

## End Times and the Era of the Holy Spirit

Revelations made by the Lord to Concepción Cabrera de Armida. Affectionately known as Conchita, she was born on December 1862 in San Luis Potosi, a city north of Mexico. In 1884, at twenty-one years of age, she married Francisco Armida and had nine children between 1885 and 1899. Manuel, one of her sons, became a Jesuit priest and Maria, her first daughter, entered the convent of the Sisters of the Cross (which Conchita herself founded). In 1901, when she was 39 years old, her husband died and she had to care for her children, the youngest of whom was two years old. Her spiritual life started before the death of her husband. Lay woman, married and mother of nine children, Conchita was chosen by the Lord as an instrument to communicate the Spirituality of the Cross and to establish the Work of the Cross. She gave a most decisive impulse to each one of the branches of the Work with her life and her writings. Conchita's religious writings and meditations total over 60,000 handwritten pages. In her writings she revealed a deep mysticism that rivals St. Catherine of Siena and St. Teresa of Avila. One of the missions entrusted to Conchita was to bring to the Church "*The Spirituality of the Cross*" which seeks to awaken the faithful to the inner sufferings Jesus endured while undergoing His Passion. The Spirituality of the Cross is a means that calls the People of God to share in the inner life of Jesus as Priest and Victim. Conchita died on March 3, 1937, at the age of 75. Pope John Paul II declared her venerable on December 20, 1999 and she is currently in the process of beatification. So here are these revelations made by the Lord to Conchita on the Holy Spirit, the Second Pentecost and the Era of the Holy Spirit; they are contained in the book entitled: *Conchita – A Mother's Spiritual Diary*, edited by Marie-Michel Philipon, o.p.

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For many Christians the Holy Spirit is an unknown. The Lord reveals to Conchita His personal identity in the bosom of the Trinity where He is Love, and His mission on the earth is to bring souls to the hearth of Love. Hence the need of the reign of the Holy Spirit and the urgency of a renewal of His cult. The sentence recalls to us that « His mission in heaven, His Life, His Being, is Love ». {...}

« There exists a hidden treasure, a wealth remaining unexploited and in no way appreciated at its true worth, which is nevertheless that which is the greatest in heaven and on earth: the Holy Spirit. The world of souls itself does not know Him as it should. He is the Light of intellects and the Fire which enkindles hearts. If there is indifference, coldness, weakness, and so many other evils which afflict the spiritual world and even My Church, it is because recourse is not had to the Holy Spirit.

« His mission in heaven, His Life, His Being, is Love.

« On earth, His mission consists in leading souls toward this hearth of Love which is God. With Him, there is possessed all that can be desired.

« If there is sadness, it is because recourse is not had to this divine Consoler, to Him who is perfect spiritual joy. If there is weakness, it is because there is no reliance on Him who is invincible Might. If there are errors, it is because of disregard for Him who is Light. Faith is extinguished through the absence of the Holy Spirit. In each heart and in the whole Church, there is not rendered the Holy Spirit that which is due to Him. Most of the evils that are deplored in the Church

and in the field of souls comes from not according to the Holy Spirit the primacy which I have given to this Third Person of the Trinity who has taken so active a part in the Incarnation of the Word and in the founding of the Church. He is loved lukewarmly, invoked without fervor and in many hearts, even among My own, not even called to mind. All this deeply wounds My Heart.

« It is time that the Holy Spirit reign ». Very moved, the Lord told me this. He went on, « and not a remote reign as something very sublime, even though it be so and there is nothing greater than He since He is God united and consubstantial with the Father and the Word. But it is necessary that He reigns, here, right close, in each soul and in each heart, in all the structures of My Church. The day on which there will flow in each pastor, in each priest, like an inner blood, the Holy Spirit, then will be renewed the theological virtues, now languishing, even in the ministers of My Church, due to the absence of the Holy Spirit. Then the world will change, for all the evils deplored today have their cause in the remoteness of the Holy Spirit. Then the world will change, for all the evils deplored today have their cause in the remoteness of the Holy Spirit, the sole remedy. Let the ministers of My Church react, through the medium of the Holy Spirit, and the whole world of souls will be divinized. He is the axis around which revolve the virtues. There is no virtue without the Holy Spirit. The decisive impulse for raising up My Church from the state of prostration in which she lies, consists in reviving the cult of the Holy Spirit. Let His place be given Him, that is, the first in intellects and wills! No one will be lacking anything with this heavenly wealth. The Father and I, the Word, We desire an ardent and vitalizing renewal of His reign in the Church.»

« Lord, yet the Holy Spirit reigns in the Church, why do You complain? »

« Woe to Her were it not so! Certainly the Holy Spirit is the soul of this so dearly loved Church! But that about which I am complaining is that there is such little consideration for this gift of heaven, and to Him there is not accorded the importance due. His devotion in hearts is routine and languishing, indifferent, secondary. This brings about countless evils not only in the Church but in all souls. That is why the Works of the Cross have just come to renew devotion to Him and to extend it throughout the earth. May the Holy Spirit reign in souls, and the Word will be known and honored, the Cross taking on a new force in the souls spiritualized by divine Love.

« To the extent the Holy Spirit will reign, sensuality, which today invades the earth, will disappear. The Cross will never take root unless beforehand the soil is made ready by the Holy Spirit. That is why He appeared to you first even before the vision of the Cross. It is because of this He is at the summit of the Cross of the Apostolate.

« One of the main fruits of the mystical incarnation is the reign of the Holy Spirit which must bring about the disappearance of materialism » (Diary, Feb. 19, 1911).

{...} « Some souls think that the Holy Spirit is very far away, far, far up above. Actually, He is, we might say, the divine Person who is most closely present to the creature. He accompanies him everywhere. He penetrates him with Himself, He calls him, He protects him. He makes of him His living temple. He defends him. He helps him. He guards him from all his enemies. He is closer to him than his own soul. All the good a soul accomplishes, it carries out under His inspiration, in His light, by His grace and His help. And yet He is not invoked, He is not thanked for His direct and intimate action in each soul. If you invoke the Father, if you love Him, it is through the Holy Spirit. If you love Me ardently, if you know Me, if you serve Me, if you imitate Me, if you make yourself but one with My wishes and with My heart, it is through the Holy Spirit.

« He is considered inaccessible and He actually is but there is nothing that exists nearer, more helpful to the creature in his misery than this Being of a supreme transcendence, this most Holy Spirit who reflects and who constitutes one and the same holiness with the Father and the Son. Centuries have passed and He remains ever the Principle of all things. He engraves His mark on souls and His sign on the priest. He communicates the light of faith and all the virtues. He irrigates and fertilizes the whole field of the Church. Despite this, He is not appreciated, He is not known, He is not thanked for His perpetually sanctifying action. If the world is ungrateful to Me, how much more so toward the Holy Spirit!

« Here is why I want His glory to be shown to the end of time... One of the cruelest interior sufferings for My Heart was this ingratitude of all times, this workship of idols of other times, and today man's self-workship, forgetful of the Holy Spirit. In these latter days sensuality has set up its reign in the world. This sensual life obscures and extinguishes the light of faith in souls. That is why more than ever, it is necessary that the Holy Spirit come to destroy and annihilate Satan who under this form penetrates even the Church » (Diary, Jan. 26, 1915).

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« On sending to the world a new Pentecost, I want it inflamed, purified, illuminated, inflamed and purified by the light and fire of the Holy Spirit. The last stage of the world must be marked very specially by the effusion of the Holy Spirit. He must reign in hearts and in the entire world, not so much for the glory of His Person as for making the Father loved and bearing testimony of Me, although His glory is that of the whole Trinity » (Diary, Jan. 26, 1916).

« Tell the Pope that it is My will that in the whole Christian world the Holy Spirit be implored to bring peace and His reign into hearts. Only this Holy Spirit will be able to renew the face of the earth. He will bring light, union and charity to hearts.

« The world is foundering because it rejects the Holy Spirit, and all the evils which afflict it have therein their origin. The remedy is found in Him. He is the Consoler, the author of all grace, the bond of union between the Father and the Son and the supreme conciliator since He is charity, uncreated and eternal Love.

« May the whole world have recourse to this Holy Spirit since the day of His reign has arrived. This last stage of the world belongs very specially to Him that He be honored and exalted.

« May the Church preach Him, may souls love Him, may the whole world be consecrated to Him, and peace will come along with a moral and spiritual reaction, greater than the evil by which the world is tormented.

« May all at once this Holy Spirit begin to be called on with prayers, penances and tears, with the ardent desire of His coming. He will come, I will send Him again clearly manifest in His effects, which will astonish the world and impel the Church to holiness » (Diary, Sept. 27, 1918).

« Ask for this renewal, this new Pentecost, for My Church has need of priests sanctified by the Holy Spirit. The world is foundering in the abyss since it lacks priests who will help it from falling in; priests who bear the light to shine on the paths of good; pure priests to pull out of the mud so many hearts; priests afire who will fill the entire universe with divine love.

« Ask, supplicate heaven, that all may be restored in Me by the Holy Spirit. »  
(Diary, Nov. 1, 1927).

« I want to return to the world in My priests. I want to renew the world of souls by making Myself seen in My priests. I want to give a might impulse to My Church infusing in her, as it were, a new Pentecost, the Holy Spirit, in My priests » (Diary, Jan. 5, 1928).