Conceived in the Mind of God

(Note: Jesus' words below are in **red**, Faustina's in **black**; editorial headings and comments are in **blue**.)

Extract 4

September 21. Having awakened several times during the night, I thanked God briefly, but with all my heart, for all the graces He has given me and to our Congregation, and I reflected on His great goodness.

When I received Holy Communion, I said to Him, "Jesus, I thought about You so many times last night," and Jesus answered me, and I thought of you before I called you into being. "Jesus, in what way were You thinking about me?" in terms of admitting you to My eternal happiness.
After these words, my soul was flooded with the love of God. I could not stop marveling at how much God loves us.

It so happened that I fell again into a certain error, in spite of a sincere resolution not to do so – even though the lapse was a minor imperfection and rather involuntary – and at this I felt such acute pain in my soul that I interrupted my work and went to the chapel for a while. Falling at the feet of Jesus, with love and a great deal of pain, I apologized to the Lord, all the more ashamed because of the fact that in my conversation with Him after Holy Communion this very morning I had promised to be faithful to Him. Then I heard these words: if it hadn't been for this small imperfection, you wouldn't have come to Me, know that as often as you come to Me, humbling yourself and asking My forgiveness, I pour out a superabundance of graces on your soul, and your imperfection vanishes before My eyes, and I see only your love and your humility. You lose nothing but gain much…

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Seeking "others", seeking God