

SAYINGS OF M. TERESA BALL



Her motto:

“The mercies of the Lord, I will sing forever.”

“If you have to correct a child for something, be brief and to the point, otherwise she will begin to count the panes of glass in the window.”

To Anne Hickey (Superior, Manchester):

“Any child that has a voice, teach her to sing.”

“All Loretto Convents succeed, owing to a watchful Providence. May we ever deserve a continuation of so special protection.”

“An umbrella is of great use in ascending a hill, in a long walk, when a Sister is advanced in years.”

“Love, which will put you in possession of all the treasures of the Divinity. I then exhort you to maintain that precious charity, not alone amongst yourselves, but to all mankind of whatever nation they may be, for I will confide to you I received greater graces from God, when, in his presence I afflicted myself for the sins of others than my own. Let the world say what it pleases; for you my dear children strive to obtain this divine charity. Do not judge any person. Have for each other true charity. Be really humble. This is all the inheritance I leave you. It is that of Jesus Christ who, as you know, has left us poverty, contempt, and pain. Whoever practises these instructions will obtain life everlasting.”

“In this life, one is removed but a short time before another, to be introduced to that true country whither we are all hastening. What joy we shall experience at our reunion, when we shall be secured from a second separation.”

“I am most desirous to see everyone happy here, as an anticipation of the beatific vision, which we trust will be ours for eternity when together, with rapturous jubilee, we shall, for countless ages, recount the mercies of the Lord who cemented our earthly union in Religion, to insure our dwelling forever in his Tabernacle.”

“Nothing will occur but what God allows. If he be for us, it matters not who is against us. Let us then serve him.”

“Each of our actions should be performed as perfectly as possible for God, who is glorified by small as well as by great things.”

