

The Harder the Trials and Tests we Submit to, the Greater the Graces God Gives us

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II. The Church's Origin, Foundation, and Mission (CCC)

The Church—perfected in glory

769 "...The Church, and through her the world, will not be perfected in glory without great trials.

Ecclesiasticus 27:6

The furnace trieth the potter's vessels, and the trial of affliction just men.

Romans 5:3-4

[3] And not only so; but we glory also in tribulations, knowing that tribulation worketh patience; [4] And patience trial; and trial hope;

From the Book of Heaven

V1 - "...I will make you touch your nothingness with your own hands; I will fuse you thoroughly in profound humility, in order to be able to build high walls upon you. So, instead of afflicting yourself, you should rejoice and thank Me, because the

faster I make you cross the stormy sea, the sooner you will reach the port of safety; the harder the trials to which I will submit you, the greater the graces I will give you. Courage, then, courage, and I will come back soon."

V22 – Aug. 15, 1927 - *"The same happens in all creatures. It is My usual way to ask for small sacrifices—depriving oneself of a pleasure, of a desire, of a small interest, of a vanity, or detaching oneself from something that seems to do one no harm. These small tests serve as little shelves on which to place the great capital of My Grace in order to dispose them to accept greater sacrifices. And when the soul is faithful to Me in the small tests, then I abound in grace and ask for greater sacrifices, so as to be able to abound yet more in giving, and I make of her a portent of sanctity. How many sanctities begin from a small sacrifice; and how many, after denying Me a small sacrifice, as it seemed to them that it was something of no importance, have remained scrawny in good, cretinous in comprehending it, weak in walking on the way that leads to Heaven. Poor ones, they can be seen crawling and licking the earth in a way that arouses pity.*

"Therefore, My daughter, it takes greater attention to small sacrifices than to great ones, because the small ones are the strength of the great, dispose God to give grace, and the soul to receive it."

V30 – Dec. 6, 1931 - *"Good daughter, Courage. Since your Jesus wants to give you more and receive more from you, I permit the prolixity of time. There is no comparison that holds between one who has given Me proofs for a few years and one who has done so for long years. A prolonged time always tells more: more circumstances, more occasions, more tests, more pains; and remaining Faithful, Constant, Patient in so many circumstances—and not for a little while, but for a long time—O! how many more things does this tell..."*

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