

OPEN LETTER TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

*Valley of Tears
Holy Year, 1950*

Dear Mother of God,

We have never written you before. But now we hope you understand.

You see, Mother of God, we are afraid. We are afraid of our fellowman. We are afraid of our selves. We are afraid, lest having lost self-control, we would suddenly turn our weapons of destruction against our own selves.

This is why our world diplomats and leaders and politicians speak uneasily of "Atom War" and "extermination" and "self-annihilation".

Once when our human race was faced with a more horrifying destruction of body and soul because of one man's sin, you, O Mother of God, suddenly appeared in the sky and crushed the serpent's head and thus averted the impending doom.

Today what reason then have we to be afraid? Unless we have forgotten that SIN ALONE is the cause of "extermination" and "self-annihilation".

But this year, millions of us, your children, will plead with you before your earthly throne in the city of Rome. God willing, we may also see the dogmatic definition of your Assumption into heaven. Is it not without significance then that our scientists should discover the Hell-Bomb in this, your Holy Year of grace, 1950—so that, perhaps, having lost faith in ourselves, we shall turn to you, O Mother of God?

Indeed we should not be afraid. Only men who have no faith in you have reason to be afraid. In your eyes, you would have us dread ONE DELIBERATE VENIAL SIN more than a thousand and one HELL-BOMBS that can destroy only the dust in us, but cannot touch the spirit.

If then we fear, it is because we, your children, have forgotten this and have lost faith in you. It is because we have ceased to call on you and to see in you Our Queen and Mother.

This month then will be for all of us the month of the "great return"—the month of going back home—to Mother. Grant that it be so.

Longingly in Exile,

Your Wayward Children