

The Corner-Stone, the Foundation of Holy Mother Church



Paragraph 756 - I. Names and Images of the Church

756 “Often, too, the Church is called the building of God. The Lord compared himself to the stone which the builders rejected, but which was made into the corner-stone. On this foundation the Church is built by the apostles and from it the Church receives solidity and unity. This edifice has many names to describe it: the house of God in which his family dwells; the household of God in the Spirit; the dwelling-place of God among men; and, especially, the holy temple. This temple, symbolized in places of worship built out of stone, is praised by the Fathers and, not without reason, is compared in the liturgy to the Holy City, the New Jerusalem. As living stones we here on earth are built into it. It is this holy city that is seen by John as it comes down out of heaven from God when the world is made anew, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.¹⁴⁸ (797, 857, 1045)CCC

Isaias (Isaiah) 28:16

Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Behold I will lay a stone in the foundations of Sion, a tried stone, a corner stone, a precious stone, founded in the foundation. He that believeth, let him not hasten.

V5 – October 24, 1903 - Now, after he (Luisa's Confessor) celebrated Holy Mass and I received Communion, I saw my adorable Jesus in my interior for just a little, His Gaze Fixed on me, His Hands Joined, in the Act of Asking for Pity and Help. At that moment I found myself outside of myself, inside a Room in which there was a Lady, Majestic and Venerable, but gravely infirm. She was inside a Bed with a Headboard So High as to almost Touch the Vault, and I was forced to stay over this Headboard, in the arms of a Priest, in order to keep it still and to look at the Poor ill One. While in this position, I saw a few Religious surrounding and offering their cares to the Patient, and saying among themselves with intense bitterness: "She is ill, She is ill - it would take nothing more than a little shake." And I was taking care of keeping the Headboard of the Bed still, for fear that, if the Bed moved, She might die."

V5 – October 25, 1903 - To obey the confessor, I continue to tell the other meanings I Understood on the 24th of this month. So, the Lady Represented the Church, who is infirm, not in Herself, but in Her members; but even though She is laid low and insulted by enemies, and rendered infirm in Her very members, She Never Loses Her Majesty and Venerability. As for the Bed She was in, I Understood that while the Church seems oppressed, infirm, opposed, She yet rests with a Perpetual and Eternal Rest, and with Peace and Safety in the Paternal Bosom of God, like a child on the lap of her mother. I Understood that the Headboard of the Bed that Touched the Vault was the Divine Protection that Always Assists the Church, and that Everything She Contains has All Come from Heaven: Sacraments, Doctrine and other things – Everything is Celestial, Holy and Pure, in Such a Way that between Heaven and the Church there is Continuous Communication, Never Interrupted. As for the few Religious who offered Care and Assistance to the Lady, I Understood that few are those who Defend the Church with All of themselves - considering the evils She receives as though given to themselves. The Room in which She Resided, Made of Stone,

Represented the Solidity, the Firmness, and even the Hardness of the Church in Surrendering to No One the Rights that Belong to Her. The Dying Lady Who, with Intrepidity and Courage, Allows Herself to be beaten by the enemies, Represented the Church which, while She Seems to be Dying, Rises Again More Intrepid – but How? Through sufferings and shedding of blood – the True Spirit of the Church, Always Ready for Mortification, as Jesus Christ Was.