

Penitential Homily for Holy Trinity Mission

Tonight I want to share briefly with you three of Our Blessed Mother's messages about the great importance of Confession, from several angles.

On August 6, 1982, Our Blessed Mother said in Medjugorje:

“You must invite people to go to Confession each month, especially on the First Saturday.... There are many people who do not do this. Monthly Confession will cure what is wrong with the Church in the West. You must convey this message to the West.”

On April 21, 1991, she gave us this message through Julia Kim at Naju in South Korea:

“You cannot win the victory without going through the Cross. You must understand the amazing mystery of the Holy Eucharist by which God comes down from Heaven through priests in order to be with you. Therefore make frequent Confessions to receive the Lord more worthily. Open your heart widely, keep it clean and organized, love one another so that you will become a palace and a tabernacle where the Lord can dwell. Then the Lord will dwell in you and set you on fire.”

On November 25, 1998, in anticipation of Advent and Christmas, she said at Medjugorje:

“Dear Children! Today I call you to prepare yourselves for the coming of Jesus. In a special way, prepare your hearts. May Holy Confession be the first act of conversion for you; and then, dear Children, decide for holiness...today, and not tomorrow.... Be mine and decide with me for holiness.” (*Cardinal Avery Dulles*)