BUILDING A HOUSE FOR THE LORD AND ADORNING IT WITH THE TREASURES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Paragraph 60 - II. The Stages of Revelation

60 *The people descended from Abraham would be the trustees of the promise made to the patriarchs, the chosen people, called to prepare for that day when God would gather all his children into the unity of the Church.[18] They would be the root onto which the Gentiles would be grafted, once they came to believe.[19] (760, 762, 781)* ***CCC***

Paragraph 528 - II. The Mysteries of Jesus' Infancy and Hidden Life

The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs," and acquires Israelitica dignitas[215] (are made "worthy of the heritage of Israel"). (439, 711-716, 122) ***CCC***

Isaias (Isaiah) 11:1

And there shall come forth a rod out of the root of Jesse, and a flower shall rise up out of his root.

Romans 15:12

And again Isaias saith: There shall be a root of Jesse; and he that shall rise up to rule the Gentiles, in him the Gentiles shall hope.

V2 – October 29, 1899 - "My daughter, Luisa, the Main Thing so that I May Enter into a soul and Form My Dwelling is Total Detachment from everything. Without this, not only can I not Dwell in her, but not even any of the Virtues Can Form Its Residence in the soul.

After this, once the soul has made everything go out of herself, then do I Enter, and United with the will of the soul, we Build a House. The Foundations of it are Based on Humility, and the Deeper they are, the Higher and Stronger the Walls will be. These Walls will be Built with the Stones of Mortification, Cemented with the Purest Gold of Charity. After the Walls Have Been Built, I, Like a Most Excelling Painter, Plaster it and Form the Most Excelling Paintings - not with lime and water, but with the Merits of My Passion, Represented by the lime, and with the Colors of My Blood, Represented by the water. This Serves to Protect it well from rains, from snows, and from any shock. Then Come the Doors, and in order for them to be Solid like wood and not subject to wood worms, Silence is Necessary which Forms the Death of the exterior senses. In order to keep this House, a Guardian is Necessary to Watch Over it Everywhere, inside and out. This is the Holy Fear of God which Guards it against any inconvenience, wind or anything else that may threaten it. This Fear will be the Safeguard of this House, which will cause one to Operate, not out of fear of penalty, but out of Fear of Offending the Master of this House. This Holy Fear Must Do Nothing but Do Everything to Please God, with no other intention.

Then, this House Must Be Adorned and Filled with Treasures. These Treasures Must Be Nothing but Holy Desires and Tears. These were the Treasures of the Old Testament, and in them they Found their Salvation; in the Fulfillment of their Vows, their Consolation; in Sufferings, Strength. In sum, they Placed All their Fortune in their Desire for the Future Redeemer, and in this Desire they Operated as Athletes. A soul without Desire Operates almost as dead; everything is boredom, bother, rancor – even Virtues themselves; there is nothing that she likes, and she walks almost crawling on the Path of Good. All the opposite for the soul who Desires: Nothing is a weight for her, Everything is Joy; she Flies, and Finds her Tastes in the Very Pains. This, because there was an Anticipated Desire, and the things which are First Desired, are then Loved; and as one Loves them, one Finds the Most Pleasant Delights in them. Therefore, this Desire Must Be Entertained

Even Before this House is Built. The Ornaments of this House will be the Most Precious Stones, the Most Expensive Pearls and Gems of this Life of Mine, Always Founded Upon Suffering – and Pure Suffering. And since the One Who Dwells in it is the Giver of Every Good, He Places in it the Endowment of All Virtues, He Perfumes it with the Most Gentle Odors, He Makes Lovely Flowers Give Off their Fragrance, He Makes a Celestial Melody, Among the Most Pleasant, Resound. He Makes one Breathe an Air of Paradise."