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SEVENTH DAY

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

Baptizing means immersing. Here is the commandment of Jesus: "Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit". The name of the Father is eternal love, divine charity, mercy, forgiveness, compassion. The man immersed in the name of the Father is, he too, transformed in love, charity, mercy, forgiveness, compassion. He must live in the world manifesting in a visible way facing every man what he has become after having been immersed in this holiest name. The name of Christ is light, grace, eternal life, resurrection, gift of the entire life to the Father for the redemption and salvation of every man. Baptized in the name of Christ, also the Christian becomes light, grace, eternal light, resurrection, gift of the entire life for the conversion and salvation of his brothers. The name of the Holy Spirit is communion, donor of the life of God to men. It is truth of the Father and of the Son. It is unity. Immersed in the name of the Holy Spirit the Christian becomes communion, donor of life, truth, unity. Baptized in the name of the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit, the Christian becomes manifestation, revelation, visibility

of the mystery that is God, mystery of unity, communion, truth, grace, light, eternal life, love.

This mystery is entirely lived in the disciple of Jesus when the Christian remains perpetually immersed in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. If he leaves this name, he parches and dries in the same way a tree parches and dries if its roots are taken away from the land. This is the power of temptation. It comes and starts uncovering our roots. First it uncovers one, then another one, yet another one, until our spiritual tree is completely uprooted and ripped out. If we do not take any remedial actions right now and if we do not put the land at its

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place, soon we will find ourselves dried up, without any spiritual life in us. Our spiritual, supernatural land is the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. The more we plunge our roots in it, the more we will be sure not to be ripped out by temptation. May the Virgin Mary come to our rescue. May She help us replant each of our root in this mystery that is the mystery of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

LAMP UNTO MY FEET

Truth never fully conquered, always to be conquered

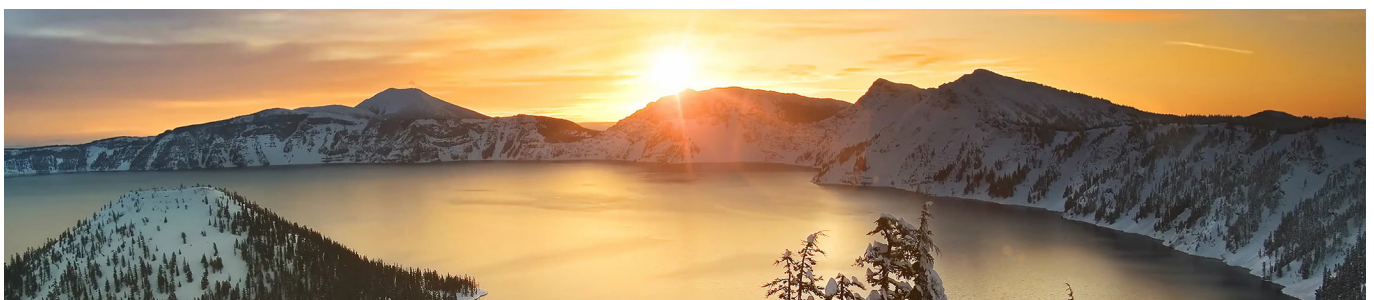
Our truth, that is Christ Jesus, is together gift and conquest. It is gift descending upon us from the heart of the Father, through the work of the Holy Spirit and of the announcement made of It in the world by the Apostles and by every disciple living in hierarchical communion with them. If the Word of preaching is not conveyed, not even Jesus is given and man remains without the truth of his life, since he remains without Christ, eternal and universal life for every man. If the gift of truth is not given, never might Christ transform, through the work of the Holy Spirit and of the sacraments of the Church, one only heart. Man is condemned, without the preaching of Christ, to consume his days in falsity, generator of every idolatry and immorality. But receiving Christ is not enough to become purest truth of Christ. With sacraments, Christ is planted in us. He is grafted in our body, in our soul, in our spirit. Then it is up to us to give him fullness of life so that he may produce in the Holy Spirit every fruit of truth and justice, light and charity, forgiveness and mercy, peace and unity, communion and reconciliation.

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Here is how the Apostle Paul speaks about the conquest of Christ, way, life, truth for every man: "More than that, I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and (the) sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ (Jesus). Brothers, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3, 8-14). Whoever wants to conquer the beauty of grace, of light, of justice,

of sanctity, of truth of Christ, must firstly have Christ the Lord always in front of his eyes. He must keep him jealously in his heart. He must wrap him with his soul full of Spirit so that he may always grow in him and never lower, always develop in us all his power of grace and Holy Spirit, always produce the fruits of his love and his mercy, always make us instruments of Him for the redemption and salvation of the world. It is a commitment not of one day, but of every day.

For the Apostle Paul the conquest of truth is a race and this race ends the day of our death. Here is the confession he makes to Timothy: "For I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance" (2Tim. 4, 6-8). Whoever does not run behind Christ until the day of his death can never say to have conquered the truth. He has not fulfilled his mission. He has not perseverated. He has surrendered along the path. Falsity and lie have taken over him.



IF YOU LISTEN...

Queen of Martyrs

In the scriptural language of the New Testament martyr is the one who bears witness to Christ Jesus, not only with the word, not only making of the word of his Lord the only and unique Law of his life, but also shedding his own blood as Jesus has effused it from the cross. Jesus is the faithful witness of the Father. He has consumed, spent, offered all his life to bear witness to the truth of his Father. The Virgin Mary, too, has consumed, spent, offered all her life to the Father, in the Holy Spirit, to be all of her Lord. The Virgin Mary has offered her life in the great suffering. Beneath the Cross She offered her Son to the Father, living a greater faith and witness than that of Abraham. What has been asked Abraham, has been asked the Virgin Mary in even greater forms and modalities: «Take your son, your only son that you love, Jesus, go to the mount of Golgotha and there shall offer him for a holocaust». Mary witnessed to the death of her Son, making, her too, of her heart a pleased offering to the Father. Never to any martyr has it been asked so much. For this

reason the Virgin Mary is Queen of Martyrs.

In Mary the prophecy of Simeon is fulfilled. "And you yourself a sword will pierce" (Lk, 2, 35) In Mary the Church sees the fulfilment of the Words of Lamentations: "Come, all you who pass by the way, look and see Whether there is any suffering like my suffering, which has been dealt me When the LORD afflicted me on the day of his blazing wrath. "From on high he sent fire down into my very frame; He spread a net for my feet, and overthrew me. He left me desolate, in pain all the day. (Lam 1, 12-13). Even if the language recalls the Old Testament, the truth is eternal. Jerusalem cries for the sins of its children, Mary offers her Son for the sins of all the men given to Her as her truly children. The Son offers himself to the Father to expiate the sins of the world. Mary offers Christ to the Father, she makes gift of it, in the gift of Christ she offers herself to the Father and with this offer she participates in the redemption of her Son. Jesus is the only Redeemer, the only Saviour.

Mary participates in this admirable way to in the redemption of her Son. By her Son she is redeemed. With the Son she participates in the redemption of her children. She is true Queen of Martyrs beneath the cross. She is Martyr more than any other martyr, since she is martyr without sin. Martyr is said to be whoever witnesses Christ with the effusion of his blood. Queen of Martyrs, pray for us.

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FROM JACOB'S WELL

As the Lord has freed Jesus from death and has risen him at his right hand in the holy heavens, so he will free those who announce the name of Jesus for the salvation of every man. The ways through which the Lord will free his faithful servants are mystery, great mystery. He frees in the death. He does not free from persecutions. He frees in the persecutions. The Word is the fire that must illuminate every man. The disciples are the wood so that the fire may burn, illuminate, warm up, attract to Christ. If the fire dies, the world will precipitate in the darkness. So that the fire illuminates, the wood must be consumed. So long as the fire burns, may I, wood of Christ for Christ, burn and consume myself so that Christ may be light of the world.

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

Jesus says that the way leading to eternal life is narrow and the gate to go through is strait. Is this truth still valid or is it to be considered of yesterday by now?

Here is what Jesus states exactly: "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few. (Mt 7, 13-14). This road and this gate are the Sermon of the Mountain not only as he has taught it, but also how He has lived it. What Jesus did, every disciple must also do it. It is his commandment: "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your selves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." (Mt 11, 29-30). For Jesus other roads or other gates to reach the eternal life do not exist. His Word does not allow neither exemptions not exceptions: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name? Did we not drive out demons in your name? Did we not do mighty deeds in your name?' Then I will declare to them solemnly, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.'" "Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell,

the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined." (Mt 7, 21-27). The way

leading to life is in all similar to a line that from time gets to eternity. Going through a stretch is not enough to state that we have conquered the eternal life. One will conquer he eternal life when we enter the Jerusalem of heaven. Not even the spirits of purgatory have conquered the truth. We know that they will conquer it, but after a long night of purification and expiation of the temporal punishments not yet atoned at the time of death. Today, instead, all this teaching given to us by Jesus is considered only an ancient way of saying. As when one tells children about orcs or other dreadful

animals only to frighten them.

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Take, this is my body

In the great mystery of the Word of the Lord

Queen of Confessors of the Faith

Why does the Church, if it wants to announce the true Word or the true Gospel of Christ Jesus, need to be always sustained, moved, guided by the Holy Spirit?

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