by way of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, was desired to be given to her; in the second place, she saw the Inferno and the thought of the unhappiness of the souls who fall there.

Some people, even those devout, do not want to speak about the Inferno to the children in order to not frighten them; but God did not hesitate to show it to three, one of them being only six years old, and He knew that she would have remained terrorized to the point – I would venture to say – of being scared to death. Frequently she would sit on the ground or on some rock and, being lost in thought, she began to say: ‘Hell! Hell! How they cause me such pain the souls that go to Hell! And there, the people burning alive like wood in a fire…’ And, trembling a little, she would kneel with her hands clasped, to say the prayer that Our Lady had taught us: ‘Oh my Jesus! Forgive us (our sins), save us from the fires of Hell, and lead all souls into Heaven, especially those who are in most need (of Thy mercy).

(Now V.E. will understand why I am left with the impression that the last words of this oration prayer refer to the souls who find themselves in greater or more imminent danger of damnation.) And she remained this way, for a long time, kneeling, repeating the same oration. Sometimes she would call me or her brother, as if she was waking from sleep: ‘Francisco! Francisco! You are not praying with me? The prayer that Our Lady taught us…’ And like this, for only one word, they go to Hell?

- And what are the sins that these people do to go to Hell?

- I would not know. Maybe it is the sin of not going to Sunday Mass, of stealing, of wishing bad upon others, of being judgmental.

- And like this, for only one word, they go to Hell?

- Certainly! It is a sin…

- What would it cost them to keep quiet and go to Mass! How they hurt me, the sinners! If I could make them see Hell!

Suddenly, sometimes she would embrace me and say:

- I am going to Heaven, but you will remain down here. If Our Lady lets you, tell everyone about Hell, so that they sin no more and they will not go down there anymore.

- Other times, after having been thinking a while, she would say:

  - So many people who go to Hell!
  
  - Do not be afraid, you will go to Heaven! – I would say to her to reassure her.

- I, yes, will go there – she would say calmly, but I would like that all those people would go there, too.

When she would not want to eat, in order to make a mortification, I would say to her:

- Jacinta, come on! Now eat!

- No! I offer this sacrifice for the sinners who eat too much.

By the time when she was already sick and certain days she would go to Mass, I told her:

- Jacinta! Do not come; you cannot; today is not Sunday.

- It does not matter! I go for the sinners who do not go, not even on Sunday.

If it happened that she would hear some swear words, which certain people seem to boast about pronouncing, she would cover her face with her hands and say: ‘O my God! These people must not know that by saying these things one can go to Hell! Forgive them, oh my Jesus and convert them. Surely they do not know that with that they are offending God. What suffering, o my Jesus! I pray for them! And she would repeat the prayer taught by Our Lady: ‘O my Jesus, forgive them, etc.’

At this point, Most Reverend Excelency, a reflection comes to my mind. Sometimes it has been asked to me if Our Lady, in any of the apparitions, indicated which kinds of sins offended God the most. Therefore, purportedly, Jacinta in Lisbon, Portugal, mentioned that of the flesh. Perhaps, I think now, since it was one of those questions which she sometimes posed to me, it just so happened that while in Lisbon she asked Our Lady herself and at that time was given that answer.

All right, Most Reverend Excelency, it seems to me that at this time to have revealed the first part of the secret.”