Meaning of the Blessing and of the Sign of the Cross.

 (\dots) I sought help from all, so that they would make Jesus come back to me. But He would not come.

And I would continue my round in His adorable Will

And following all the acts He did when He was on this earth, I stopped when Jesus

- was blessing the children,
- -blessing His Celestial Mama,
- -blessing the crowds and other things

And I prayed Jesus to bless His little daughter, who so much needed it.

And He, moving in my interior and raising His arm in the act of blessing me, <u>told me</u>: "My daughter,

I bless you from the Heart in your soul and body. May my blessing be the confirmation of Our likeness in you.

My blessing confirms in you what the Divinity did in the creation of man - that is, Our likeness. You must know that during the course of my mortal life, in everything I did, I always blessed. It was the first Act of Creation that I called back over the creatures.

And in order to confirm it, in blessing, I invoked the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit.

The very Sacraments are animated by these Blessings and Invocations.

So, while calling the likeness to the Creator within souls,

my Blessing calls also the Life of My Divine Will,

- that It may return as in the beginning of Creation to reign in souls

Because my Will alone has the virtue

- of painting in them, vividly, the likeness of the One who created them,

- of making them grow and of preserving them with its divine living Colors.

See then, what Blessing means: confirmation of Our creative Work

Because the Work We did once is so filled with Wisdom, with Sublimity and with Beauty, that We love to repeat it always.

And if Our blessing is nothing other than

- the sigh of Our Heart to see Our image restored in the creatures,

- as well as the repetition of Our confirmation of what We want to do

The Sign of the Cross that the Church teaches to the faithful is nothing other

- than impetrating Our likeness on the part of creatures.

And so, echoing Our blessing, they repeat:

'In the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.'

Therefore, without knowing it,

the Church and all the faithful harmonize with the eternal Creator, and all want the same thing. God, by blessing and pronouncing the words, *'Father, Son and Holy Spirit',* wants to give His likeness.

The creatures impetrate it by making the sign of the Cross, pronouncing the same words."