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LET'S BRING UNITY TO THE WORLD

Marino (Rome), 25 May 2002

Chiara to the Gen 3 Supercongress:

Chiara: Now there is someone, Christian, who wants to ask me one final question, a final commission.

Christian: Chiara, your “yes” to God has brought forth a “new people” following in your footsteps. We feel that this is already an answer to Jesus’ testament: “May they all be one”. How do you see the contribution of us boys and girls in bringing forward this very great heritage so that all humanity may fulfill God’s design?

Chiara: He asks: “How can we girls and boys contribute towards accomplishing the testament of Jesus: ‘May all be one’?”, which means being a family. I think you should follow one line of action, especially one line of action: win over other boys and girls. Don’t think that you can do everything, because there are all the others too and we need to have a certain degree of humility and to understand that the others will do something too towards this goal.

You should aim at other boys and girls, because, as I will say tomorrow too, “birds of a feather flock together”. You play with other boys and girls, the adults talk among themselves, women meet together at the marketplace or mall: “birds of a feather flock together”. It is more likely that boys and girls will understand a message if it comes from you; so hold the world in your arms, the world of boys and girls. (applause)

Marino (Ice Arena), 10 May 1997

Chiara to the Gen 3 Supercongress:

Question #8

Paola: Ciao, Chiara! I'm Paola, from the Ticino Canton. We often hear that in the past people lived a simpler way of life, but they were happy. Instead, today, we have progress, wellbeing, the development of technology and the communications media, but we see many people who are alone and sad to the point that some of them even take their lives. Chiara, why do we find ourselves in this situation? What can we do to bring happiness to everyone?

Chiara: We find ourselves in this situation in which technology, wellbeing, development, discoveries, also the mass media have gone far ahead. They could do a lot of good, but they don't



always do so. However, the pace of spiritual progress, which is what you can bring, hasn't kept up with this. It hasn't gone ahead in the same way. This is why there is this unbalance and, as she says, despite all these resources of technology, the communications media, progress, many people nowadays are not as happy as they were in the past.

Then, the second question asks: "What can we do to bring happiness?"

There is one word, just one word which is worth more than anything else: we must bring love. What counts is to love. You keep on saying it here in your message: I followed your program on television, you know. Keep this idea fixed in your hearts and bring it to everyone: love. It's the kind of love I already told you about: we must love everyone, always, and we must be the first to love. But we must also love in another way, as Jesus said: we must see him in every person, in each one, because he said that on the Last Day he will tell us, I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was naked and you clothed me." And we will say to him: "But, Lord, when did I ever clothe you? When did I give you something to eat? When did I give you something to drink?"

And he will reply: "Each time you did it to one of the least of my brothers, you did it to me."

So, for all those beautiful acts you have already shared with us here, for all of them, Jesus will say: "You did it to me."

You might think you did it to a boy from Uganda, a boy from Nigeria, a boy from Asia. Instead Jesus will say: "You did it to me, I consider it done to me."

So we must see Jesus in every neighbour we love. And we must say: Jesus will tell me, "You did it to me, you did it to me." And he will bring us to Paradise.

Therefore we must love everyone, we must be the first to love and we must see Jesus in each neighbour. Then, we must also love our enemies, and this is a powerful love because our love comes from Heaven. It's a participation in the very love of God. So it's a powerful love, and we must bring it to the world in order to bring peace and unity. (Applause)

Question #13

Gioia: Ciao, Chiara! I am Gioia of Hong Kong. What kind of person do you see as being a model for future generations?

Chiara: I think that a model for future generations would have to be a person of unity, in the sense that nowadays, as we can all see from the newspapers and television, there are still so many wars, disasters, threats of new wars, etc. But in the air, in the air, there is a sign of the times - that's what they call it - and it is unity. This means that, notwithstanding all these terrible things that are going on, the world is tending towards unity.

And it is expressed in many ways: we see nations wishing to unite, in Europe, for example; there is the World Conference on Religion and Peace, which wants to unite all religions in order to



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bring peace to the world. Various Christian Churches are tending towards unity after centuries of indifference and conflict. Specific organizations like the United Nations, strive to bring a united world; also the communications media bring all the world into our homes.

Consequently, a model for future generations would have to be a person of unity. We have often called such a person a world-person, someone who is able to treasure what has been received from other people of all continents and to share his or her treasures with everyone. A model for future generations is a person of unity, a world-person. (Applause)

Question #14

Pao: Ciao, Chiara. I'm Pao, I come from the Philippines. This is my question: Today there are more than 9,000 of us here and we all want to build a united world. In addition, there are thousands of other young people who are following us via satellite. Do you have anything special to entrust to us? What can we do at once so that the world of the year 2000 may be a world of unity?

Chiara: This is the last question. He asks: "What can we do? What do you think we should do now among ourselves and with all the young people who are watching us on television?"

You've understood what I have told you so far: what counts is love. Above all, what counts is mutual love, as Jesus taught us: Love one another - as your song says – love one another.

We must love one another to the point of dying for one another. Naturally, we're not always asked to die, even though this too might be asked of us, when there are persecutions, for example, but this is not our case now. In a sense, though, we die to ourselves by participating in the sufferings and joys of others, by sharing their worries and difficulties; we always find opportunities to die to ourselves by living for others and going out of ourselves, our selfishness, which means killing the "old self" inside of us.

I would like this wonderful program to end with a pact among all of you, a pact of unity, of mutual love among all so that you can become strong and leave this ice arena strengthened by the presence of Christ in your midst. If you do this, if you do it with all your heart, he will be in our midst from now on and you will bring him to your nations, wherever you go. (Applause)