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### **Chiara to the Gen 3 Girls' Congress (Excerpt)**

“Can you tell us a little about heaven? How will our relationship be with Jesus, with Mary and with the people who are already arrived there?”

Chiara: Our relationship with Jesus will be... we will be one with Jesus and also distinct, and each one of us will be Jesus, and all that he has in heaven will be ours too. That's what's so fantastic, besides all the rest! Not only will we live Jesus... but all the other... Mary will be ours, then the new heavens and the new earth will be ours... there will be dances, songs, music. It will really be heaven! It will be all ours, all ours! We will be Jesus, but we will also be Mary, another Mary, because we will have a great love for Mary, the Mother, but she too will see herself in us, so you can just imagine how she will embrace us, how she will help us! And we will see her: “Oh, look how beautiful she is! She is the way I should be...” So it will be a life that I can't explain here, because it would take too much time - some other time, all right? But it will be fantastic.

[...]

Hell exists, I assure you, it exists. Do you know what will be so terrible about hell? To understand that here on earth we should have done only one thing – love. They would like to love but they can't love anymore for all eternity. They feel, they understand, they realize that there was only one thing to do which was to love God, love our neighbor, love everyone... but they can't do it anymore. This will be hell for all eternity for those who do not correspond to the grace of God.

Life is something serious. God doesn't treat us like little children, but as truly mature people. He leaves us free, because he created us in his image. So we can't go to heaven without doing anything to get there. We go there after having loved suffering, having understood about the next life, having done what God wants from us, which is above all, loving. And whoever doesn't want to love, whoever is really stubborn and refuses to love, who says “no”, who doesn't want to, and even if the Lord were to offer to bring that person to heaven, he or she would say, “No, I'm not interested.” Well, of course, that person will end up in the kingdom where it is no longer possible to love, and the great torment – many people, including theologians, say this in different ways – the great torment will be to realize that they should have loved, but now they are no longer able to love.

So Gen, both heaven and hell urge us, hell too, urges us to do only one thing for as long as we have this life, and it is, to love.