JMJ Most Reverend Excellency,

With the letter from the 26th of July 1941, V.E. orders me to ponder and still take note of any other things which Jacinta might remember. I thought about this and it seems to me that through this order God was speaking and the moment has arrived to respond to two question marks, which often were posed to me and to which I always postponed the reply.

It seems to me that it would be pleasing to God, and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, that in the book ‘Jacinta’ a chapter would be dedicated to the inferno and another to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

V.E. will certainly find strange and inopportune this opinion, but it is not mine: and God will make V.E. see that this is about His glory and of the good of souls.

To this end I must say something about the secret and respond to the first question.

What is the secret?

It seems to me that I am able to tell it, because now Heaven gave me permission. The representatives of God on earth have authorized me to do it, various times and with various letters, one of them (which is, it seems to me, in the hands of V.E.) of the reverend Fr. Jose’ Bernardo Conclaves, in which he orders me to write to the Holy Father. One of the points that he suggests to me is the revelation of the secret. I had already said something. But for not lengthening that text too much, I limited myself to the indispensable, leaving to God the occasion for a more favorable moment.

I already exposed in the second writing, the doubt which tormented me from the 13th of June to the 13th of July and which vanished from me in this last apparition.

All right, the secret consists of three distinct parts, of which I will reveal two.

The first was therefore the vision of the inferno.

The Blessed Mother showed us a wide sea of fire, which seemed to be found underground. Immersed in this fire, the demons and souls - as if they were burning embers – transparent and black or bronze in color, of the human form, which were fluttering in the blaze, transported by the flames, which emerged from them themselves, together with the clouds of smoke and fell down everywhere, similar to the sparks which fall in great fires, without weight or equilibrium, among screams and moans of pain and of desperation which made us cringe in horror and tremble in fear. The demons stood out for their horrible and disgusting forms of frightening and unknown animals, but transparent and black.

This vision lasted an instant. And may thanks be given to our good celestial Mother, who in advance had reassured us with the promise of bringing us to Heaven during the first apparition! If it was not done like this, I believe that we would have died from fear and terror.

Shortly afterwards we raised our eyes toward Our Lady, who told us with kindness and sadness, ‘You have seen Hell, where the souls of the poor sinners go. To save them, God wants to establish in the world the devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If they will do what I will tell you, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. The war will end soon. But if they do not cease to offended God, under the reign of Pope Pius XI, another one will begin which will be even worse. When you see a night illuminated by an unknown light, know that it is the great sign that God gives you, that He is ready to punish the world because of its crimes, by way of war, famine, and persecution of the Church and the Holy Father. To impede it, I will come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and for Holy Communion on First Saturdays. If they pay heed to my requests, Russia will be converted and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, provoking wars and persecutions against the Church. The good people will be martyred, and the Holy Father will have much to suffer, many nations will be annihilated. In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, who will be converted, and to the world will be conceded a certain period of peace.’

Most excellent and most reverend Lord Bishop, I already told to the E.V., in the notes I sent after reading the book on Jacinta, that she was more upset by certain things revealed in the secret. It was very much this way. The vision of Hell caused her much horror, so that all the penitence and mortifications seemed nothing to her, in order to succeed in liberating some souls from there.

Well. Now I will respond to the second question that was posed to me by many people: how is it possible that Jacinta, so young, allowed herself to be penetrated and to be involved in a similar spirit of mortification and of penitence?

In my opinion, it was this: first of all, a special grace from God,