**31 JULY – XVIII SUNDAY O.T. [C]**

**"Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me." He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?"**

**Jesus is the Mediator. He is the only Mediator between the Father, humanity, the entire creation. He was made a the unique and universal Mediator so that He shows, reveals, gives every man the most pure Word of the Father, his will, his thought. He was not made the Mediator between a man and another man for the things of earth, but only between the Father and every man for the things dealing with God. He was sent to put everyone before the truth of the Father, from which the truth of every man is. Without the knowledge of the truth of the Father, there can never be for man the knowledge of his truth, a truth that does not only embrace the time, but above all the eternity. Here is the first truth of man: his breath is on loan. The Lord might take the breath given to man in any moment, in any instant, in any place, in any condition, with no warning. This means that one prior moment one is in time and one moment later one is in eternity. Here is the second truth now: he has come bare into world and he moves bare into eternity. He can take nothing with him of what is on earth. Everything must be left. Here is the third truth now: he will take with him into eternity each thing of earth that he will have turned into love, into charity, into alms, into deed of mercy both spiritual and material. Taking the earth turned into deed of love, not only will he have wasted no things of earth, moreover he will have gained a great glory in the holy heaven. Our charity, fruit of obedience to our most pure truth, makes us pleasing to the Lord and it lets us enjoy a place of eternal life in the blessed heaven. Instead, if we show up as bare, deprived of any good work, for us there will be no place in the eternal kingdom of our Father.**

**Here is then the commitment of every man living on earth: doing, working, thinking, acting, studying – always led by the Holy Spirit – how his entire life may be turned into a deed of charity, of mercy, of love. The body too is to be turned into charity and into love and this is why we are called to do an offering pleasing to God. Mother of Jesus, obtain for us the grace of turning our entire life into offering pleasing to God. This truth alone would be enough to change the life of every man living on our earth. If this truth were holily proclaimed and fully lived, there would be no delinquent, no criminal, no evildoer, no murderer, no thief, no adulterer, no deceiver of his brothers, no dealer of men, no parricide and no matricide. Instead, there would be a competition to see who turns his life into a greater deed of charity and of mercy than any other brother. Since this truth does not dwell into man’s heart, then everyone we are keen on working for our eternal death. The one who must put this truth in every heart is each disciple of Jesus, everyone exercising the ministry that was entrusted on him by the Holy Spirit. If the disciple of Jesus does not proclaim the Word that turns the entire life into a fruit of eternity, he is eternally responsible before God.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 12.13-21**

**Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me." He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" Then he said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Then he told them a parable. "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God."**

**This man who tears down his barns and builds a larger one is a man with no truth in his heart. He is a person governed by falsity and this is why he is a foolish, ignorant person, deceiver of himself. Always, when we lack the most pure truth, we do nothing but deceiving ourselves, for we do nothing but chasing falsity, vanity, lies. Today, are we not building our society on sin, on ephemeral, on vanity, on what that does not last? Have we not reducing man to only body today, after having deprived him of the incorruptible and immortal soul and of the spirit that is true reflection of the Holy Spirit in him? A society, a civilization, a humanism founded on the only body is the greatest defeat for the truth of man. This defeat is not only of today, it was also of yesterday. Except that yesterday there was a thought that was in some ways able to help man to raise himself from natural to supernatural and from immanence into transcendence. Today this thought is useless, rather man is reducing it to a machine. When this machine is useless, for it is no longer effective, then only the pulping mill remains for it and this pulping mill are the factories of death. One leads man into one of these factories that we are building up on our earth and we call this spiritual, supernatural disaster, of transcendence, with the lovely names of love, dignity, respect of the human person. Mother of God, obtain for us the grace of turning our entire life into an offer pleasing God.**