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Jesus, I trust in You!

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GOD'S PLAN FOR MANKIND — Continued.

THE PLAN OF GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

In those days - after the original sin was committed in Paradise, the serpent still being present - God pronounced these words: "I will make you and the woman enemies, as are your descendants and their offspring. Your offspring will crush your head, and you will bite your heel "(Gen 3:15).

After the fall of man, while they are still in Paradise, God reveals to us that he wants to continue with his plan to share his divinity with us for all eternity. It promises us a new period in the history of mankind that will begin with a man, descendant of the woman, who will crush the head of Satan. This will be Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who will become incarnate in the womb of Mary. "Because God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him does not die, but has eternal life" (Jn 3:16).

Later, the Son of God will share the destiny of man; It will be equal to man in everything except sin. Even the first words that God uttered in expelling man from Paradise were already words of mercy, because it gave man hope and the promise of Redemption (Gen 3:15). The whole history of the Old Testament narrated in the Holy Bible is a story of the Divine Mercy of God: it could be called the story of the conquest of man's heart by God.

God does not want to force man to love him, but he wants to win the heart of man by revealing His immense mercy through the words of the patriarchs and prophets and of so many events narrated in Sacred Scripture. In His mercy, God chooses righteous men, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and his descendants, the twelve tribes of Israel. Choose the nation Israel in which something extremely important must happen. Something we could say would surpass the greatness of the Divine Mercy that God had shown in the work of Creation.

The closer we get to the end of the Old Testament, the more it points us to the One who is to come. Through the prophets, God announces to us the One who is to come and who will bring significant changes in the life of sinful man. The history of the Old Testament is a great expectation of the Messiah. God, respecting the freedom of man, constitutes him in a nation that will freely bear witness to his unique God, Creator of heaven and earth, to the rest of the pagan nations believing in multitudes of gods.

PLEASE HELP US BRING THE SISTERS

Since our last sharing with you about the construction permit, we have the good news that having won an appeal we requested to reduce the costs of construction of the sanitary sewer system, which reduced the additional cost to our budget from \$ 400,000 to \$ 150,000 , we are completing the new civil engineering plans and signing a new legal agreement with WASA, the Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department. With God's favor we are about to get permission to build the first phase - The Convent of the Sisters. Our agreement remains the same with the archdiocese - having all the money available before starting construction.

However, I want to try another appeal, this time before the archbishop; to authorize us to start as soon as we have the construction permit in our hands. For this meeting I want to inform the archbishop that we already have the sum required for the reserve account of the Sisters and I would like to present at that time 500 requests for bricks that we would have as a result of the new Campaign of the 1000 Families that we will soon begin. Soon I will send you the details about what we are doing to make it possible to order the bricks that in turn will help us bring the Sisters as soon as possible.

Deacon Rafael de los Reyes

To Be Messengers of Divine Mercy – To Spread the Devotion and its Message
To Perform Deeds of Mercy Always and Everywhere

