

Dacci oggi il nostro pane

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He does not know how

When the farmer sows the good seed in the field, he must allow the seed to follow its path with great patience. Here is what the Apostle James reveals: “Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains” (Jm 5, 7). As for the farmer the perseverance in sowing and planting must never fail, if he wants to reap the fruits, so every disciple of Jesus must always sow, never lose heart, if he wants the seed of Gospel to bear fruits of eternal life in many hearts. Today Jesus reassures us. You sow the good seed of my Word. The Word then has its own life. If there is the seed of the Holy Spirit in it, it will always bear the power and the wisdom of the Spirit of the Lord. A good seed is only that one sowed with the seed of the Holy Spirit. If the sowed seed is without the sprout of the Holy Spirit, the seed is not good. What is lacking in it is the sprout making it spring up from the field until becoming rich in every good fruit of salvation.

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of the Holy Spirit into the seed is the one scattering it in hearts. How should one put the sprout into the seed? Drawing the Holy Spirit from one’s heart. The disciple of Jesus puts the Word in his heart, he turns it into his heart by the power of the Holy Spirit operating in Him. Put in the heart and turned into his heart, the Holy Spirit fills it of itself. When it comes out of his mouth, it is full of the Spirit of the Lord and for this reason it can bear a true fruit of conversion and salvation. Here is how the Apostle Paul speaks about the Word: “For we are the aroma of Christ for God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to the latter an odor of death that leads to death, to the former an odor of life that leads to life” (2 Cor 2, 15-16). One thing the disciple must be concerned with: that his Word is true Word of Jesus, and it is Word of Jesus when it is given full of Holy Spirit. Then, it will be the Word to bear every fruit at the proper time. Mother of God, Woman whose fruit is the Blessed by the Lord, help us. We want to sow the true Word of Christ Jesus in hearts.

The one who has to put the sprout

LAMP UNTO MY FEET

Converting to Christ the Lord: the vocation of every man

We are called to get converted to Christ the Lord. To this conversion it is not one man or many men that must be called. All men must be called. What is the reason why all men must be called? Every man seeing light on earth is son of Adam and he was born with his heavy inheritance of death, inheritance that is fruit of the first sin. Adam passes from life to death. All his children were born in death. If every man is born in death, he will not be able to give life to another man. Only one is able to give life: God, the Creator and Lord of man. Only the One who has created man can recreate him and only Him can make him return from death to life. But the Creator and the Lord, who is eternal life, has set by eternal decree that only One may give his eternal life to every man: Christ Jesus, his Only Eternal Begotten made flesh. Since only God is eternal life and eternal life is in Christ

Jesus, without our conversion never might we enter into possession of the eternal life. Without the conversion to Christ Jesus, the man remains in his death. But if he remains in his death, never might he produce fruits of eternal life. He is in the death, he remains in the

death, he bears fruits of death. This is the real condition of who does not convert to Jesus the Lord.

By his will, the envoy of the Lord might never renounce to preach Christ and explicitly invite to the conversion to Him so as to be, with Him, in Him, for Him, one only mystery of light, truth, life, justice, mercy, charity, forgiveness. If the envoy, by his unfortunate choice, decided no longer to preach Christ and no longer to explicitly invite to the conversion to Him, he would be responsible not only of the death of

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who dies for not being converted to Christ Jesus, but also of all those deaths the man being in the death produces. The envoy has been called to announce Christ to every man of every population, country, tribe and language. For every envoy, announcing Christ, making all population disciples, baptising in the name of the

Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, is compulsory, since this is the command given to him by Jesus. The command is not subjected to human interpretation. One must obey the command. If one does not obey, he fails the aim to which one has been called, constituted and sent.

As Jesus made himself obedient to the command of his Father until death and to death on the cross, so also the envoy must make himself obedient to the command of Jesus until death and to death on the cross. The envoy has made of his life a gift to Christ. To Christ he has not only given the body, but he has given heart, soul, mind, thoughts, desires, will. It is a false gift to give Christ the body, but not the heart, not the will, not the thoughts, not the desires. In the same way it is a false gift when one gives one part without the other parts of our body. The envoy becomes true gift when one offers all of himself to Christ Jesus to continue his mission of salvation and redemption in the world. For this reason the first one who must convert to Christ to be, in Christ, life of Christ, Word of Christ, heart of Christ, truth and light of Christ, sanctity of Christ, obedience of Christ, is truly the envoy of the Lord. When between Christ and the envoy, between Christ and his disciple, there is difference of thought or there is no full obedience to every command of his, it is sign that there is no true conversion to Christ. Whoever converts to Christ lives the life of Christ, he thinks the thoughts of Christ, he says the Word of Christ, he gives the life of Christ to every man, according to the received command.



IF YOU LISTEN...

Queen of true Christians

In order to understand according to full truth this title given to our heavenly Mother, we will let ourselves be helped by what the Lord says to his people by mouth of the prophet: "For you are not my people, and I will not be your God" (Hs 1,9). God is the King of his people. But if people refuse God as King, God is King but it is no longer King of his people, that have denied, despised, betrayed him. This does not mean that the Lord will no longer love his people. He will always love them since his love is eternal, but he will not be able to do anything for it so that it does not perish as his people. Here is the lamentation of the Lord about the people that have abandoned him as their King, their Lord, their Saviour, their Redeemer. "The Rock - how faultless are his deeds, how right all his ways! A faithful God, without deceit, how just and upright he is! Yet basely has he been treated by his degenerate children, a perverse and crooked race! Is the LORD to be thus repaid by you, O stupid and foolish people? Is he not your father who created you? Has he not made

you and established you?" (Dt 32, 3-6). Man may always refuse his King and many refuse him.

Confessing, us, that the Virgin Mary is Queen of true Christians, we want to affirm that the true Christian, being the one living of purest obedience to Christ Jesus, will never deny Christ his King and he will never deny his Mother, given to us as our true Mother and Queen, so that she may always keep us in her heart in a way that temptation never has to prevail upon us. When one refuses Christ the Lord, one despises him, insults him, denies him, we will always refuse, despise, insult, deny the Virgin Mary both as our Mother and our Queen. Therefore, without her, keeping our heart in hers so that Satan may never grab it and make it his heart, we are always prey of temptation. The darkness will enfold us. Sin will consume us. Death will devour us. Whoever wants the Virgin Mary to be the keeper of her spiritual house with her army of Angels and Saints must make every effort in becoming true disciple of Christ. Becoming and

pleading to become true Christians more and more, the Virgin Mary puts her dwelling place in our heart and it will never become property of Satan. It will always be property of Jesus the Lord since it will be Her to keep it so that it is never given to anyone else except her Son. Virgin Mary, true Disciple of your Son, help us become and grow as true Christians. You will be our Queen and no evil power will succeed in entering our heart to make it a dwell of sin and death. Amen.

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FROM JACOB'S WELL

The Christian is called to let himself, moment by moment, rule, guide, move by the Holy Spirit that is given as Spirit of wisdom and intelligence, Spirit of advice and fortitude, Spirit of knowledge and piety, Spirit of fear of the Lord. It is up to the Spirit to transform the life of Christ in our life, his obedience in our obedience, his sacrifice in our sacrifice, his truth and his light in our truth and light. It is up to It to conform us to Christ in thoughts, desires, will, soul, spirit, body, life, death, resurrection. Without the fullness of life of the Spirit in us, no one may give life to his charisma, to his ministry, to his vocation and mission. Without It everything parches and dries.

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

Why must the conversion to Christ be necessarily conversion to the Church? Cannot we be only of Christ without being of the Church?

One converts to Christ when one converts to the body of Christ that is his Church one, saint, catholic, apostolic. Christ and his body that is the Church are inseparable in eternity. The body of Christ is the new garden of Eden in which the one who converts to Christ must be planted so that he may bear fruits of eternal life for himself and every other man. Who does not let himself be planted in this garden, even though he affirms he believes in God, is in everything similar to a plant left in a desert of burned sand. He might never live in this sand. If he wants to live, he must let himself be planted in the body of Christ, in the new garden of Christ, the only garden in which we may live our life, cultivate ourselves as trees of life, bear fruits of life. Today everyone says they believe in God, but denying Christ. Many say they believe in Christ but they deny the Church. The Father, Christ Jesus, the Church cannot be separated.

The Father and Christ are one only thing. Christ and every disciple of his are one only thing. As Christ Jesus is the eternal life of the Father and he lives in the Father and for the Father, so the Christian is the eternal life of Christ Jesus, if, therefore, he lives in Christ, with Him and for Him, and for this reason he must live in the Church, for the Church, with the Church.

The conversion to the Church is true conversion if true is our conversion to Christ. If the true conversion to Christ is lacking, always will the true conversion to Christ be lacking. Today many people say they are Church, but they are not of Christ. Whoever is not of Christ is not Church. Whoever is not Church is not of Christ. If one is not Church and not of Christ, not even one is true presence of the Gospel among the world.

When can we say to be really converted to Church?

When we consume all our energy to show the world all the sanctity of Christ shining upon the face of the Church. When we, as Christ, clean his Church from every stain adding our blood to his one. When, instead, we dirty it with the mud of our sins and our vices, certainly we cannot say to be converted to the mystery of the Church. We are not converted because with our life it does not become sacrament of salvation, but instrument of perdition for many people. He hates the Church, he does not love it,

the Christian who dirties the Church with the mud of his vices, with the disobedience to commandments, with his rebellion to the mystery of unity and communion, of redemption and eternal life everyone is called to realize through the gift of his life.

*The true Christ
and the true
Word are the fruit
of the Holy Spirit
both in the one
who speaks and
in the one who
listens*

IN THE NEXT ISSUE

Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?

From the heart of stone to the heart of flesh

Queen of Virgins

When can we affirm to be really converted to the Lord?
Are there any infallible signs attesting that we are walking in this conversion?

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