**FRAGMENTS OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY**

**(How to be good disciples of Jesus today)**

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**Not what comes from one's heart. Not personal theories. Not personal philosophies. Not personal anthropologies. Not personal views. Not personal imaginations. Nothing that comes from the heart of man must be taught. Only what Jesus commanded the Apostles must be taught.**

**Here are the exact words of the mission, which remain valid for today and forever, for yesterday and for tomorrow: Therefore, go and make disciples of all peoples, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all this that I have commanded you (Mt 28,19-20).**

**Then, who must make the Church, so to speak, the body of Christ? The mandate, the mission lies with the Apostles of the Lord and their successors who are the Bishops. Jesus' command is for them. Under their guidance and teaching each member of the body of Christ must cooperate.**

**How do we cooperate to make, edify and build the body of Christ? First of all, each member living as the true body of Christ and then obeying the Holy Spirit who is received in a special and particular way, but also in a different way and with different purposes, in every sacrament of grace.**

**If the Church is not made, with the addition of new members and new children, it serves no purpose to be Church of Christ Jesus. One is the Church to form, edify and build the Church, the body of Christ. When a Christian does not build the body of Christ it is a sign that he is in a profound agony of death.**

**The Church is the house of truths, of grace and of the true knowledge of the Lord. The fact that today we are preaching that in order to be saved any way and any God are enough, it is a sign that we really, truly have abdicated our essential, fundamental and primary mission.**

**What does the Lord ask of the faithful lay person? To fill the Father's house. How must it be filled? Inviting to conversion and letting those who are far be immersed in the grace of Christ Jesus and persevering, those who already believe, growing from faith to faith and walking from truth to truth.**

**Since the addition of new children to the Church, to the body of Christ, is a gift of God, whom does the Lord give this gift to? To those who every day commit themselves to live as true disciples of Jesus and ask on the sacrifice and offering of their lives to God, that new children are added day after day.**

**If we do not live as the true Church, never might the Lord give us a single soul. Coming among us, we would make of him a son of perdition, double of us. God adds for our desire for sanctification. Living as the true Church, God gives us other children.**

**This truth also applies to religious Orders and Congregations, Ecclesial Movements and Associations. If they live as the true Church, according to the supernatural purposes of the Church, the Lord will always add new children to their particular path. God never sends so that a soul is lost.**

**The building up of the Church according to the will of God, through the work of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, reveals our truth of being Church according to the heart of Jesus. If we do not build the Church, according to the Holy Spirit and not according to ourselves, we are not true Church.**

**THE CHURCH TRAINS THE CHURCH**

**Jesus calls his Apostles. He instructs them for three years, announcing to them the Word and showing how it must be lived in every moment of life. He dies on the cross and pours the Holy Spirit for them. He opens the mind to understanding the Law, the Prophets and the Psalms and gives them the Spirit.**

**The rules for living every command of Christ Jesus are given by the Holy Spirit and must be lived by every member of the Church. They are four and they must be observed together without any interruption. If one is omitted, the others become useless. They live together and they die together.**

**First rule of the Holy Spirit. They were persevering in the teaching of the apostles. For there to be instruction it is necessary that the Apostles teach. What must they teach? What Jesus taught them. They must never be detached from the teaching of Jesus.**

**The Apostles teach, train, instruct and form, letting themselves be helped by priests, their collaborators in the Episcopal order. The teaching office is the essence of the sacrament of order and it is also the foundation of the office of sanctification and government.**

**In the Church there is an authority and a mission that come from the sacrament of sacred order and it is the source of teaching. But there is also a mission and an authority that come from every sacrament received. Every member of the body of Christ receives the teaching from the source.**

**As the true derived source each member of the body of Christ spreads the teaching received to the ends of the earth. Every baptized person is clothed with the authority of the prophecy to announce the Word. He is constituted in Christ priest, king and prophet. They are his ministries and his authority.**

**If the baptized person separates from the source of the teaching that comes from the sacrament of order, his becomes a false prophecy. The teaching of the truth of Christ is lacking. In the Church only if one receives he gives. He who receives in abundance gives in abundance. One does not receive and he does not give.**

**Today, there is autonomy, separation, independence, detachment and distancing from the source of teaching. Either this fracture comes back together, or the announcement will not produce any fruit of salvation. It is not an announcement according to the teaching of Jesus the Lord. It is an announcement from one's heart.**

**The Apostles draw from the heart of Christ and from the truth of the Holy Spirit. Drawing they donate. If they do not draw, they do not give. Every other member draws from the Apostles, grows in the wisdom of Christ, in his Word and in the truth of the Holy Spirit and announces the Word in which he grows.**

**But each member must know that he must lead to the Apostles and presbyters so that the teaching then, may be perfect in every truth and in every doctrine. This mystery of communion must never be omitted. When the Apostle and the priest are excluded, the teaching is always deficient.**

**In the Church, no member is a cell without a bond. The cement of each cell to the other cell is not given by the Holy Spirit, by his truth, by his direct light. Instead it is given by the Holy Spirit through the ways established by Him. These ways are the visible communion with the Apostles.**

**Here is the rule to always be respected: Every member of the Church must let himself be instructed if he wants to participate in the prophetic ministry of the body of Christ. Christ instructs the Apostles. The Apostles instruct the body of Christ, proclaiming the Word and inviting everyone to become the body of Christ.**

**Those who receive the Word, letting themselves be always taught by the Apostles and by the other ways of the Holy Spirit, remind the Word to every other man, but with a single purpose: calling to become together invisible and visible body of Christ, becoming one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.**

**The other three rules ask to be persevering in communion, in breaking bread and in prayers. These three rules will be true if teaching is true. If the teaching is false or non-existent, these three rules will also be lived in a false way or not lived at all.**

**Christ Jesus, in the Holy Spirit, founded his Church on divine and not human rules. These rules make the true Church of Christ Jesus. We place ourselves outside these rules, we are not true Church of Lord Jesus. Today, we want to be the Church without any rule, either divine or human.**

**BEARERS OF JUSTICE**

**Who is on earth a true bearer of justice? He who lives the whole Word of Jesus, showing with his life how it must be practiced in every moment and circumstance, announcing it with the word, without adding anything and taking nothing away from its divine truth given in the Holy Spirit.**

**Today, what Paul denounces in the Letter to the Romans is taking place. Paraphrasing his truth, we can say that "Ignoring the justice of God and trying to establish one's own, we do not submit to the justice of God" (Cf. Rom 10: 3 ). God's justice is in the fulfillment of his will.**

**However, this is not a imagined and thought of will by us. It is instead the will of God revealed in the Word of Christ Jesus, manifested how it must be carried into the world with his whole life, which ends with crucifixion and death. One is the bearer of justice in obedience.**

**Today all the rules of justice according to God have been erased. You don't want a justice that comes from God, you want one that comes from the heart of man. Since every man has his heart, every man has his personal rules of justice. This is our modern tower of Babel.**

**Let us see this justice according to the heart of man: abortion is a right, adultery is a right, euthanasia is a right and sin against nature is a right. Every abomination and wickedness is right. Every immorality is right. What is justice today? Doing each what he pleases or seems better.**

**Having removed the supernatural, transcendent principle which establishes true justice and which is the revealed will of God, in Christ Jesus, according to the purity of truth that comes from the Holy Spirit, written for us in the prophetic Scriptures, even the most horrendous sins are called justice, right and human dignity.**

**Another crime we commit is this: everyone denounces the injustice that the other does. But, he pays all attention to hiding his own. This is also true for the ages. We condemn the crimes of the past ages, we take every care to hide our even more serious crimes.**

**We condemn horrendous misdeeds of the past. A most holy thing. We declare justice and right the even more horrendous misdeeds of the present. Fifty-six million annual infanticides in the world are humanity's right. By condemning others, we condemn ourselves with our judgment.**

**Who is called to be a true bearer of justice is not the man who does not know the Lord. Instead it is the Christian who knows Christ; who was baptized in the Holy Spirit; that every day is nourished by Christ Bread of Word and Bread of the Eucharist. The Christian is the true bearer of Justice.**

**RECONCILIATION PRAYER**

**To be reconciled is a gift of the Father, that in Christ, through the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the Church, forgives our sins, but it is also the will of man, who in unceasing and heartfelt prayer asks God to be reconciled with him and also with every other brother.**

**The Apostles, the ministers of forgiveness and every other disciple, must invite every man to let himself be reconciled with God, imitating the Apostle Paul, a true Apostle and a true Minister of reconciliation and peace: "But all this comes from God, who has us reconciled with him through Christ.**

**And he entrusted us with the ministry of reconciliation. In fact, it was God who reconciled the world to himself in Christ, not attributing their faults to men and entrusting us with the word of reconciliation. Therefore, in the name of Christ, we are ambassadors: through us it is God himself who exhorts.**

**We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him (2 Cor 5: 18-21). Who can invite to let himself be reconciled? Who lives as a reconciled.**

**Reconciliation is with God and with the brothers. Never might it be with God if it is not with the brothers. Never will it be true reconciliation with the brothers, if it is not also reconciliation with God. Reconciliation is in repentance, in conversion, in the request for forgiveness and in the will not to sin anymore.**

**As long as one remains in sin, in vice and in the transgression of the Commandments, of the Law of God and of Christ Jesus, never might there be reconciliation. In sin no reconciliation will be possible. Reconciliation is in the denial of all sin, both light and serious.**

**Today this is the spiritual cancer that is consuming the Church: we want to be of God and of sin together, of justice and injustice, of truth and falsehood, of love and hatred, of grace and transgression. Sacraments are wanted, but without evangelical obligations.**

**We want to declassify every sin and every injustice, every disobedience and every transgression before God. We want to declare all non-sin. By doing this, everyone can approach the sacraments, but even they are deprived of their purpose, which is only one: the sanctification of man.**

**DISTRUPTED FAMILIES**

**The cause that disintegrates the family is one: sin, vice and transgression of the law of the Lord that introduce themselves into it. Who wants a healthy, united family, according to the will of God must observe the Laws placed by God in its custody. There are three main laws.**

**First Law: honour the Father and the Mother. Honor is obedience, listening and submission, but also help, support and assistance. Second Law: do not commit adultery. The woman's body belongs to man. Man's body belongs to the woman forever, before and during marriage.**

**Third Law: Do not desire the woman of others. Do not desire the man of others. Every man is created for one woman. Every woman is created for one man. These are the Laws of the Lord. Having taken away the Lord as the principle of our being and working, we are without Law.**

**If we want families to return to their original truth, we must put God, Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit, in the heart of every person. On the contrary, we wished families produced life, living them in sin and death. This is impossible. God is the source of life.**

**God placed his life in obedience to his Law. If we do not want God to reign over us, can we ever want his Law, his Gospel and his Holy Spirit to reign over us? It is impossible for this to happen. We want God, if we want the Law of God.**

**But we also want the Law of God, if we want God. God and his Law are one. This is why it is foolish to think, to propose and to affirm that we are all worshipers of a single God, or of the one God, while in truth everyone then has his laws of God and his statutes of the God he worships.**

**AT THE SOURCES OF LIFE**

**The Father has established that the only true source of eternal life for us is Christ Jesus, in the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of light, truth, grace, holiness, government and teaching which is the Church. The Church is a true sacrament of Christ, a true light in Christ, and the true grace for all peoples.**

**If we separate ourselves from the Church, the sacrament of Christ in the gift of the Holy Spirit, of grace and truth, we separate ourselves from the source of all grace and truth. There is no God without Christ. There is no Christ without the Church. The Church is the body of Christ. The body of Christ is the sacrament of Christ.**

**Whoever wants to access the eternal sources of life must let himself be made by the Church, the life of Christ, his true body. In the body of Christ, for it and with it. One lives in the love of the Father, in the grace of Christ, in the communion of the Holy Spirit and in the consolation of the heavenly Mother.**

**PRAYER OF PERSEVERANCE**

**Persevering to the end in obedience to the Spirit, according to his gifts of grace, truth, mission, conformation to the body of Christ and charismas and ministries, is a gift that must always be asked of God for Christ the Lord. Only by grace can we persevere and grace must be sought without interruption.**

**When one retreats and no longer lives according to the conformation to Christ received in the sacraments of grace and truth, it is a sign that we have not asked the Lord for the grace of perseverance. Every failure is for lack of prayer. No prayer. You don't see the danger. You fall.**

**THE BODY PRAYS FOR THE BODY**

**It is the responsibility of the body of Christ to pray for the body of Christ, to sanctify the body of Christ, to make the body of Christ and to nourish the body of Christ. In the body of Christ the responsibility is given by the sacrament that is received. Each sacrament gives a special and personal responsibility.**

**The responsibility towards the body of Christ of the bishop is not that of the presbyter. That of the presbyter is not that of the deacon. That of the deacon is not that of the confirmed. That of the confirmed is not that of the baptized. Everyone must live his responsibility according to truth.**

**SHORT FINAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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**Mother of God, Angels and Saints, give the Church so many supernatural energies so that she may be built in truth and holiness, according to the purest justice before God and men.**