

Short Texts of the founder on the shrine

Your shrine is our Nazareth, hidden in the night of time. There you struggle in prayer, Immaculate One, with great longing for the dawn of salvation. There Gabriel places God's proposal before you, and at your Fiat the world becomes brighter.

Your shrine is our Bethlehem, pleasing God by its Sunrise. There you gave virginal birth to the Lord, who had chosen you to be his Bride and Mother. Your wonderful fruitfulness brought us the Sun of Justice.

Your shrine is our Nazareth, warmed by Christ the Sun. With its clear and radiant light it forms the history of the holy Family, awakens quiet and strong workaday sanctity in beautiful family unity.

What is the meaning of the consecration to our Lady? ... If I consecrate something, I withdraw it from ordinary use. ... I have handed it over to God. And God has accepted it. ... So when I consecrate myself to our Lady, I give away all that I am and all that I have. When I make use of my abilities, the members of my body or even my possessions, I will have to ask what our Lady would like me to do. How should I spend my money? ... The same applies to my abilities, to my heart. ...

However, through the consecration our Lady also gives herself to me.... How does she give herself to us? A consecration is a perfect exchange of hearts, interests and goods. I give myself to her, and she gives herself to me. ... Since I am your own - what does that imply? Our Lady has accepted me, she has taken over responsibility for me, she will treat me as her property and possession. Since I now belong to you, my good Mother, guard and protect me - guard and protect my children, guard and protect my grandchildren who are in such danger today. ... Then I can sleep in peace, then I shall have fulfilled the meaning of my life. (19.8.1962)

Once again I stress what we should always bear in mind. In regard to events in the world and salvation history, there are not only powers in the foreground of the stage of life, but also powers concealed in the background - and these are the main powers at work in world events. On the one hand it is satan, and on the other divine powers, which are symbolized in the Savior and his Mother. ... Our lady is rightly called the partner of the Savior in the work of redemption ... Together with the Savior, she is also the opponent of satanic forces. ... Every time satanic forces are drawn into play, the opponents - Christ and Mary - will come onto the field at just the right moment. If we accept the fact that our modern age is inwardly and outwardly terrorized by diabolical powers, that satan is far more strongly at work today than at other times, then we understand that our Lady's mission has by no means ceased. On the contrary, she stands before us as the great, the immeasurably great opponent of the devil. (1.5.1966)

Against the dark background of our present era, let us allow the light proceeding from the beloved Mother of God to shine out. The effect on us will be similar to the

effect in nature when the sun shine out through pitch black cluds; it shines out all the more brightly and radiantly the darker the clouds are. The Mother of God is the great sign of light. (1950)

The Mother of God is surrounded by the sun. Who is the sun? Christ, the great King of Light.

The Mother of God stands before us not only as the one who bore Christ, who gave birth to Christ, but also as the one who brings Christ to the world.

We often imagine Mary's life to have been a constant strolling through flowering meadows without any deeper conflicts and spiritual needs, free of any uncertainty and fear. However, this contradicts the stark reality, it blinds us to Mary's real greatness, that is, to the heroic faith and love with which she answered and overcame uncertainty and fear.

She knew night and darkness, uncertainty and insecurity, just as we do, indeed, even more than we do. She did not understand our Lord's actions. ... The apostles were scandalized by our Lord. She, however, upheld her faith in him under the cross - a radiant example to us in our present dark era.

Her role as educator impels her to help us and educate us to make use of the terrifying insecurity and anxiety that has inevitably broken over the peoples. This will more rapidly make us free from all that is not God, so that we seek and find ultimate rest and security - a home, a nest - in him alone.