringing all this to you in inner listening and also to God the Father, the Holy Spirit, my angel and my saints.

JMJ and others: Poor little one. We love you with all your knots. We don't think you are a terrible person. We think you are a wonderful person with defects we are trying to heal.

JMJ: You are a dedicated widow of the holy family. We are your family. Can we do more to show you our love?

You need to follow your way of life and stay away from everything that is hard that you can avoid. Drench yourself in prayer all this time. Stay out of the close radius of Fr. K. Don't analyze anything. Make this a retreat time for your mind, heart and soul.

Don't fear. Don't plan. When the time is right we will show you where you belong in the exterior sense.

But know that you belong in our hearts. We are the only ones who perfectly understand you. We have put in your heart your most cherished values. The cross of the prophet is that others will not listen.

You can not manufacture peace. Open to let our peace in.

From a letter of Sister Judith,

The relationship with your daughter and grandsons is very important to you as well. You need this for that other dimension of yourself - to fulfill within you a sense of completion of the maternal instinct. You need to give in this manner to receive back what you didn't really experience as a child. There is a name for this, but it escapes me at the moment. There is nothing wrong with this, it is very Biblical. I cannot recall the passage, but it has to do with giving and you shall receive! In giving of yourself, your presence there at this point in history, you are reaping a sense of that

maternal part of your daughter back to you. I doubt if this could have happened in any other way.

November 12, 2008

I was just at a fund=raiser for our half way house for addicts. New experience writing name tags instead of giving a talk. It was so moving. Inviting were the creme de la creme of Morganton society with many blacks as well as whites. There was a witness story by a black man who had been in prison for drugs, etc. for many years. He almost died over and over again from alcohol and tried to shoot himself but the gun wouldn't go off, so he finally called on God and never took another drink again and how he was at our half way house 20 years ago and how they helped him rise from weeding gardens to spending 10 years getting his H.S. diploma and now he is a substance abuse counselor. A great black gospel singer sang and we clapped.

For a NYC gal who grew up stereotyping the South as benighted it was quite an evening. You would have loved it.

Shalom, Ronda

November 14, 2008

Present: Jesus, Mary, Joseph Angels, St. Sebastian, St. Catherine, Aeratus

St. Sebastian:

to Ronda: It doesn't matter where you go; the problem (of conflict with Fr. Ken) will go with you because the problem is mostly in you.

then to all readers:

Let us again bring to the forefront what is happening both with you personally and with the planet. See how you have all suffered during what you call this week. You can't bring your problems through the doorway of the Transition. There are no problems in the New Eden. You still hold onto your complexes, but we tell you very sincerely and in total love you don't have (complexes). Let them go. You are whole and complete just as God made you. You cannot walk through the door with the complexes. We are only helping you to let go of them, but it hurts when your self-identity is your complexes.

Ronda: What about Sr. Mary Jean Tate's plans:

Sebastian: Mary Rose says that he is not speaking but the impression she is getting is that the relationship with her is good for the present, but the image is that she is

working on this, but she doesn't quite know how to put it together and therefore there is a part of her that is not committed totally and her angel is working with her on it, but, I, Mary Rose, am not sure that it is long term. Could be the wall she is leaning on, but when she turns the corner, she might not need it.

Ronda: So that means I should not give it too much weight for me?

Sebastian: It would be good to be with her and communicate. The connection is good for now.

Ronda: When Jesus and Mary and Joseph last time said I need to find a director who can cross the boundaries necessary for the transition, they mentioned political boundaries. I got confused because there is no way I can relate to any director who was, for instance, politically pro-abortion. But I am thinking she might not mean that.

St. Catherine (this did not appear from Mary Rose's description to be any of the famous St. Catherines we knew of.)

There are aspects of your organization that are going to be flipped upside down, unopened drawers and unread books, will be brought to you. Your idea of spiritual direction will not be the same. It is difficult at this time to be exact about details regarding the human framework. A lot depends on who chooses the transition.

The time of the guru is over. Soon more and more people will be communicating directly with us, but in the meantime survive the transition.

Ronda: Help, help, help! St Joseph be my father in the meantime!

St. Joseph: You need to embrace the male aspects of yourself (said kindly and gently)

Remember that you are never left unattended during this chaotic time. It is very important that you ground yourself in the following truths:

You are loved.
You are safe.

Many, many things will change very quickly. Surrender.

Aeratus:

Steady yourselves, for the push and the growth of the human heart continues. You see, the human heart was made much larger than what you use,

what you think of as your heart. It was meant for the human to know that it was loved, but you've forgotten.

To awaken God's heart within you requires tremendous surrender on your part and faithful projection of oneness on ours. Hear and feel how we love you so. You cannot yet comprehend how fathomless this love is. So, as the work continues and your metamorphosis continues, stay grounded in trust.

Yes, this will be difficult and yes, this will involve some serious cosmic shifting, but don't be afraid. It is all part of the process. This is so radical and you are on the cusp of making the leap, so imagine that some of this experience is like falling off a cliff and all the fear that comes with that and how threatening that is to your life, but that's just it. You define your life as being easily taken away. Life was made by God. It cannot be taken away. So when you hit the ground you won't be the same but you will still have life.

The fall is meant to strip you of all erroneous beliefs, illusionary crutches and limited mental understandings. So much has to be re-taught. Are you ready to hear it? Are you ready to love yourself as we do? Are you ready to forgive yourself as we do?

Everybody has the choice to fall or not fall and the fall is only as scary as you make it out to be, but it is necessary to strip you of your identity. Humans identify themselves as being separate from God. That is not the intention of the Creator. So fall; we are waiting for you. We love you unconditionally.

(Mary is beaming)

Mary Rose: I am in the prayer place with all of them and my feeling is that our minds are being wiped clean. We will wake up and not remember that there was a me or you. Everything will be more celestial. I will not want food. I won't feel hot or cold. There is no need for shelter.

You are being de-programmed. The more you fight it, the darker the experience will be. Remember, and set your intentions.

Ronda:

This sounds just like heaven. Is the transition another name for the end of the world and the beginning of "the new heaven and the new earth?"

Aeratus:

To some extent humans will affect what is happening, but hear this in your heart, not your minds: things can not persist as they are. The earth, as you know,

would have already perished without our help and the human race would have doomed themselves without the work of the light.

Can you accept that certain prophecies have been over-ridden? This Transition is not about doom. The end times are not about death. Since when would a creator destroy his own. This is about an awakening. The end times are an awakening: a chance like no other to walk through the door back home.

(Mary is putting energy through Aeratus. She is imbuing his words so that his colors: bronze and gold have an overlay of luminescent pearl and silver).

Yes, this is the end of what you understand as separateness, the isolation and forgetfulness. You have made up all these words, these rules, believing that you had to exist as a society separate from your Creator. Oh, children, this is not true and it is time that you remember, falling away are the institutions and the structures that do not serve God's people in love and light.

So, yes, these are the end times. An end to what you believe in as governments and culture. Truly there is one God and you are all children of this God. You must know that you are one family. So let go of all that does not serve Christ-consciousness, the light of the divine and your true being. Watch yourselves. Stay grounded. You are loved ...

Mary: Stay where you are. Don't let the fear in. Many will panic.

Dear Mary Rose,

I happened last night to read a glorious thing from Anne of Ireland about the priesthood. So after Mass this noon, I walked up to Fr. Ken and said "I read this wonderful thing about the priesthood and I want to give you a hug, and his face lit up with joy."

I think it's a miracle from dear Mary to quiet me down and keep me from wanting to flee. Dorothy was delighted, of course.

An amazing witness story that confirms a previous locution saying that Heaven is working within the darkness to change people's hearts!

Serbian Abortionist Who Aborted 48,000 Babies Becomes Pro-Life Activist
MADRID, November 13, 2008 (CNA) - The Spanish daily "La Razon" has published an article on the pro-life conversion of a former "champion of abortion." Stojan Adasevic, who performed 48,000 abortions, sometimes up to 35 per day, is now the most important pro-life leader in Serbia, after spending 26 years as the most renowned abortion doctor in the country.

"The medical textbooks of the Communist regime said abortion was simply the removal of a blob of tissue," the newspaper reported. "Ultrasounds allowing the fetus to be seen did not arrive until the 80s, but they did not change his opinion. Nevertheless, he began to have nightmares."

In describing his conversion, Adasevic said he "dreamed about a beautiful field full of children and young people who were playing and laughing, from 4 to 24 years of age, but who ran away from him in fear. A man dressed in a black and white habit stared at him in silence. The dream was repeated each night and he would wake up in a cold sweat. One night he asked the man in black and white who he was. 'My name is Thomas Aquinas,' the man in his dream responded. Adasevic, educated in communist schools, had never heard of the Dominican genius saint. He didn't recognize the name."

"Why don't you ask me who these children are?" St. Thomas asked Adasevic in his dream.

"They are the ones you killed with your abortions," the Dominican saint told him.

"Adasevic awoke in amazement and decided not to perform any more abortions," the article stated.

"That same day a cousin came to the hospital with his four months-pregnant girlfriend, who wanted to get her ninth abortion - something quite frequent in the countries of the Soviet bloc. The doctor agreed. Instead of removing the fetus piece by piece, he decided to chop it up and remove it as a mass. However, the baby's

heart came out still beating. Adasevic realized then that he had killed a human being,"

After this experience, Adasevic "told the hospital he would no longer perform abortions. Never before had a doctor in Communist Yugoslavia refused to do so. They cut his salary in half, fired his daughter from her job, and did not allow his son to enter the university."

After years of pressure and on the verge of giving up, he had another dream about St. Thomas.

"You are my good friend, keep going," the man in black and white told him. "Adasevic became involved in the pro-life movement and was able to get Yugoslav television to air the film 'The Silent Scream,' by Doctor Bernard Nathanson, two times."

Adasevic has told his story in magazines and newspapers throughout Eastern Europe. He has returned to the Orthodox faith of his childhood and has studied the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas.

"Influenced by Aristotle, Thomas wrote that human life begins forty days after fertilization," Adasevic wrote in one article. Scientific advancements since Thomas' time, however, have revealed that human life begins at the moment of conception. La Razon commented that Adasevic "suggests that perhaps the saint wanted to make amends for that error." Today the Serbian doctor continues to fight for the lives of the unborn.

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November 19, 2008

Do you recall how in old Victorian novels each chapter opens with a funny teasing headline? I always think of that when writing The Sisters Karamazov in my head as in

Chapter 71 In which her brilliant daughters mainstream old hag Ma out of the Catholic ghetto into cyberspace.....LOL

The above relates to starting to work on Educadium with my daughters teaching me. This will be for on-line courses of mine if I can get with the program.

Letter to my twin sister, Carla

Dear sister mine,

Diana, in passing, said "since you are a little fragile..." I was a bit stunned. I said it was a good word for what I feel.

Since sometimes it is used as a euphemism for crazy it frightened me a little. Then I thought "at 71 why shouldn't we be fragile?"

I wondered what you would think? Well, our father and mother were only fragile at the very end of their lives in their eighties.

The word that more often comes to my mind is tremulous coming from since doing so much anger management I am less angry and anger is a cover for fear, the tremulous side is more in evidence. We are taught in Abraham Low's Recovery, Inc. system that when one feels anxious the best thing is to move your muscles, which for me means doing whatever I was planning to do vs. sitting and thinking about how unpleasant it is to feel tremulous, or, now, shall I say, fragile?

Stream of consciousness; fragile, aspen leaf, weak, miserable, in need of help, breakable?

Your thoughts? Thy fragile old sister, Ronda

Actually I like being with my family members when they are taking care of me in some form, physically or emotionally. It feels comforting.

How does this fit with St. Joseph saying I need to be more masculine now? Maybe just in a sense of doing spiritual warfare against persecutors?

November 20, 2008

I was praying the luminous mysteries and came to the Beatitudes. Jesus, Mary and Joseph seemed to tell me: you will never have peace if you have to see results of your actions and prayers in the world.

Could anyone think, as Augustine said, that the Church would spread throughout the whole world and now with the help of your separated brethren there is no place in the world where Jesus has not been preached? So just pray over and over again.

Jesus: Peace, for I, not you, save.

November 22, 2008

Pondering St. Sebastian's advice (from Mary Rose's locutions last week) that wherever I go I will have the same problem because it is mostly in me, I went to confession: the problem is that when I feel rejected whether it is true or not, then I want to flee but that is because I dream that there will be no crosses elsewhere and that is refusing my childhood with the crosses God allowed for me. I am presuming

my worst suffering as a child was feeling rejected by my father vs. accepting all of this from the hands of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Fr. Ken asked me to suppose I was surrounded by only people who agreed with me on everything. Would I then seek out others with differences I said, probably I would, because those with differences have good differences such as playing the organ. He laughed and said he wasn't rejecting me and he would prove it by giving me a Hmong New Year's egg.

November 25, 2008

Letter to Educadium Group of Teachers learning how. (Actually some do know how and are just helping test the new programs)

Re: Thanksgiving Stories?

by [Ronda Chervin](#) - Thursday, November 27, 2008, 11:52 AM

Hi, old family and new friends,

For those who don't know I, Ronda, am the proud mother of Diana and Carla of Educadium. Thanksgiving Day is not a Catholic holiday as such but gradually over the centuries so many people wanted to come to the Eucharist (which means thanksgiving, by the way) that we always have a convenient time non-obligatory Mass - this year it was 10 AM and I was expecting quite a few to turn up but the entire Church filled up - half of them hispanics.

I was thrilled to see that the hispanics who don't have this holiday in Guatamala are beginning to see it as their holiday also as new Americans. They have a delightful custom. On birthdays they dress the child to the nines and the child goes up with the family to the altar for a special blessing and kisses from the priest and the family. Senora Magdalena, my favorite hispanic grandma who has 60 grandchildren sat proudly watching the blessing of the tiny 3 year old with a huge white satin hooped skirt. I told her "tu es la madre de todo el mundo" and a radiant smile came over her gnarled face.

We also had the blessing of the prayer shawls. This is a fad in Christian Churches. A Methodist knit-aholic brought it to our Church. Old women but also young girls who want to learn how to knit, come Sunday afternoons and knit shawls for the sick shut ins while praying for them. It feels like a 19th century sewing circle and it is very cozy and sweet. I knit one for Lucy, my former son-in-law's mother who has Alzheimers. Our priest draped the prayer shawls over the front pew in a wonderful pattern of colors and said a blessing over them and members of the congregation who knew sick people took the ones that had not been allocated by the knitter for a specific relative or friend.

Our priest gave me a bouquet of flowers, a bottle of wine, and a fruit basket to bring

to Carla for her feast. Soon I shall leave for the festive gathering described above by Carla. I live 15 minutes drive from her.

My favorite adage about thanksgiving comes from my godfather who wrote a book about Gratitude. He claims that thanksgiving "opens the gift" as it were. If we are not thankful, say, for the beautiful ocean, then we do not receive it as not only an accident of nature, but as a special gift from God he hopes we will enjoy.

November 28, 2008

Present: Maria, Yeshua, Joseph and others

Ronda to Mary Rose: I woke up in the night in a kind of panting rapture and then got messages about ceasing to plan so much and be more in the moment so that Jesus, Mary, Joseph and Guardian angel can help me more.

Maria:

It is important for the two of you, at least, to understand that we are also making an effort in these sessions for you to just be with us, perhaps without words, but today we also have a message you should feel free to share to anyone who wants to hear it.

We've reached a crucial mass, a critical point, in the changes that have been set to happen. If you feel deeply within your body even you will know that these changes are real and that you are not the same person that you have been even from yesterday.

Now this is important, oh, my little daughters. This is important! The identity that you have long sought – can you feel that you don't seek it any more? The purpose that you have often claimed is not your purpose any more. Have you had trouble finding your rhythm, your daily routine in the world? Do you have trouble finding your mind? This will increase for we are dissolving who you were in terms of your outward definitions.

Soon, for many, it will be impossible to find anything outward and our children will finally go within to seek their connection to the one family of the Creator.

Ronda: (thought within herself) that it was no coincidence that she is calling herself a dedicated widow of the Holy Family.

Everything is breaking down and the framework of your reality is collapsing. These times may invoke discomfort, fear, confusion, sorrows in even the most light filled humans, but as told you this week, let yourself drown and (let) all that is

happening around you (also drown?), for what can happen to the inner spark of God?

(Side note from Mary Rose to Ronda: I had a hard day on my birthday and I went to them and couldn't get a clear message and finally after about 45 minutes of trying to receive, I was told to imagine myself in a sea, but the sea is nothing but emotion and what is around in the world and they made the point: look it is all over you. You are soaked, with these feelings, but you are untouched. The part of you that is God is untouched, unharmed by being in this sea. So, that's what I think Mary is referring to above.)

Maria:

There's a lot of healing taking place on this planet. Let us speak for a moment about the depth of where each of you are. The complexity of the human story as you have seen often repeats itself both in the individual and in the world.

What most of you see as separate cultures are actually just different colors of the same light. What is happening at an unprecedented rate on your planet is the recognition of the light rather than the different colors. This means that the depth of your awareness is growing. We rejoice in this occurrence for it bring you closer to the truth of God's presence in each of His children.

(Ronda: Pope John Paul II added to the joyful, sorrowful, and glorious mysteries of the rosary a set of luminous mysteries. Also Pope Benedict is a figure full of light.)

Maria:

The changes that are happening in your personal lives now are dramatic and they are also dramatic across the world. Do you see the connection? Do you feel the connection? What happens within the world happens within each individual. There is no difference. It is all melting away, little ones. Everything that you have known in your history, in your books, in your walls, in your institutions, it is all melting away so that what was blinded will see again and what was sad will be healed and what was lost clearly found.

The most important thing that is being resolved is our mind. Children, children, don't dominate your life out of the mind but, instead, bring out your heart; the seat of God's light within you.

We have previously discussed how important your intentions are. Let us remind you again that your intention is one of the most powerful ways to enact your prayer. But know, also, that what you set your intention as, that is where the angels will help you. In a sense your intentions allow them to help you more intimately.

But, let's go deeper into how an intention works and why you will see more connection between what you set inside and what becomes outside. The emotions

that come with certain thoughts empower you to behave. But, eventually even this emotion can peter out and therefore the behavior will cease.

With intention you access the light within by setting aside all other mind patterns and therefore the behavior or results that come from this light do not cease. It makes a permanent ripple on the surface of your consciousness, because the light will not cease.

Do you see the difference between using your intention and light as your source of power? One ceases, for it is based on limited perception and the other is based on the light from the Creator. Notice also that when you set your intention you must do so be going within. It is not an outward goal. It is not materialistic. It is based on what you truly wish to be.

Yeshua:

So, let us make this statement as joyfully as possible: to know your connection to God, go within. That is where you can set your intention and the angels, saints, the whole family of One, will be there to help you.

Dear ones, as this time of change continues any and all behavior patterns that you have cultivated that involve seeking outwardly will be taken away. You will find that going within is the only solace you need. Some call this a going home. There is as much work to be done within as that in the world. So, again, what you see happening within will be also in the world.

Ronda asked Yeshua:

Do you mean that the sacraments of the Church are not going to matter any more?

Yeshua to Ronda:

Certainly the ritual that you all have cultivated since my presence on earth also centers and grounds, but I tell you that the community will be defined by what is within. Be aware of what it is you seek when you come together in service and in prayer; for with My return much will be realigned within you. Mine is a message of love, not ritual and it starts within.

Ronda to Yeshua:

But the Holy Spirit teaches us in Your Church that the Eucharist is the greatest form of Your presence. So I can understand if you mean that this does not help us much if we are not praying within but just taking You without deep receptivity. But if You mean that inner prayer is the greater presence, then you put me in crisis!

Yeshua to Ronda:

Let us think of it another way. Do you think that anyone of My saints would be less loved and less My own just because he or she was prevented from having the Eucharist?

Ronda to Yeshua: No.

Yeshua: Then why should you be put into crisis by my encouragement of presence?

Ronda: Because so many choose inner prayer instead of the Eucharist for many unchristian reasons such as they just want You and not community with others.

Yeshua: Again, we are back to the intention within, setting the precedents for the experience that each of you have when you come to prayer alone or even in a community. It is the intention that makes My presence more a part of the individual's awareness and therefore the community's awareness.

The sense of community that can be so important for the growth and development of faith in My people is changing. Can you imagine the sense of oneness that I had with My saints while they were on earth? This oneness came in two directions: 1) from their intention to be one with Me and 2) my ever-present intention to be one with them.

Presence: acknowledged and awareness of the light that is carried within you and My light which is everywhere: this must come to the forefront for all My children and from this place a new community will enjoy holiness together. Don't be afraid if the perception of ritual changes; is easily influenced by the human ego. Holiness is easily influenced by the light.

Maria:

This is so dynamic. this is so groundbreaking for all of you and we encourage you not to give up; not to be afraid; to go within and find this there; to let go of your limited identities and the world created by this limited identities.

Ronda: You mean something like Taize?

Yeshua:

Imagine a gathering where every known religion, doctrine or belief comes together for the truth of My body given Eucharist. Imagine if I presided over this gathering. This is a place to start; for that is what is to come.

Be aware, dear one, that much has to change. Don't let the fear deceive you. There is truly only One God and you are all servants of this God. Rituals will change, but not God.

(Note from Ronda: This response seemed glorious and overarchingly true, but I thought he must mean heaven not earth – I am praying about whether I need to ask Him more questions to settle my soul on this part of the locutions before posting it on The Spiritual Transition)

Maria:

Surrender, dear ones, to light and don't be afraid.

(Note: later this exchange did bother me and I took action to find a confirmation from a priest who works all the time with locutionaries and visionaries. See latter part of the journal for explanation.)

Mary Rose: Everything is stirred up in my body.

Ronda: In pain/

Mary Rose: Floating.

Ronda: This has nothing to do with my flashing image yesterday of the Yoder farms?

Yeshua:

Your way of life will dramatically change. Much which has been hidden from you will be revealed and life will lose all sense of fear of poverty and malnourishment. There is more than one way to farm in God's creation. In time more will be said on this matter.

For now, remember to focus on your awareness; our presence, and our oneness.

Ronda: Should I use at Flynn house sentences from the Transition locutions?

Yeshua: That is fine.

Mary Rose: Ave Maria, Ave Yeshua.

Maria and Yeshua: Ave to you, Little Rose.

**December 1, 2008 From Anne of Ireland Direction for Our Times:
Jesus**

My dear little apostles, there is so much to be done. You see the need to bring Me to others. You see your brothers and sisters struggling in darkness without Me. If the light is to be brought to them, it will be brought by you. When I say there is much to be done, I am telling you that the world needs your service, it is true. But I am also telling you that there are many things to be done in your soul. You must be committed to changing. Are you prepared to allow Me to make you holy? If you are not prepared to let go of those things that prevent you from progressing in holiness, then you will not advance. If you do not advance, you will move away from me. You will begin to resent Me for the crosses I send to you. You will begin to persuade yourself that perhaps there is an easier way for you, a way that calls for less sacrifice and less commitment. This will not be My plan but your plan. This will be your version of holiness, not Mine. I know that some of the services I ask from you are repugnant to you. I know this and yet I call you into these things anyway. If you reject parts of the work, you will be executing an incomplete plan. I have a big plan. I build on it each day. You are part of that. I need you to listen carefully for My directions and then serve exactly as I am asking. My dear friends, if I cannot instruct and direct you, then who will listen to Me? Who will trust Me to protect humanity? Where is the joy that comes from God's children when they trust their Father in heaven? I tell you that where joy is absent, trust is absent. When a person is humble, he will see that he needs greater trust and he will try to become smaller so that I can become bigger in his life and in his work. I am asking you to do that. Be humble. Allow Me, Jesus, to be your King. My kingdom was not of this world. Your Kingdom is not of this world. You will be rewarded in heaven, My beloved. For now, serve Me, your King, in the way I am asking. This will be the best plan for you and for the world.

December 2, 2008

Ronda to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph:

My dear Holy Family: you know everything. You know that I love you and that I don't like questioning you, but I don't want to put something up on the web that will deceive any reader. I am wondering if Mary Rose got something in the locution wrong or if what you said is really about the millennium or heaven and not about earth. You know I asked Gilboy/and Mark Miravalle by mail about this because I thought that was what the Holy Spirit wanted me to do. Of course if very soon in our human time means within a year that you, Jesus, will be presiding and giving your body to people of all religions because they will be seeing you, that would be beautiful, but since we are warned that even the elect can be deceived by the devil as an angel of light, I am in a bind over this.

I am looking for you tell me something that I cannot doubt or fear. I am crying out to you because I don't want to lose your presence in these private revelations by giving into weak doubt and literalism, but, on the other hand, I don't want to be part of something the devil wants.

Jesus: Only after it happens will you be able to see that there were no contradictions, like St. Paul could not understand until after he saw me on the road to Damascus. We do not blame you for your doubts about the way what comes into locutions fits with Catholic teaching. The Transition readings are not primarily for Catholics. By bringing others into mystical presence they will be able to understand the mystical meaning of the sacraments.

Ronda: Like Teilhard was trying to do?

Jesus: See how you are trying to control My Return with your mind instead of rejoicing in your heart?

Ronda: Yes, but, but, but...so is the Return really the end of the world?

Jesus: "You know not the day or the hour." Leave all that to Us. What you, Ronda, need to do, is to cling to Us with your whole mind, heart and soul; of course in the sacraments, and let the plan unfold.

December 7, 2008

About the Mary Rose locution I am having trouble with: as we are not saved by works alone but by Christ, is it that I am not saved by daily Mass but by Jesus who comes to Me in daily Mass?

December 9, 2008

Today, as per the advice of Richard Ballard, I reread all the messages for the Spiritual Transition and wrote down areas of concern. I was struck again by the beauty of most of them but also had uncertainties about some of them. I was able to talk on the phone to Fr. Michael Scanlon who has lots of experience on this and read him verbatim the passages that upset me and also talked about the whole enterprise.

Here is what he said:

He didn't see any direct contradiction between the passages and Catholic teaching but he thought that they could confuse people. He thought I should stay working with Mary Rose, but not put on the web anything that could confuse people, especially since there is no way that I could provide any pastoral counsel to any who felt confused since I don't know the readers personally.

He said I could keep in touch with him with questions.

December 10, 2008

Why is it so hard to believe in the New Eden? Kierkegaard's resignation is easier than hope?

Related to uneasiness about the joyful messages in the locutions which seem unreal given the world as it is I read in the Office of Readings St. Augustine p. 31

“God, who is faithful, put himself in our debt, not by receiving anything but by promising so much. A promise was not sufficient for him; he chose to commit himself in writing as well, as it were making a contract of his promises. He wanted us to be able to see the way in which his promises were redeemed when he began to discharge them.”

December 12, 2008

Present: Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Dark (not in the sense of morally dark) Angel, Michael Archangel, St. Teresa of Avila (though doesn't look like her) and recipients Mary Rose and Ronda transcribing words Mary Rose says – (the atmosphere is stormy.)

Yeshua:

It feels a little chaotic, doesn't it? Your experience of late, your lives – but, see and feel that the pressure is on. The pressure comes to those who ask for truth. It comes to those who want to come home; home being the place or source of who they are.

Be careful, my dears, that you ask this question. The answer to your heart's desire for truth does not come in a way that has been previously taught. If you really want to know truth, you must surrender your allegiance to human made structure. Now check to see how this makes you feel. Does it make you feel uncomfortable that you don't get the answer you want or does this heighten your sense of curiosity?

(Note from Ronda to Fr. Michael – the above seemed okay until later I got the impression that 'Jesus' is talking about the Church as man-made. There is no reference when later He talks about doctrine to the Holy Spirit as the teacher of doctrine. Throughout He seems to be putting private revelation above the teachings of the Church – which seems to me Protestant vs. Catholic. Of course Mary Rose is Lutheran)

Check in two places with yourself: 1) your mind. What does your mind react on when I ask or say these things? And then 2) what does your heart say to these things? Here is your line of discernment. How would it be if you threw your fishing line out expecting to reel in a fish, but instead reeled in the sun? What would you

say? What would you think? and what would you feel? Things are going to get very uncomfortable soon for those who have thrown out their line with the expectation of getting fish, when they pull up the sun. Some will not be able to see it; others will throw it back. Some will be changed forever. Others will rejoice.

What dictates the response that you will have when you reel up your line? Do you believe that what past prophets, saints, mystics and holy people have done or experienced is impossible for you? Do you believe that these people are special, more loved by God than you? Do you think that if God made everything and everyone that any of you are favored over another?

God's creation is loved by Him; infinitely loved by Him. Can you judge the infinite love?

Archangel Michael:

Lay down the swords of your minds and open the prisons that have been around your hearts. No longer can the truth of your Creator be limited by the confines of human intelligence. The intelligence that has been applied to God has more often than not wrapped fear around the light of your true happiness. For most humans that have uncovered their light this changes their entire perception of truth. But you can't imagine the transformation this is until you allow it to be for you and this is a personal choice. It will happen for every soul when it is ready to return home.

St. Teresa of Avila:

(Aha, laughing – she has the energy of discovery) And you thought that the human could not evolve! But there is fire, a light that is burning brighter within the bosom of every human, now more than ever, there are experiences of expansion where human perception begins to feel this flame. The heat of God's love can not be ignored once found. Indeed, dance in its light and its warmth, for this is a purifying love, a purifying flame and it can light your path to the inner awareness of truth, but be forewarned this truth may not come in the way that you expect it. So drop the human mind and surrender to the flame.

Mary Rose (smiling) says hmmmmmm.

St. Teresa:

I am here to give a message, but I am also here for you, so let me give you a private message to you, daughter of God. (She is standing on your right side, Ronda).

I want you to hear my words carefully and I want you to consider them privately. When the time comes you will know who to speak to about them. (She is very close to you, Ronda).

Don't be afraid. No darkness can surround you that God is ignorant of. No mind game will succeed against the truth imprinted on your heart. This is so important for you. You are not alone. You are part of our family. No matter how it may look in the external world, don't be afraid and allow the change to just be. We know of your doings and your goings and your muses (musings?). We have loved you from the beginning and we will love you to the end, for in truth there is no end. There is only God. You don't understand this? There is only God. So pay attention to the changes, but don't hold attachment to where they are going.

Your fishing line, as Jesus said, will not be what you expect. Perhaps an analogy will help you. If you are walking on a stone path and every so many steps there is a rock of gold, would you notice it? So far you have. Do you know where the path is going? (Mary Rose laughs) There is only the surprise of love at its end and with each rock of gold we leave for you, the surprise gets closer. (Mary Rose: she's a little bossy). If I were your [prioress, I would say that it is time for you to tighten your belt buckle and look over the edge of the cliff and be prepared to follow up droppings of gold over the edge. Remember the surprise I told you about; it's God's love in an expanded form. It is truth, Ronda. Are you ready to see it?

Where I was afraid, you must not be. Where I hid, you can not; not if you want the surprise. (She is laughing boisterously).

Ronda to Teresa: Is what you are telling me something I have to do or just to be open to change from above, from God's hands, or is there something I have to change in my life-style to be more open?

Teresa:

At this point we are not concerned about your life-style. The openness will serve you better and remember, don't be afraid. The truth of God is limitless. Aha. You will get to a level that I did not!

Ronda to Teresa: That's hard to believe since you were so sacrificial and I am such a weakling.

Teresa: Don't be silly and make judgments on yourself with your ego. Remember that part of the purifying process in returning to God comes with setting aside the mind; judgment comes from the mind.

Ronda to Teresa: Should I just keep praying your God alone prayer as a kind of mantra or do I need to pray differently to become less afraid and more open?

Teresa:

Go into your heart, little woman, and pray with intention. If you need a mantra try this:

**I am a child of God.
I am protected by the Christ-light
and
I trust God's presence within me ...**

The stars are watching over both of you and (Mary raises her fingers and at the tip glows a star.)

Ronda: Thank you. I promise to obey. (Teresa laughs and says 'You better.')

Maria (very regal)

My daughters, how many times have we sat together like this and how many times I tell you that you are loved beyond measure. I say it again. We are one family and as many times as we have said this and discussed this together it remains the most important theme in our messages. The world as you perceive it is changing and because you are in the world you will change, too. But no amount of change can separate you from God. It is only your mind; your momentary personality, that convinces you that you are separate from us.

Daughters, let this hit your heart deeply, for it's truth is beyond the human experience. You are made of God, the flame within you is God having this human experience called Ronda and Ann (birth name of Mary Rose).

(Note from Ronda to Fr. Michael – later on this page I asked Mary for a clarification of why this is not pantheism. I was not totally satisfied with the reply. I have been thinking that phrases like this in previous locutions were put this way as an outreach to Hindus and New Agers by using their kind of language, but it always bothers me just the same.)

As the human returns to Eden this truth will be more openly accepted, but the acceptance of it must first come from within you. Your very life, your very experience, is from the source of all that is. To remember this is to sit in the flames of God's presence within you; to be purified by those flames. When the time comes you will not even remember the suffering that has befallen humanity because they hid the truth from themselves.

Ronda to Mary: How is this different from the pantheism the Church condemns as being a proud desire to be God and reject our creaturehood?

Maria:

Listen carefully. There is a difference in understanding of the presence of God within you. If a man or a woman acts or behaves in a manner that separates him or her from other people with the claim that he or she is God, then they don't or have not bathed in the flames of His spirit within them; for any soul that returns to the flame of God and truly bathes in its warmth will show compassion; unconditional love and service to the highest good of all God's people, great or small. Rank doesn't matter. The human mind that claims God, yet acts in arrogance, creates separation. It says I am He and everything else is other. This is not truth in spirit. Only the one who sees himself in God's creation around him and in Him knows what it is to claim his connection to the divine. This is not pantheism. This is very important. It is a way to observe and discern. Remember the story of Yeshua washing the feet of his disciples because He knew who He was. So it must be with the human now.

(NOTE from Ronda: the only way I could understand this reply is either that the locutionary, steeped in New Age language, is putting what she hears that way, or that Mary is trying to convey a paradox about immanence and transcendence concentrating on the overflow of God's love through us.)

Mary Rose: Praise, Mother. Yeshua, I want to ask about the dreams. It seems that myself and many others are having very vivid and markedly strange dreams. What are they about and why are they here?

Yeshua:

As the psyche and consciousness of men changes, we have to stretch and change the dimensions of your programming which means that as you sleep, a recalibration of the human network is being reconstructed and constructed simultaneously. This is a little like reorganizing your kitchen by changing the house.

When more of the tapestry of truth is uncovered the rewiring allows it to be assimilated into the human program. So imagine it to be like this: the human being is a tapestry created by God where for eons it has been focused on only a certain

part of itself. If we were to go in and start cleaning that tapestry so that more can be seen, we have to expand your perception and increase the light for the perception, hence the confusing and heightened activity of your dreams. It is just a side effect of this rewiring.

(Mary Rose: The image was of a huge tapestry and all was dark except a small spot, so that humans have really only been looking at this one spot for eons of time. Now there have been a few who have said: look, look, there's more to this, but we couldn't see outside this spot. But, now, with the Transition it's like they have to loosen these pieces that have held us at this one spot and are shifting it open so that our perception is greater so we can see more of the tapestry. The dreams are part of the cataclysmic change).

Yeshua:

Let me say a few words about fear as part of the human experience. One of the beauties or treasures that is gained by being human is the experience of fear. This is a uniquely human phenomena. (Note from Ronda – I didn't understand if he meant the human experience of fear as being different from animal fear?) One way to define it would be the mind's perception that you as a person or soul are separate from God who created you. Now, I ask you, is that truth? No!

So then, what is fear? A human created illusion. There is nowhere you can go and nothing that you can be where God doesn't have access to you. So, perhaps you will allow a different perception of fear and change your experience of being a human when you feel fear; define it as what it is: a false separation from God. If you can do this successfully it will help you cultivate your inner experience of God and put you centered in your human experience. The human that you have know is dissolving and you are ready to understand more of God's original intention in the creation of men.

(NOTE FROM RONDA: HERE BEGINS THE DISTURBING DIALOGUE concerning the theory of universal salvation.)

I will tell you how the story ends. Love. You are created in love. You have always been loved. You are loved and you will always be loved. Yours is a story of love.

Ronda to Jesus: Do you mean that no one is in hell?

Jesus to Ronda:

Hell was created from the concept of a small God. The infinite being, the marker of all things is not so small. Isn't it true that Scripture and other writings say that the human mind and its limited words and language can not truly express the bigness of God?

If you believe this is true then you know that there is more to the story than what humans have understood. So hell is about a change in your understanding because you are growing into greater awareness of God. Does this bother you, Ronda?

Ronda to Jesus: Yes, because I see all these Christians who have banished the concept of hell justifying every sin you, Jesus, warned us against with threats of hell. On the basis that a good God could never allow anyone who chooses hell to stay there, they take away 'the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom' and claim that sin doesn't matter.

Jesus to Ronda: Let us talk plainly of accountability. If man chooses against the highest good that choice in itself comes with a reaction. I believe you know this as 'you reap what you sow.' If you choose darkness then what do you get? Darkness. How does darkness feel? What is your experience of darkness?

Ronda: Hell!

Jesus: So you have been to hell. Imagine how dark some people's hell has been. This law is unavoidable. No man can escape it. For that matter no angel of the hierarchy can escape it. If you choose darkness you get what you choose, but the vastness of God's divinity is also inescapable. So whether you choose darkness or light you are not separate from the one who made you. It just depends on when you have to acknowledge this. This law will not end with the Transition. So, if you wish to call darkness hell, so be it. It is only our choice that makes it an experience; a reality. Everyone, every soul is held accountable to itself and to God within for the choices it makes in free will.

Ronda: But when you said earlier that every creature will experience you love and, I thought, let go of separateness, that seems as if in the end there will be no darkness for anyone.

Jesus:

In the system of free will everyone has the choice. That remains true. But there is no choice that in sacred truth can separate a soul from God. The steepness of man's choice from God has brought you to a point where our souls no longer wish to experience this darkness; so it is that we are helping you return home because you and your free will have now chosen the light. Part of the Transition is the transformation of the darkness you carried for so many eons into light. Every soul has the choice to do this; and we are here to help as we said we would be.

Ronda to Jesus: So that seems to imply that even Satan and his angels will be saved and there is no eternal hell except as a concept.

Jesus to Ronda: God first, then came what you call Satan. The transfiguring power of God is limitless. Hell eternal is not a concept but an experience that comes with the belief of any soul that it is truly separate from God. As long as the soul chooses this there will be hell for the soul. Redemption? Is this possible without God?

Ronda to Jesus: No.

Jesus to Ronda:

So, then, to return to the light one must (do) with God. Hence the transformation of dark to light that comes with the choice of the soul.

Ronda to Jesus: I don't like wrestling with you, but you haven't answered my question which is that if there is to be in the future a total victory of light over separation, which you seem to be suggesting, then Satan will be saved and since this is contrary to Catholic teaching, I am feeling I have to chose between the Church and these private revelations and I am hoping not to have to make that choice.

Mary Rose: (Teresa is laughing boisterously)

Jesus:

There is no conflict for you, Ronda, when you allow for a greater picture to evolve for the Church. Yes, you are serving in the Church but am I or am I not greater than any concept created in(unfinished

sentence) ... let me use an analogy: can the infiniteness of space be completely and accurately laid out in doctrine, frame worked in the human mind? Your Church is not dissolving but evolving and you are asked to evolve with it. What you see as a potential conflict is merely semantical. The Church is growing. Remember the Church is in itself a living bearer of light that is bigger than the limitations of humanity. If this were not so, then the Inquisition would represent the true Church!

Ronda to Jesus: There is a difference between evolution and contradiction. We believe that the true doctrine is not man-made but from the Holy Spirit who is God, so it seems to be that the universal salvation that you are teaching us in private revelation is a contradiction not an evolution.

Jesus to Ronda:

The truth expressed in doctrine remains, but doctrine in and of itself being of God when it is truthful represents so vast a love, a life, a greatness that is yet to be fully incorporated in your understanding. So, then, the question becomes your faith and your connection to God is all dependent on what you allow. Most people have only allowed what has been fed to them. We are expressing that there is more to the meal. If you allow that, so be it. If you see it as a conflict to the meal that you have been eating, that is your choice. But also know that if you are not afraid and you allow this, so can your faith grow.

Teresa to Ronda:

Is your belt tight enough yet?

Ronda to Jesus:

You know that we have been trained to believe that the devil can masquerade as an angel of light and that our criteria for private revelation is that it not contradict the teachings of the Holy Spirit in the Church. It seems to be that what you, Jesus, are teaching is universal salvation which is opposition, not just an evolution.

So now I feel torn between Fr. Michael telling me that in private revelation there is lots we can not understand and not to leave Mary

Rose, but these locutions seem even more in contradiction than the previous ones of 2 weeks ago.

I see many people who I know would think that it is worth any amount of time in the bed of consequences of sin now as long as they will one day change and be saved and so I see this (seeming universal salvation) as contrary to your clear warnings when you were on earth of everlasting hell, and therefore a contradiction, not an evolution, but I am thinking perhaps I am misunderstanding you and that is why it seems like a contradiction since in private revelation all is received according to the nature of the recipient, so I would not see backing away from the Spiritual Transition messages as rejecting You, but just as thinking I cannot resolve the seeming contradiction.

Mary Rose: (Jesus seems harsh to me now)

Jesus: One can only reason so much with a sheep. If the sheep maintains the fence as being the limit of God's creation then that is so. That is the reality for that sheep. What we are in a way trying to do in these revelations , especially tonight, is to open the possibility that there is something more of God beyond the fence. It is true that no human even with the presence of the Holy Spirit can perfectly express the truth of God in His vastness, so there will be, as always, an element of mystery. The relationship with God, the relationship God has with His creation, is beyond the realm of total understanding by the human, hence why you cling so desperately to the doctrine. This is not viewed as wrong. We are just adjusting. We are just asking you to adjust your grip while you cling and to trust God enough to help you adjust your position to the mystery of God.

Ronda to Jesus:

Why isn't this Protestant private judgment over Catholic understanding of doctrine, if an individual is to put a mystical locution above a perennial teaching?

Jesus to Ronda:

We don't view it as putting it above. We view it as the next course in the meal.

Maria:

The tightness within your chest and the anger that wants to release is perfectly understandable, even that you identify your holiness according to the doctrine. If you don't take anything else to heart, know this, that no matter where you choose or how you pray we will not leave you. Our love is greater than your experience of conflict.

Ronda to Jesus: John Paul II was not and Benedict is not a tight rigid person! The Holy Spirit could have taught some evolution of this doctrine through them in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Jesus to Ronda:

There is more to the Church than what is publicized. There is more love in it than is being expressed. We are working with the Church on the human level and one the spiritual level to reform her into a more unified representation of light; to reform, to evolve.

Maria:

This reformation in a way can be seen as the awakening of the Church in the hearts of all men. This awakening when truly experienced will resolve the conflict because it exposes the part of the Church which no longer serves our family in the highest good. You have outgrown; the Church has outgrown, as it has been want to do over the ages; this is merely the next rung on the ladder.

Mary Rose to Ronda: I don't think because of my lack of theological knowledge of the Catholic faith that I can get a message necessarily that could help you resolve the conflict, but I, myself, don't have any conflict. I don't see any dilemma. For me this is joyous. It's a relief because it means for me that the height of control that man has infiltrated into the faith and therefore propagated fear, is not truth.

Ronda to Mary Rose – (I gave her a brief explanation of the universal salvation issue especially regarding many priests never mentioning hell and the effect this has on morality etc. I read her the section from the catechism on Satan's irrevocable state in hell.)

Mary Rose: The image I saw was in the human scheme everything is divided into darkness and light and there in that scheme there is an eternal hell, but what Jesus' image was about was the next level up and we have openings to reach that next level up. On that level of mystical union there is no hell.)

Mary to Ronda: How many times has Jerusalem changed hands and yet it has not died. Nothing that is truly part of God's will is dying, it's just changing its relationship to you, all of humanity.

Ronda to Jesus, Mary, Joseph, St. Michael and St. Teresa:

I believe you knew when you gave this message that it would be very upsetting to me. I can't see any way to get help on it besides sending the locutions to Fr. Michael, so I beg you to work through him so that I can have some peace and direction. Or, is there something else you want to tell me now that would help me more or also? Could you mean that you, Jesus, on earth, and the Holy Spirit guiding the catechism writers knew you had to use threats, but that in the end the irrevocable will dissolve?

Yeshua to Ronda: Take the image that Mary Rose gives you and allow its resonance to give you understanding.

Mary Rose to Ronda:

Not long after all this happened where I started having a more direct prayer life, before I started seeing you, I guess it was a vision and I saw a post, pole, in the back of the house and I was a dog that was chained to the post and I understood that I had a certain circumference whole I was on that chain. I could only go the length of the chain. So I was that dog and I was chained to the post. Then Yeshua appeared and I was a human standing at the length of the chain holding it in my hand and I understood from Yeshua that the post represented my image of God, what I understood of as God and that my being chained to it, that chain represented all that I had been fed about rules, rituals – that's my connection to God. Now I am standing at the length of the chain and Yeshua is waiting for me to let go. He says do you trust Me and he told me also, if you let go, everything you have experienced of Me, everything you identify yourself as will change. Do you trust Me? To which I responded "where are we going? What am I supposed to do? And He says "do you trust Me?" Then behind Him appeared a whole host of white robed individuals and my deceased godmother, Eleanor. and she was just smiling. So I let go of the chain and He and I walked away together and after that I met you, Ronda. I never got the feeling that the chain was wrong or that the post was inaccurate. I just understood from the vision "but let's go deeper" – a more expanded understanding of Him and who I am because of Him.

Mary Rose thought maybe we should wait to plan the next meeting until Ronda resolved her conflict.

Ronda: No, let's plan it and then I'll let you know if, after consulting Fr.Michael, I feel I can't continue.

Mary Rose to Ronda: I was not surprised this was such a difficult session for you because they told me that they were going to pressure you very hard tonight.

December 14, 2008

At the charismatic prayer meeting after the very upsetting session with Mary Rose it seemed in the midst of all the spiritual energy in the hall at the prayer meeting that Jesus, Mary, and Joseph told me:

Can't you see that we are taking away everything you like to lean on to make you stronger in yourself? (I thought of people leaned on who I cannot lean on in the same manner). We use others to reach you in different ways, but we want you stronger.

Out of your loneliness and anguish we want you to cry out to us as the Holy Spirit leads in sorrow, joy, with all your Jewish, Spanish, Russian, German, American heart. Take from everything you have ever read or heard or now read or hear what resonates with you.

Be not afraid. We promise to make you into a saint, but the suffering that is required is precisely not to be understood or to be able to understand us, but to trust moment by moment.

Now, let go, home free, care free. Love and do what you will. Yes, say the Jesus prayer or Jesus, Mary, Joseph, God the Father, Holy Spirit, Guardian angel and all my saints, help me.

Starting at this moment don't do anything you don't want to do out of habit or false obligation, except out of charity,

We want you to greet each moment freshly.

You are Ronda of Jesus, Ronda of Maria, Ronda of Joseph, Ronda of your Guardian Angel, Ronda of your saints. You are ours and we are yours.

**Dance with us
Sing with us
weep with us**

Peace be with you

**Joy be with you
Hope be with you
Trust be with you**

now and forever and ever, Amen.

Carry this page with you like Pascal did his Fire message.

December 16, 2008

Dear Mary Rose,

At night before sleep God put me into rapture prayer. I felt as if my soul left this realm. Then I got a sense of needing to leave words behind and just be in nature; be like my cats are to me: wordless meanings.

It felt like an experience of the word we have been getting that in the Transition we won't recognize ourselves.

Ronda of the Holy Family

December 16, 2008

Mary Rose asked me in an e-mail if I was okay with what was happening.

Dear Mary Rose,

I am not okay yet. I sent off the "dialogue" with Jesus and myself that was so troubling to the priest who is familiar with private revelations. I couldn't phone him over the weekend since he does not take calls over the weekend and he doesn't do e-mail. I have been researching the difficult subjects on the web with nothing helpful coming out.

I am thinking it could be that I need to receive messages alone from them instead of in the way we have been doing it, but since I prayed that the Holy Spirit would work through Fr. Michael I am waiting to hear from him

Having been a daily Mass Catholic for 50 years there is no way I will put any message from private revelation above the teachings of the Holy Spirit through the Church. On the other hand, since I am a philosopher and not a theologian, it is possible I am mistaken about that teaching about Satan being a teaching that could not evolve as Jesus in the messages seemed to state it could.

I was also very much perturbed by statements from the session 2 weeks ago and this time that made it seem that I am clinging to a man-made structure - not distinguishing between human defects of members of the Church, such as in the Inquisition, and constant teachings. I realize that Jesus' purpose is not philosophical clarity but to help us overcome barriers to holiness, however, the "voice" of the words made it seem to me as if the Jesus of The Transition is not the same Jesus as the Jesus of Scripture or His Church.

Quite apart from what goes on the web site or not, I have to be clearer about these matters to proceed, but I am wide open to the voice of Jesus in my own heart telling me something new that will clarify it.

Please keep me in your prayers during this process.

Love and God bless you, Ronda

Dear Mary Rose,

I was trying to avoid discussing such topics with you, but since you asked I think it is appropriate to add another point:

As I understand it private judgment is the doctrine that Luther and other Protestants hold that the highest authority of truth is Scripture and that the Christian must make his/her own private judgment about any debated idea as to its conformity with Scripture since there is no Magisterial (teaching authority) in the Protestant Church to, as I put it "break any tie." In the Catholic Church the Pope breaks the tie and so we have unity of truth. The result of private judgement, I believe, is that you can have 50,000, last count I read about Protestant Churches, from break offs into sects whenever a believer who is a leader type disagrees with the teaching of his/her Church.

So, even though you are not a Catholic, I can be taking down your locutions, but if they start to directly contradict Catholic truth, which I only thought recently, I would consider that there is something flawed with your reception or that it is not Jesus talking.

Since you consider yourself a Lutheran you would want to go to someone like Pastor Andrew or some other Pastor, with the whole set of locutions to check if there is anything contrary to the Lutheran faith. This is much harder because Lutherans disagree, not just by chance, but on principle about various teachings and there is no tie breaker.

Otherwise the direction the locutions could take could be that the "new community" Jesus mentioned, could be a mix of ideas with some contrary to Catholic teaching which I believe not to be man-made but from God, the Holy Spirit, such as mixing in Buddhist, New Age (such as reincarnation) ideas. I could not be part of such a community.

The Presences told us that one day after the Transition you will be a Catholic. This gave me great joy, but since the timing of the Transition is unknown and "soon" in the language of prophesy can extend all the way from the NT to today, 2000 years, I can't know if the part of the Transition that has to come before your conversion would not last many years and in the meantime I could be in conflict when we visit between what would seem to me to be teaching contrary to the faith that allegedly is straight from Jesus or Mary.

Since so much of the locutions I find beautiful and inspiring and I also find you, personally beautiful and inspiring, I am hoping I don't have to draw this conclusion and I am researching the matter that bothered me the most about Satan, to make sure this sense of contradiction is not just my mistake.

Love and prayers, Ronda

Assessment Letter to Educadium Team:

When I went to confession to my priest last Saturday about hysterical rage because I feel so stupid trying to master these new skills, he replied hilariously, but aptly, "you're not stupid, you're just ignorant!" Bet some of you who are not Catholics don't know that Confession can be hilarious if the priest knows you well!

I have learned that even though on-line teaching and studying is a new technique even for those of us who used to think of ourselves as intermediates on computer because after 30 years of hysteria we now can do e-mail successfully and print out our brilliant manuscripts, send them as attachments and watch some TV channels on the web ... (this became a stream-of-consciousness sentence, another sign, perhaps, that it is time to totally retire and de-bone fish at the Luktfish commune (see response on Q and A to Diana's Resource) ... ah, yes, well, I mean I now see that with maybe a year of training by very patient instructors I should be able to put all my courses and books onto Educadium and live happily ever after! LOL.

Did you detect, by chance, a 10% lingering doubt about my success?

I could write 10 pages about what I found hard in the training, alas! But I won't. I will summarize instead. It involves use of terms that I didn't know before but are not defined in the computerese context such as "object" or now we are told of a gala

Christmas party at 1:50 PM Dec. 20th but it doesn't say whether this is Oregon or North Carolina time. I am praying that lots of these kind of things will be de-bugged for the next batch of students.

From a spiritual point of view, of course, since humility is one of the highest virtues of a Christian, feeling stupid, whoops, ignorant, is highly valuable. I will now leave you'all and crouch in my prayer-corner and feel humble! Pray for me.

Has it occurred to you yet, I hope, that Diana's rollicking humor is a bit derivative from the old Ma? Even better, of course, because hers is a little lighter.

December 17, 2008

Great, great grace, Jason from the half-way house came to the Philosophy Club and witnessed that God told him to talk to me!

So all the disappointment about 2x2 door to door, here he is through a long chain of causality. By going door to door I met the guys at the half-way house and then did anger management with them and became part of the board and now Jason is the second one, after Hubert (Roland) to come to writers. So the mix of dear friends in the philosophy club, Fr. Ken dropping in, and Jason and reading Augustine was heavenly. Thank you Holy Spirit, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, angels, and dear saints we prayed to for 2x2 such as St. Ignatius, Miguel Pro. Frank Duff, Edel Quinn, St. Ambrose.

December 18, 2008

Little joke from Jesus, Mary and Joseph – you feel bad because Mary Rose sees us and you don't but you see Jesus every time you look at Nicholas!

December 19, 2008

Diana's Christmas letter. Realized that Nancy gives me hope because she was a wild Preacher's kid and now loves you Jesus and the Church, so my girls will one day be like her, lovely and generous but Christian.

At Adoration I was begging Jesus, Mary and Joseph, God the Father, the Holy Spirit and my special Sts. Mary Magdalene, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Therese of Lisieux to give me a word on whether to meet with Mary Rose this Friday.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph:

We have led you through the Church for many reasons; one is that you love truth and order.

We could lead you further through Mary Rose's locutions in certain ways. We didn't want you to think we are banishing you. But we can also lead you in others ways. Don't make judgments about The Spiritual Transition. We did lots of good for you, Mary Rose and others through your involvement.

Now pause your involvement and be open to whatever comes. Do you think we would bring you into a permanent impasse?

Did you forget that we like to work with you through surprise?

Please heed our message to go moment by moment freshly.

Dear friends (put on the Association of Hebrew Catholic Network)

I happened to be looking for Handel's Messiah to play off my computer and I put in to Google Search Handel's Messiah to play and the first thing that came up was a You-Tube thing called Handel's Messiah 1-6 - it is an outreach to Jews using the music and text of Handel with pictures of Jews in Israel, etc. I would be so interested in how some of you would think of it. The theology is Evangelical but not anti-Catholic as far as I could see and would be a great outreach for us to refer Jews we know who love classical music. See what you think and get back.

Well, some got back and they recognized it right away as Jehovah's Witness outreach and quite contrary to Catholic doctrine. I don't know much about this, I guess.

December 22, 2008 Letter from Mary Rose:

Dearest,

Thank you for sharing these words of hope and cleansing. They are very loving. Very soothing. I hope they brought you comfort as they did me.

The messages I have received in prayer have been focused on images rather than words. It has been largely night scenes and so many many stars. Beautiful stars. Yeshua held me for a long time during one prayer. And Maria and Aeratus keep turning my attention to patience and being. So I am not receiving word/messages at the moment.

So I guess we wait and see about Friday of this week. May it be a joyous week for you and your family with Christmas!

Dear Mary Rose,

I haven't heard anything that would lead me a different way on this.

What do you think about next Friday? Do you think, instead, that they want us to meet? You seem to have sensed the need for a pause in previous e-mails, but I am just checking if there is anything different.

Let me know that you got this and what you think. Let us always pray for one another.

God bless you, Ronda

Saturday night December 20 Visit to Nancy's Pentecostal Church. I felt so at home because of their Pentecostal style which is like our charismatic style. It felt good to have the support of her dear friends and Pastor in our venture.

Sunday December 21, 2008

At Mass Rafael Ramirez, the leader of our Hispanic charismatic group gave Fr. Ken \$6,000 toward our debt. I was so thrilled that we anglos could see how much they love our Church.

Dear Mary Rose,

My heart is breaking to have to make this choice. Fr. Michael did get back to me. He does think that what I sent him is contrary to Catholic teaching on several points. He thinks I should withdraw from these sessions and from the web. So you could ask the Heavenly Presences if they want you to continue the web-site yourself.

Now Jesus told me to withdraw for now, but not to judge the meaning of the Transition as it has unfolded through you. I am thinking this could mean that at the future time what they are telling me and what they are telling you will converge in such a way that there is no conflict.

My sense is that the Heavenly Presences want you to walk on in this path and to lead me by another path at this time.

It is not my sense that all that has transpired this year is not beautiful and inspired - more that where it is going now since the last 2 sessions I am not to follow.

I do not know if, under these circumstances, you will want to come Friday for a kind of temporarily farewell meeting or not. That is for you to pray about.

I love you and deeply wish this were not happening this way.

Ronda

Letter from Mary Rose

Dearest -

I understand. And I am also saddened greatly by this. But I have no hard feelings or regrets. So much of what happened and came through was beautiful and inspiring. It changed my life in many wonderful ways.

Deepened my love for Yeshua and Maria tremendously.

For the time being I would just take down the website. I don't have the resources or the time to manage it on my own. And my guess would be that its connection with you would potential cause you minor frustrations - let's just take it down until further notice.

Saw Brother Sun on Friday. And shared only briefly about the turmoil of the last messages. We shared the Eucharist and he was kind. So I am grateful.

I think it would be fine (and healthy) to come for a farewell cup of coffee if you like on Friday morning.

All my love,

Dear Mary Rose,

This letter from you is very consoling to me. So, I will expect you around 9:30 AM Friday morning. Thank you for being so understanding.

God bless you today, tomorrow and Thursday also in a special way with much time with the Presences.

Ronda

PROUD TO BE A CHURCH MOUSE!

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(I bet someone who is into graphics could do an adorable graphic on this theme!)

I became a Catholic when I was 21 years old. My husband became a Catholic when he was 60 years old. It took a long time for him to accept all the truths of the Creed and the decisions of Church authorities. Particularly he loved the old Latin Mass and hated the changes after Vatican II. However, there was one group of people in the Church that he never ceased to applaud: the old women who could be found in every Catholic Church praying the rosary.

This love of old rosary women started when we lived in Rome. In those years, early 1960's, Italian widows still wore black. When their husband's died, they donned black for a year. Then, being of an age where older relatives die frequently, they just never changed out of black to any other color. The little old ladies in black with the rosary beads always in hand represented to him a simple peasant-like faith he longed to attain himself. I, a daily communicant, who prayed the rosary every

day didn't count, because my faith was contaminated by a huge blend of philosophical and theological proofs for the Church's teachings. Being a literary person, my husband preferred images to arguments.

With this background in mind, imagine my surprise one day to hear a priest making fun of the little old ladies with the rosaries. He called them "church mice." I later learned that this was a common phrase, not just for rosary women, but for anyone who hangs around the Church in a non-working capacity.

Nowadays, a dedicated widow wearing old blue jumpers, and either holding the rosary in my hand or fingering the mercy chaplet, I identify pretty closely with the "Church mice." I moved five minutes walking distance from my parish Church so I don't need a car to get to what I call my "celestial living room." When I catch the eye of my pastor on my 3rd trip over within 24 hours, I joke about being his "Church mouse."

The other day, sitting quietly praying my beloved beads I thought about Church mice I have known in various parishes. I called to mind the heroic virtues of some of these women that have given me so much courage now in my old age.

I thought of a woman, Ruth, I knew twenty years ago. Ruth arrived to Mass a half hour early and always stayed a half hour later to lead the rosary group. She loved to tell us about her wonderful son who was studying for the priesthood in Rome. One day she asked us to pray the rosary for this son because he had just left the seminary to marry a young woman he hardly knew. We all gasped. Not hard to imagine the heartache of such a decision for this ardently devout Catholic mother! But by the end of the rosary there was the usual serene, joyful, expression on the face of my friend. "Aren't you devastated?" I asked over coffee. "Why should I be?" she replied. "If God permitted it to happen I have to accept it."

I thought: being a Church mouse sure brings unexpected strength in time of sudden setbacks.

One of my all time favorite Church mice is a widow in my present parish, originally from Guatamala. Senora Magdalena has 10 children and 60 grandchildren and takes turns living with these families. Some of them have members whose bodies are riddled by bullets from the civil war in their country. Senora Magdalena stands about 4' 8" tall and wears full, brightly colored layers of ethnic clothing. She loves to be in Church. Sometimes a relative drops her off at 9 AM on the way to work where she patiently waits in her pew for the noon Mass fingering her beads. But, mostly, Senora Magdalena walks 3 hours to get to the daily Mass and this in rain or torrid summer heat. We other Church mice take turns driving her home but we can't pick her up because we don't know when she is coming. We can't call her to ask either in English or Spanish because she only speaks an obscure Mayan dialect! The Guatamalan Americans have a custom where whenever there is a birthday of a child the little one comes forward after a Sunday

Mass to be blessed and kissed by the priest and then by the altar servers and then by all his or her family members. What joy on the face of our Church mouse grandmother on these occasions.

I think: being a Church mouse sure brings incredible survivor abilities.

Another valiant Church mouse in this parish is a woman in her late eighties who lives alone. She comes early to Mass as often as she can and prays the Stations leaning on a cane on her way to her favorite pew. Afterward she brings Holy Communion to a daughter who has been disabled since childhood and is in a nursing home. One day we heard this sad story. Her son is in the habit of telephoning his mother every day to check up on her. One day he was out of town and failed to call. That day she walked out on a little trail behind the house, fell, broke a hip, and was lying in pain for many yours before she was found. We all thought we would never see Mrs. Whelan again. Certainly the family would sell the house and she would go to a rest home. Three months later in she came at the usual time hobbling the Stations with the usual determination. And a year later she is still at it.

I thought: it might not be so bad to be 80 if you're a Church mouse!

Many years ago, our family moved to a new parish in Woodland Hills, California. We were only there for a few months when my teen son committed suicide. We didn't know anyone well in the Church. However, the rosary women were also mostly in the Ladies' Guild. What a comfort to see those familiar faces arriving one after the other at our house to lay out food for the post-funeral gathering. A non-Catholic son-in-law remarked: "Your Church sure comes forward when you need them most!"

I thought: someday if I persist in my Church mousely ways, I will have their kindness.

When I came to North Carolina to live, I decided to try an experiment. Instead of introducing myself to the priest and the daily Mass goers as a speaker, writer, and professor of philosophy, I just told them I was a grandmother who moved to town to be near the grandkiddies. I thought it would be interesting to see if I was treated differently. Surprise! I was treated better because the pastor and the rosary women like to help little old ladies.

I thought: being a Church mouse can win friends.

I look forward to squeeks of joy when we recognize each other some day crawling through little holes in the gates of heaven. And maybe my husband will clap his hands and say, "Bravo, Ronda, you made it."

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December 24, 2008

Beautiful Christmas decorations in Church. I thought about how Greenville it is just as beautiful and the priest totally agrees, so it's not the beauty I would miss if I migrated. I realized I love his sense of humor as in the Schunke's came for confession outside the usual time and were sitting getting recollected in their pews and he walks by and shouts "the worst one of you come in first."

January 5, 2008

Letter to Fr. Benedict TRINITYret.@aol.com

Dear Fr. Benedict,

Lily Von Hildebrand thought I could write to you even though you are so busy. I think you remember me from being speakers at different conferences including Defending the Faith at FUS and maybe my writings and being a Jewish convert.

On one of your EWTN shows you said that everything in the catechism is not infallible. I thought it was - of course, taking into account the various degrees of doctrinal certainty in the Vatican Documents about this.

Here is my problem. I have been a scribe for a Lutheran woman visionary and locutionary. I thought that what she was allegedly receiving was beautiful and not in contradiction to Catholic teaching. This has been going on for a year with sessions every 2 weeks. Whenever there was any statement I found strange I would ask her to ask the presences of Jesus, Mary, the angels and saints to clarify. This was going along well until a month ago there came a locution that sounded to me like universal salvation including Satan and the fallen angels. I questioned this and the alleged presences spoke about how the teaching in the catechism is true but will be developed doctrinally so as not to contradict eventually the total victory of light over darkness. Given that Von Baltasar thought that universal human salvation is a possibility we should hope for and Maritain included eventual, after eons, the salvation of Satan, I am a bit confused about this.

I am wondering if the teaching in the catechism to the effect that we cannot know if any human is in hell, but Satan and the fallen angels are irrevocably in hell, proves that I have to drop these locutions because a key factor in judging locutions is whether they are in accordance with the teachings of the Church.

I submitted the relevant locutions to Fr. Michael Scanlon who thought they sounded strange and I should drop the locutions and the locutionary (I am still trying to befriend her) I have done so, but since I have an on-going relationship to her and to readers of the locutions which were on a web site I would be happier to have more of a sense of whether the teaching in the catechism is the sort of thing that can "develop."

I have read your book about Private Revelation but I don't think there is a direct answer in it to such a specific difficulty.

If you can possibly send me an answer through your assistant, I would be extremely grateful.

Shalom, Ronda Chervin

January 6, 2009

Pope Benedict says we have to get away from the twisted logic of violence and conflict.

January 8 Pessimism is because hope is more painful, more vulnerable than resignation. Kierkegaard.

January 13, Peter's heater!

January 17, 2008

At prayer meeting a man doing the homeless shelter downstairs drifted through and was so happy seeing the Hispanic meeting. He was dancing around. How I wish more anglos would come.

January 19, 2008

Dear Carla, graceful landlady,

Of course you are busy and I have hours and pray and ponder, so here are

Some considerations:

unexpected sign - there's a huge international conference in Mexico on the Family and there is an emphasis on solidarity. That term that was used for peaceful strikes in Poland came from a French socialist but was taken over by John Paul II and used in the Solidarity movement that pretty much overthrew communism in Poland. Anyhow the stress was that family solidarity is key to peace.

We were brought up that friendship is better than family, but Martin always thought family should come first and he insisted when I would get into rages about our conflicting ideas (yours and mine) that I had to put your being my sister first.

Certainly Carla and Diana would want to live together in some form in their old age, so we could be called to start the family tradition for the whole line.

On the more practical level, one thing you could do is if the nephew can't commit, try to find some strangers you like. If you don't find any you like by April 1st we could renew the possibility of my coming. We could try for 6 months or a year starting on our birthday.

We would have to do it with the idea in mind that we are called by God to try to get along in spite of differences of Church philosophy.

My key needs are these - walking distance to a Church and temperature of 75 degrees. Could you check to make absolutely sure your heater does go up that far in reality not just on the dial if you happen to have a thermometer you could carry downstairs. That would help.

My third biggest need is to go where I can stay until I had to go to a convalescent home or the grave, so a thing I would like to know from you as far as you've thought about it is this: if your job folds at PSR would you stay in your house and do Omega or would you go some place else...such as?

January 21, 2008

Fr. Ken asked if I had a prayer he could say during the Mass on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Here is what I thought that Holy Spirit led me to write:

**God, the Father,
so rich in your creation,
help us to make the world,
to become so much richer,
in justice and mercy,
that no mothers or fathers,
will be too poor,
in resources or love,
to bring to birth,
the babies we conceive.**

January 23, 2008

The plan with Carla Eaton fell through because her advisors thought it would be better to wait til she has done more grieving and discerning. Sad but also kind of fine. We both expressed lots of love in the process.

Letter from Elizabeth Hanink, -

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- > This sounds like a plausible plan. You do seem a little young to go into
- > assisted living but I can really see how it would work to your advantage.
- > You would have help with the things you can't be bothered with and could be
- > as free and independent as you wanted. The price also sounds good because
- > rooms are hard to find and apts cost too much. You could always go to Mass
- > with us on Sundays so at least one day a week you would have a beautiful
- > liturgy and a decent sermon.
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- > I like the idea that you would be close by enough to visit frequently and of
- > course I can't ignore the fact that you could easily become an LMC. You
- > live the life anyway and you would be a great addition to our little group.
- > I do hope Diana's husband's job works in your favor. Jim and I were
- > reflecting, with economy the way it is, all four of our sons could be
- > unemployed by August. Peter wants to do public defense and while there are
- > always criminals who need defending, funding is shrinking. Joe works for a
- > startup that depends on venture capital and is very nervous.
- >
- > Keep us posted.
- >
- > Elizabeth Hanink, ehanink@aol.com

Dear Elizabeth,

It's the independent living that I was looking into - that's a step before assisted. I am hesitant not just because of Diana but also because the folder they sent looks so "bourgeois." The minute I looked it over I thought I want to live on a Dorothy Day farm instead....Then I started thinking of moving into a cheapish room next to the Sisters in LA and that maybe your family might like to live near them also if the neighborhood would be "good" for Theo and maybe Tommy... on and on. What do you think of that idea? That way we'd could help the Sisters - I am assuming they didn't vote Obama - and have a great Mass every day ...

Let me know what is wrong with this fantasy. Today I am offering for Theo and Peter lots of fusses going on with my homeless person that impinge on me by empathy. The poor woman got a gift certificate from her Church to buy Christmas gifts for her daughters Jr. High age. The husband refused to let her see the girls. So the guidance counselor at the school arranged for her to bring them and she exultantly boarded the transit bus with her large shopping bags and tears in her eyes. Alas, just yestrday the father pulled the kids out of school and moved to an unknown address and new Jr. High where the counselor says that Nancy can't see them unless the Principal and the father agree. I told her to consult the police and they told her to talk to the original divorce lawyer and he said he would insist she could see them

but he first has to find the Dad. Shalom, Ronda.

In the night I was restless about Carla Eaton decision. It seemed the Holy Spirit told me “go on the boat, we’re going home.” I didn’t know if it meant NY, LA or heaven.

Fr. Ken thought that regarding schemes for moves I needed to ponder that happiness is within not from being in some specific place or circumstances. I thought that since I have less angry “fight” I have more manic “flight.” Also, of course, adrenalin rush issue.

January 25, 2008

Talk with daughter Carla about loneliness and twinliness. She thinks that we will never recapture the closeness of the womb but this gives us a sense that we can that non-twins never even think is possible. She thinks that we just have to accept the pain of that – her image was you come back to the same station every now and then and have to realize it is just a station and the train moves on.

Of course heaven will be that closeness.

I thought I should keep Nancy until she wants to leave for something better and both of us together could take care of women and children or families that Fr. Ken would send.

January 27, 2009

Dear Carla,

May Dorothy Day help me. I decided partly at Fr. Ken's suggestion just to make my apartment a refuge for any woman or children or family who has no place to go with the help of my present roommate Nancy. We wouldn't try to fix their lives in any way and if they become difficult they would have to leave. They would come at Fr. Ken's recommendation so it would not be anything official.

I think this could be good and I could use all the experience with Nancy to see what can be recommended. They would have to be people who can walk the half mile to the soup kitchen which serves lunch every day of the week and I would just give them whatever is around for other food.

I feel a lot of peace with this idea.

Let me know how your rental goes, etc. I feel very close to you and I really think Dorothy Day is helping us.

January 28, 2008

I am helping Nancy write her memoirs. We got to the part where her mother wanted her to abort the baby that came from sex with an older man when she was only 14. She insisted on keeping the baby, stayed with various families and was then sent to a home for unwed mothers.

It brought back to me the ten years of standing outside the abortion clinic in LA on Saturday mornings praying and begging the girls and young women to let us take them in and take care of them so they wouldn't feel they had no alternatives. Some of the others on the team would offer their own homes but Martin didn't want that so I couldn't. And here is one of them who did the right thing at great cost to her future finding refuge in my home.

January 29, 2008

Dear Gabriel,

Rebecca West in Black Lamb, Grey Falcon:

Thinking for the Austrian proto-Fascists sensing the eventual Communist threat she write this stunning line:

"Let us kill these Slavs with their dedication to insanity. Let us enslave them lest they make all wealth worthless and introduce us in the end to God, who may not be pleasant to meet."

After reading this I went to the Introduction to the book where the scholar writing after 9/11 points to the way history shows that every people when in power are deadly in different ways. I am thinking of different times in your life of your love for the Russian Christians, the Jews and, then, the Arabs and my present love for the Guatamalan charismatics in our parish. As the introducer points out, however, the ability to even love another culture is positive even if someone becomes biased.

Brings one back to Auden's "Thou shalt love thy crooked neighbor with thy crooked heart."

Best to be in the world but not of it, etc.

Shalom, Ronda

Jan. 30 Nancy's doctor and epileptic seizures in the night could cause her to die in her sleep. I had severe anxiety but came up with the desire to overcome the fear and be Mary standing under Nancy's cross. Terrific work on her book.

Dearest apostles, how lovingly heaven ministers to you in your hard work. If you are moving calmly, from one task to the next, conscious of heaven's presence in your day, then you do not feel overwhelmed. If, on the other hand, you forget that heaven is with you and that you are only one part of a big plan, you may be feeling overwhelmed or feeling that you may not have what you need to fulfill your part of My plan. I have designed your life in such a way that you can live it in each moment with Me. I have all that you need for every moment of time. Your service is important to heaven. It is so important to heaven that heaven would not risk leaving you without the necessary graces for each task we have assigned to you. Are you working hard? Are you carrying a heavy cross? Are you worried about your loved ones? Are you lonely? I have the graces for you. I have what you need both to be holy yourself and to allow others to draw from your holiness. I am here, with you, working through you and alongside you, and I am sturdy. I will not falter, dear apostle. I will not change my mind about you. I love you today and I have loved you for a long time. I know you. I know what you need. You are making progress. Your willingness to sit quietly and read My words, conscious of My love for you, gives Me happiness. Allow My graces to give you happiness. Allow My graces to give you a light heart. Yes, there is work to be done, but not work without joy. Yes, there are crosses to be carried, but not carried without trust. You are concerned for your loved ones but I share your concern and I bless your prayers and efforts on their behalf. You may be lonely, dear apostle, but you are not alone. Rejoice. I am with you.

February 2, 2009

On the Vigil of the Feast of the Presentation – I very often get great graces on Marian feasts – a widow Betty Bonnet – called me about my way of life. Then she told be about a community she is in called Bride of Christ in Connecticut. She is now associate. It is an ecclesial team. It is Eucharistic, Marian, Charismatic, and they love to live very simply, and they are pro-life and help the poor and they want widows and they have a farm in the Berkshires where they are planning to build a retreat house – retirement house They also take in the homeless there now. And they want widows! Investigating further the founder Fr. Marty Jones happened to have studied in Israel and loves Jews and the hora! I plan to go and see it in late March.

After my first shock and delight I started feeling scared because so many things I have tried sounded great and turned out not right for staying until death do us part.

Feb. 4, 2009 about this plan: Surprise! Jesus, Mary, and Joseph seemed to say. I asked why I didn't find out about this years ago – I was actually going to speak at a place that is related but it was cancelled and there I would have heard of it.

JMJ: We wanted you to be a reference for widows plus you needed more Recovery, Inc. techniques and to help your family move to their house in Morganton and to bring the boys to Church.

Hush. “Be still and know that I am God.”

Feb. 7, 2008

Reading Nancy’s journal about how several times she longed to live with a Christian woman but stayed in a state of sin living with a battering husband and boyfriend because there was no room in any of the apartments or trailers of her woman friends, I am thinking that having someone in every parish willing to take in the homeless would be so good and that maybe I am setting a precedent in this area. It is not that clear. Shelters exist and many women are so co-dependent on their men that they stay with them in spite of the abuse.

Wonderful experience. My daughter, Diana, had an e-friend for years whose beloved husband died. She was suicidal but Diana sent roses twice, the second time by mistake and it saved her life! Turns out the woman was a Catholic as a child but the family drifted away. Now at 60 as a widow she is longing to come back. Diana recommended she go to my web. She read the locutions from the Holy Spirit to me and was moved to want to go back. Then I talked to her on the phone and I think I persuaded her to go to confession and communion. We’ll see but it was a great joy that the locutions could reach her.

February 8, 2008

for second week of 6 Steps to Holiness on-line participants:

At this time I am working on my tendency to pessimism – thinking that things will turn out badly. In my writings I frequently make reference to the 4 Temperaments – angry vs. laid-back and melancholy vs. hopeful. I am convinced that melancholy people, like myself, have a much greater temptation to pessimism than hopeful people who are usually optimists – thinking that everything will be fine.

The goal is neither pessimism or optimism, but realism. And realism tells us that many things turn out badly and many things turn out well. And lots is in between. Therefore, to always be expecting the worst in large and little situations is unrealistic. Jesus says “The Truth Shall set you Free.”

I think one psychological reason for pessimism is that we would prefer to be sad than to reach for the skies and then be disappointed.

With this in mind I spent the week 2 checking out my daily life. One or two things turned out really badly but many, many, small things turned out much better than expected.

Next week I will work on trying to catch myself more quickly in my pessimistic thoughts and, instead, pray for each thing coming up with steady hope that even if it

doesn't look God, with "God all things are possible." And if they turn out badly, as St. Teresa of Avila always taught, "God alone is enough."

February 8, 2008

Very good time with Pastor Kevin, who agreed to take a larger role in trying to work on Nancy's problems. I had a strong sense that I do not have the gift of counsel and I should spend more time instead on my teaching and writing gifts.

Mattie wrote that I am a pilgrim soul and should go for Connecticut.

Working on Nancy's book and Jasons' I realize that helping someone write their life story is a healing work.

February 12, 2009

Insight: Fear of going to Bride of Christ is because of the need of healing of my parent wound. I think always of either/or and so the specter of a "father and mother" priest and sister duo is frightening to me. But this may be because I am going to be healed of this.

February 15, 2009

**RECOMMENDATION FOR DEACON ASPIRANT: MIGUEL
SEBASTIAN
FOR THE DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**

February, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Dr. Ronda Chervin. I am writing this letter from the background of having been –

- a professor in your Diaconate Program
- a professor of philosophy at the Seminary of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles
- a presenter of workshops in Catholic parishes all over the United States
- writer of many books about Catholic spirituality
- a charismatic renewal speaker since 1970

Three years ago I moved to Morganton, N.C. and became familiar with the Hispanic charismatic prayer group at our parish, St. Charles Borromeo. At first, since my Spanish was minimal, I enjoyed the music but couldn't understand much of what was being said by the lay preachers.

After awhile I decided to study Spanish in order to understand the preaching and someday give talks myself as this meeting of some two hundred fifty mostly Guatamalan-American participants. I was gratified to see that the preaching was not only fiery but also totally Magisterial, always emphasizing the need for the participants to attend Sunday Mass and go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Gradually I came to know the rotating lay preachers by name and to observe the virtues of each as displayed at these long three hour meetings.

Even though Miguel Sebastian, one of the leaders and preachers, did not ask for a recommendation, since I may be travelling out of the area frequently in the future, I wanted to share my observations so that they would be available whenever such recommendations would be required. In fact, even before Fr. Ken Whittington, our Pastor, recommended Miguel Sebastian, I started telling him that I thought he could be a wonderful deacon some day.

From years of experience of lay charismatic leaders I am sure that the kind that would NOT make good deacons would be those who are –

long on fiery zeal – short on humility and prudence
long on self-dramatizing witness stories – short on daily sacrifice

long on individualism – short on service to family and the parish

When one meets Miguel Sebastian as a parishioner, not as a speaker, one sees a man who radiates humility, modesty, peacefulness, balance, responsible attention to detail, and love of his family. There he is before the prayer meeting administering the program, over-seeing the musicians, the prayer leaders, the tech computer people, the ushers. There he is with his family at Eucharistic Adoration during the week, still as a statue!

But then at the prayer meeting when Miguel Sebastian is the preacher, there emerges this man of fiery zeal, burning love of Jesus, absolute grateful dedication to the Church! And now that I have an intermediate level knowledge of Spanish I can attest that I have never hears a word out of his mouth that didn't conform to the beloved teachings of the Church. These teachings are always related to the concrete problems discernible in the many young and middle-aged people who attend.

What will he be like, when, added to all these qualities will be the wisdom that he will receive in our wonderful Deacon program!

I would give half my social security and pension to support such a man if he needed it, so much do I see men like him and the deacon candidates I met at the Pastoral Center when I taught there, as a boon to our Church. Miguel Sebastian would never take such money, because he is willing to live simply, as we all need to do.

The road to becoming a deacon is a long one. When teaching deacon candidates and their wives at the Pastoral Center I have observed your careful process of discernment. Miguel's wife is a lovely, and loving spiritual woman. I hope that Miguel Sebastian will be ordained a deacon some day and that on that occasion if I have left this world I may be allowed to peer down from Purgatory and yell: "Praise the Lord!"

Sincerely in Christ,

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February 16, 2009

Dear Cathy,

I woke up thinking that a possibility would be to give up my hatred of travel and unless everything is extremely good in Connecticut just detach slightly from this parish and the pastor in terms of activities

and spend more time traveling both to see family and friends in LA and also to spend, for instance, a month or two a year at this Connecticut community doing my workshops there.

It would mean more physical discomfort but perhaps less emotional stress of trying to squeeze my personality into some mode.

March 15, 2009

Thinking about Connecticut. I desperately need affirmers around me: male or female. Maybe I should let the Holy Family affirm me through silly jokes such as “Hello, St. Ronda, what’s up!” Ironic? Like affirm myself in that way?

During charismatic prayer assembly last night, deep sense, ever more urgent today, to want to be much more simple even as a contrast to the terrible luxury we have where even poverty stricken young girls feel they need cosmetics and dream of changing their eye color with contact lens. They never think that people are starving, etc. That I need to not judge them since no one ever suggested such a choice to them, but through personal witness.

March 16, 2008

**I especially liked this piece I wrote for the book I am working on with the Ballards
What the Saints Said about Heaven:**

Day 21

We Shall be at Peace!

“Father, I desire that they also, whom Thou has given unto me, may be with me where I am...” (John 17: 24)

“You have made us for yourself, O God, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.” St. Augustine

Confessions

O, Holy Spirit, surely this most famous line from the Confessions of St. Augustine, was inspired by You. That our hearts are restless we well know. What we know less is that You truly, have made us for Yourself, O God. A homey image comes to mind. You tell us in Genesis that the animals are given to us. Even though they are so different from us and much lower in the hierarchy of being, they are made for us. In the case of domesticatable animals, pets, they cannot understand that they are our gifts. They go about their lives relating to us but not understanding us, yet we breed them precisely to be pets for us! So, too, Holy Spirit, are we, as it were, God’s pets, created by Him to one day live with Him? As we tame cats and dogs to be fit to live in our homes, is God taming us to be fit to live in His home: heaven?

From the Journal of Diana’s visit – sent March 17 – it brought many tears:

Chapter Three – Interlude: On My Way to Where

“i paid
my airplane fare
i was
on my way to where....”
~ Dori Previn

Here is a segue.

There is a time in life in which you must reevaluate...in Tarot they call it the Tower. The tower WILL crumble, whether or not you want it to, it's inevitable. So too the person...we reach a midway point, and despite our intense need to still connect, we have to walk a lonely path to find ourselves once again – or perhaps for the first time.

I'm in the middle of that, so a visit home to the ones who've known me longest has particular resonance.

This is the time of white, white bone – stripped of everything - EVERY THING – you lose (even if you cling, you lose) all the trappings of what has gone before. Other people's ideas of you or needs of you, no matter how instinctual, must fall away. And in the falling, one hopes to find oneself.

So, Steve:

“I look forward, greatly, to meeting you – once you've met yourself.”

So, Pete:

“Why must you say you manipulate people? I think you orchestrate.”

So many and many with a view, but at this point in time you climb alone.

Up the craggy cliff, with a staff in your hand called faith, and a rock in your pocket called love. Now, everything matters and nothing matters at all, and you are reinventing, and MUST, you MUST do it, no matter whom you hurt in the process.

I am on my way to where.

La! (

So, I woke in the morning at 5:30 AM, because little Max gets up then. He doesn't speak in the mornings, and Zacko has said that he often showers and then falls back asleep. Let me set the scene a bit...

Morganton is a tiny town, and there are quaint Southern buildings and big country roads. Lake Drive is one of them, and if you have a house there, you have also a forest! You go down a long road from the mailbox to the front door, which in this case is embraced by a wraparound deck. Cats (lucvats, wait for more on this!) sit in the sun here.

Inside, it's a massive A frame, all planks and created years ago, when they knew how to use good wood to advantage. The ceiling soars up to the heavens, with skylights that let in the sun. Downstairs is Carla's office, and her collections and twinkly lights, enormous couches and a television, walls of Martina's toys, a big kitchen with hanging pots and a dining table.

Over this is Steve's sanctuary – with a balcony and his Martian-like array of computers, punctuated by his collection of memorabilia – here Oriental fountains gurgle and Samurai sword menace – keeping company with little Martina's dollhouse.

Up and under and over and above and below is a rabbit's warren of personal spaces – rooms where the children are allowed to make their own habitat. They all draw, and tacked to the walls are their various artworks. In Zacko's room, for example, we have Devin Hester (his great idol) and his father Peter's grand mobile called "Things found on Revere Beach", upon which you hit your head.

The next room is a guest room, with a pair of adjustable beds and a window out to the backyard forest.

Downstairs is a veritable boy's paradise! Max has moved down since Nicholas moved... a rite of passage which means he doesn't have to clean as much, since not too many are willing to trespass down the dark and creaky stairs. Alexander's quarters are there.

Upstairs is the master bedroom, with an enormous waterbed capable of fitting the whole family, and Martina's bedlet at the foot. Adjoining this is the bathroom with the old clawfoot bathtub.

In other words, it is close to heaven. J

I woke to watch Max silently fixing himself cereal, and shortly thereafter, Zacko and Alexander arrived. Alexander also doesn't speak in the morning, but Zacko does not suffer from this reticence, so he and I squawked back and forth for a bit. He is nearly the spelling bee champion of his school, as newspaper articles support, and has his picture in the paper to prove it, tacked up next to Momma's computer.

After that is a period of utter silence. Carla, Martina and Steve, staying up as they do until nearly 4 AM, do not arrive on the scene until about 11:00.

Then Carla descends, in a flurry of red satin, and creates a godawful coffee concoction that involves 4 packets of Splenda. She checks her e-mail and begins to work, and shortly thereafter, a timid Martina emerges.

Long about noon there is a shaking and quaking, and Poppa descends, blue eyes aflash and mouth a grim line. He takes the grocery orders, creates his own saccharine coffee, and then re-ascends to roost amongst the flashing computers and dripping fountains to sneer downward upon us all.

Dinnertime is an all-afternoon affair. Everybody traipses in from school and is set to one task or another – peeling potatoes, setting tables, whatever is required. They take turns on the chores, and they do them in fairly good grace, though all of them appreciated an Aunt Diana or JoJo intervention.

Then we all sit around the table and talk and talk and talk...about everything that has occurred during our days, or about anything at all. Zacko is in constant motion, Martina waits for it all to be over, Alexander lounges gracefully with darting alive eyes, Max speaks slowly and intelligently about everything. There is some yelling, I guess, and some discussion of table manners, but the whole family is together, their shoulders armed against the dark.

Next, the person who has got dish duty must clean up. If Aunt Diana is in residence, she wraps paper towels on the feet and we skate as we go. If Jo is in residence, she has it done before the boys can start.

And there are games and love and homework we all help with, and persons dropping in from the outside because this is the very picture of family, all of a piece, all together.

I miss you guys! Oh how much you cannot know. You are the rock in my pocket and I thank you all more than you imagine. You are the where I am trying to find.

March 19, 2009

Beautiful St. Joseph's dinner for monitors of the homeless shelter of all different Christian churches coming to our Church since we were the only one willing to take them all those months. – so wonderful having these other Christians under your mantle, St. Joseph, Fr. Ken did the beautiful litany to you and all the non-Catholic Christian leaders and monitors and Flynn men and some from the shelter itself and the delicious eats. Like I wanted door to door to reach out to Bible Belt non-Catholics, but Toni Whitesell who organized this homeless ministry and Father's initiative brought them to us! Alleluia!

March 21-25 trip to Blue Ridge Georgia. Talks went very well. They expressed so much love. A Catholic revert 2x widowed who was previous a band singer, wrote a song to my novel about being a widow: Last Fling. She read the book on my free e-books. So few read that book but the ones who did loved it. A sign to keep up free e-books? Another widow made me a quilt with my face in a star she got off the web and angels dancing around me. I was so moved. It was so good to be among magisterial charismatic Catholics, especially wonderful Dedicated Widow Julie Fields who housed me and is now such a good friend. I thought about moving there if Connecticut doesn't work out.

Came home revved up to go visit Connecticut. Dinner at Carla's for Fr. Ken. After all warm chatter with glorious Peking Duck dinner, everyone was mellow. Sudden conversation about love and hurting people and Fr. Ken said how when he says something hurtful he just waves it off. Carla smiled and said "we've noticed!" I said how

we can't really love others until we've seen their worst and people agreed. I said how no one loves you like the ones you've victimized who have forgiven you.

Carla said she wanted to see me before I left town to try to anesthetize me against Connecticut.

Diana's wonderful travelogue – how she gets all of us to delight in each other's traits.

Woke up thinking I said the words that would keep me here! Family are those who love you even though they are our victims.

March 28 Long talk with Carla. She said that family loves you not for your ideas but what you mean to them. A great truth, I thought.

Wonderful that Nancy's daughter Angel is marrying the cook at the Shelter because this means to me a default place.

Going off feeling that no matter what neurotic reasons might be there for needing to go to new places grace builds on nature and God can use this to make into a kind of pilgrim bride as He put it once.

I noticed how Nancy and her girls say I love you and I'm sorry the most of all words. What a Christian thing! Nancy thought it wasn't so much Southern as Mountain.