**FRAGMENTS OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY**

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

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**When a word of the Gospel is quoted, it is always necessary to grasp it in its context and add what is missing. With this very simple trick we will enter the fullness of truth. Instead, if we limit ourselves to the single word, the truth escapes us and is not caught.**

**Here is the truth in its fullness, but also in its divine beauty that is found in the Gospel according to Matthew: "At that time Jesus said:" I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things to the wise and learned and revealed them to the little ones.**

**Yes, oh Father, because you have decided this way in your benevolence. Everything was given to me by my Father; no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and the one to whom the Son will reveal it - It is an absolute, timeless, eternal and universal truth -.**

**"Come to me, all of you who are tired and oppressed, and I will give you refreshment. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, that I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find refreshment for your life. For my yoke is sweet and my weight light"" (Mt 11,25-30) - Only Jesus and no one else -.**

**Why do we have to go to Christ Jesus? Because only He was constituted the Revealer of the truth of the Father in which the truth of man is. He alone is the Giver of all grace, truth, light, wisdom, intelligence and eternal life. Looking for others is just a waste of time and a waste of energy.**

**How do you go to Jesus? With the purest and daily faith updated by the Holy Spirit in his truth. But faith alone is not enough. We also need the light load, the light yoke of obedience to his Word, to his Gospel. Always faith in the truth of Christ and obedience to the Word!**

**Who can go to Christ Jesus? Only the saints? No! He came to call saints and sinners, just and unjust, near and far, friends and enemies. The condition for all is faith in his Person and mission and the will to take his light yoke and his gentle burden.**

**Without these two conditions one cannot go to Christ. Consolation and also comfort and peace are in obedience. Thinking of finding consolation and peace remaining in sin was already the perverse thought in the Old Testament. With Jesus Christ it also becomes evil.**

**The same rule applies to going to the Virgin Mary. To her one goes with the will to be her true children, to be true disciples of her Son. When are you true children of the Mother of God? When she is taken as our Mother so that she teaches us to live the Gospel with every obedience.**

**Today, the Christian is slipping into heresy not of denial as it was in past centuries. But into heresy for silence. We take only one Word of Christ or of Scripture, we raise it to universal and only truth. We keep silent on all the other Words of God and of Christ and on all the Scriptures.**

**Today the words: Mercy, Forgiveness, Welcome, Paradise and Universal Fraternity, are exalted. The Words: Conversion, Obedience to the Commandments, eternal Perdition, Divine Law, Christ Jesus, Holy Spirit, Church and Preaching of the Gospel, are kept silent to every creature.**

**Today, on all the Words that separate good from evil, right from wrong, truth from falsehood and the believer from the unbeliever, according to God, Christ Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the sound doctrine, is kept silence. On all the Words that were to operate some discernment and separation is kept silence.**

**Christ separates. It is kept silent. God does not separate. He is mentioned. The Church separates. It is kept silent. Mercy does not separate. It is named. Conversion separates. It is kept silent. Reception without the Gospel does not separate. It is named. This heresy for silence of full truth is the death of Christ and of the Church.**

**It is up to each individual disciple of Jesus to walk from faith to faith and truth to truth. Everyone must know that this heresy not only does not save others, it leads those who practice it into eternal death. Not only does it not create true humanity with it, true humanity is destroyed.**

**CERTAINTY IN FAITH**

**Certainty in faith is twofold: Every Word of God and of Christ Jesus is infallibly true. If it says blessing, it will be a blessing. If it says it is a malediction, it will be a malediction. If it says it is Paradise, it will be Paradise, but even if it says it is hell, it will be hell. First certainty.**

**Jesus says: Heaven and earth will pass away, but my every word will never pass. It always takes place. Today it is precisely this certainty in faith that has failed. The Christian ignores the fact that the Word of Jesus is one and indivisible. We cannot separate Word from Word.**

**Every Word of Jesus must be combined with all the other Words. The truth is not given by a single Word, but by all the Words. A truth without the other truths is not the truth. If I say that there is only one God, it is not truth. I must say that there is only one God, who is one in nature and triune in People.**

**If I say that Jesus is God, I do not tell his truth. If I say that he is a man, I do not tell his truth. I must say that Jesus is true God and true man. But even this is not his truth. I must say that He is grace and truth. But even this is not the truth. Many others of them are missing.**

**I must add that He is the only Mediator between God and humanity. The only mediator in Creation, in Redemption, in Salvation, in Grace, in Truth, in Revelation and in Justification. Jesus is the only name in which it is established that we can be saved.**

**But even this is not the truth. I must add that today he lives his mission of salvation with his body, which is the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church animated, moved and guided by the Holy Spirit. Today, instead, Christ Jesus is as if he did not exist for many of his disciples.**

**The other certainty in faith is subjective. Every single person must believe with conviction of the Holy Spirit that every Word of God and of Jesus is fulfilled infallibly. What Jesus says is the most pure truth. It takes place on earth and takes place in eternity. Doubt must not exist.**

**Whoever possesses this certainty in faith, places every commitment to walk from obedience to obedience and from listening to listening, knowing that only in the Word of Jesus there is life, blessing and salvation. Only the Word of Jesus is the way that leads to the kingdom of heaven. There are no other ways.**

**Another certainty in faith tells us that a Word of Jesus has never failed. If he asks to go, to save and to convert, announcing and reminding his Word, if I remind his Word some soul will be saved, will be converted and will enter the net of the kingdom of heaven.**

**If today I sow the Word, if I remind the Gospel, showing how it is lived, many souls will be attracted to it. This certainty must never fail. Rather it must grow more and more every day. The sowers of the Gospel must have the same certainty of faith as the haemorrhage woman.**

**YOU WANT TO REMIND THE WORD OF MY SON JESUS**

**The mission of the announcement of the Gospel is universal. The historical modalities are very personal. There is no mode the same as another mode. There are people who have been enriched with special gifts of grace and the Holy Spirit to live according to purity of doctrine.**

**It is these people who, over the years and centuries, set the Church in motion, freeing her from the stagnation of sin and darkness, of sloth and idleness in which many of her children have fallen. Without these gifts of grace and the Holy Spirit the mission would stop.**

**Instead the Holy Spirit comes with power, bestows extraordinary and particular gifts, also grants the gift of converting and attracting to Christ Jesus and the whole ecclesial body awakens from its torpor of spiritual death. Those who receive these gifts consecrate themselves entirely to the mission.**

**But these particular gifts of grace and of the Holy Spirit do not act without the will of the person who receives them and his daily martyrdom. The higher the gifts, the greater the suffering, martyrdom, sacrifice and holocaust. The redemption of the world is the fruit of obedience.**

**There is no obedience without suffering. But it is precisely obedience lived in suffering that redeems and saves souls. The pain experienced to obey the mission always works great miracles of conversion. For this reason it must not be wasted, but must be lived for love and offered to God.**

**YOU ALL WANT TO REMIND THE WORD OF MY SON JESUS**

**A person's mission can be entrusted to many other people. But we must always distinguish the direct call from the Father, for Christ, in the Holy Spirit, or even coming from the Virgin Mary and the indirect call that a person can make to other people.**

**The Father called and sent Christ Jesus, in the Holy Spirit. Christ Jesus called and sent his Apostles, in the Holy Spirit. The Apostles called and sent the bishops, in the Holy Spirit. Every believer is called and sent by the Church, in the Holy Spirit.**

**Everyone who calls must call in the Holy Spirit. But even those who send must send in the Holy Spirit. In the Church, each person, in order to carry out his missionary mandate, must necessarily live in communion with the bishop and the presbyters. Grace and truth are drawn from them.**

**Here is a truth never to be forgotten: mission, ministries, consecrations and ordinations come from the Church. The charisma always comes from the Holy Spirit. It is the charisma that gives difference to the same mission. All announce the Gospel. One's modalities are not the other's modalities.**

**Every ecclesial mission is always to be exercised in hierarchical obedience with the sacred order: bishop and presbyter. If the mission is lay - that is, the things of the earth are treated - then it is proper to the laity to deal with them. But the Christian is always obliged to act according to faith.**

**No one can give himself the faith. It must be received, fed and verified by the Word of the bishops and presbyters, who act in the name of Christ Jesus. Today, however, both missionary and spiritual solitude must be denounced. Everyone thinks from himself. All want absolute autonomy.**

**The strength of the mission is hierarchical communion: an ancient word for many to be updated. We want independence from the others in command, instead the subjection of the others in the service. But this is not the Church of Christ Jesus. In the Church everyone has a place given to him by the Holy Spirit.**

**Respect for the place given by the Holy Spirit, for the apostolic mission, the charisma, mission and ministry must be respected. Respect is in communion. Communion is acceptance of what the other is, but also in the gift of what one is. Communion is only in giving and receiving.**

**SERVING THE WAY OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER**

**Martha thinks she is doing so many good things for Jesus. But everything is from her heart. She serves Jesus in her own way. Mary puts herself at Jesus' feet, listens to his heart. She does what Jesus tells her. She serves Jesus in the way of Jesus, according to the will of the heavenly Father and in the Holy Spirit. Different modes!**

**How does one serve in the Father's way? When our whole life is obedience to Christ Jesus, in the Holy Spirit. If we serve in the Father's way, we produce fruits of eternal life. If we serve in our own way, fruits will never be produced. Our life is not obedience to God.**

**Only obedience to Christ Jesus, in the Holy Spirit, saves, redeems and converts. Obedience to Christ is obedience to the bishop. It is obedience to the priest in the Church. Serving the Father in his own way means serving him according to the rules he established for the governance of the body of Christ.**

**Serving the Father in his own way is serving him according to the rules of the Holy Spirit, contained in the Word of the Lord. A high, elevated, excellent spirituality is needed for this, which is reached in the abandonment of every vice and in the conquest of every virtue. Without virtue there is no service of truth.**

**St. Paul as a rule to serve Jesus in his own way, sets the Law of Charity: "Charity is magnanimous, charity is benevolent; it is not envious, it does not boast, it does not swell with pride, it does not lack respect, it does not seek its own interest, it does not get angry and it does not take into account the evil received.**

**It does not enjoy injustice but is pleased with the truth. It excuses everything, believes everything, hopes all things and endures all things" (1Cro 13.4-7). "Let not charity be hypocritical: hate evil, cling to good; love one another with fraternal affection, compete in esteeming one another.**

**Do not be lazy in doing good, but be fervent in spirit; serve the Lord. Be joyful in hope, constant in tribulation and persevering in prayer. Share the needs of the saints; be considerate of hospitality" (Rom 12: 9-13). Without the care of the spirit, there is no service.**

**Saint Paul also teaches that the service in the manner of God, of Christ and in the Holy Spirit, demands that we always work as the only body of Christ: "I urge you: behave in a way worthy of the call you have received, with all humility, gentleness and magnanimity.**

**By supporting each other in love, having at heart to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace. One body and one spirit, as one is the hope to which you have been called, that of your vocation; one Lord and one faith.**

**One baptism. One God and Father of all, who is above all, works through all and is present in all. Nevertheless, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of the gift of Christ. And he gave some of them to be apostles and others to be prophets,**

**others to be evangelists, others to be pastors and teachers, to prepare the brothers to carry out the ministry, in order to build up the body of Christ, until we all come to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, up to the perfect man,**

**until reaching the measure of the fullness of Christ. Thus we will no longer be children at the mercy of the waves, transported here and there by any wind of doctrine, deceived by men with that cunning that leads to error. On the contrary, acting according to truth in charity,**

**let us try to grow in everything by tending to him, who is the head, Christ. From him the whole body, well structured and connected, with the collaboration of each joint, according to the energy proper to each member, grows so as to build itself in charity (Cf. Eph 4: 1-16).**

**It is urgent that everyone brings himself into the highest spiritual and supernatural, Christic and pneumatic dimension. The body of Christ cannot be built from the natural, from the human, from the earthly and from the world, because Christ cannot be served in the way of Christ. We will serve him our own way.**

**Here is what Paul teaches to all those who want to serve Christ in the way of Christ: taking Him, Jesus, as the one and only model of our life: Have the same sentiments of Christ Jesus in you: he, while being in the condition of God, did not consider a privilege being like God,**

**but he emptied himself by assuming the condition of a servant, becoming like men. From the aspect recognized as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death and death on a cross. For this God exalted him and gave him the name that is above each name,**

**so that in the name of Jesus every knee bends in the heavens, on the earth and under the earth, and every language proclaims: "Jesus Christ is Lord!", to the glory of God the Father (Phil 2,5-11). I look at Christ, as Christ looks at the Father, imitating Christ as Christ imitates the Father, one serves in the manner of Christ.**

**FILLING THE HOUSE OF THE FATHER**

**Filling the Father's house does not mean preaching the Gospel to fish or the birds of the air. It means announcing, reminding and teaching the Gospel to every man, explicitly inviting everyone to conversion, to the sacraments and to be visible and not only invisible body of Christ.**

**We are called to be really the body of Christ and not only spiritually. Without real belonging, never might conformation to Christ take place and without conformation there is no life according to Christ. One is really Christ, to be real life of Christ in the world.**

**Wanting the fruits of the Gospel without being the body of Christ is not difficult, but impossible. Without me you can do nothing, Jesus says. We are with Christ, if we are in Christ and for Christ. One is never with Christ, if he is not in Christ. One is never in Christ according to truth if he is not for Christ.**

**Filling the house of the Father is making the body of Christ: always adding new members, but also adding new holiness. Every missionary of Christ Jesus must work to achieve these two ends: adding new children to the Church. Sanctifying the Church by sanctifying himself.**

**Today these two ends seem to be ignored, forgotten and even declared unnecessary. With this foolish and insipient modality, we do nothing else but decree the death of the Church. A Church that does not grow, adding new children, is destined to physical, real death and to disappear.**

**A Church that does not generate new children attests that she is spiritually dead. A body that is alive always regenerates and renews itself. A dead body starts rotting. Today we are working to reduce the Church to a decomposing body. Not even the skeleton will remain of her.**

**I say this because today mind, will and feeling of the individual Christian are confused - no matter who the Christian is: pope, bishop, presbyter, deacon, confirmed and baptized - with the command of the Lord. The command of Christ Jesus cannot be abrogated by any man.**

**Now the command is explicit: Jesus approached and said to them: "All power has been given to me in heaven and on earth. 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 that I have commanded you.**

**And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the world" (Mt 28,18-20). This command obliges the apostles and their successors. It obliges the whole body of Christ Jesus. It is useless to have an outgoing Church, if the Church is not a missionary one. The Church is missionary by essence and nature.**

**Either the Church is missionary of the true evangelizing mission and builder and forming of the body of Christ, or she is not Church. There is no God without Christ. There is no Christ without the Church. But there is also no Church if there is no formation of the body of Christ with the addition of new members.**

**ANNOUNCING THE GOOD NEWS**

**Christ Jesus must be announced, evangelized and made known to the whole world. We can compare the Christian to the New Temple of God seen by the prophet Ezekiel. Christ Jesus is full of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit springs from his torn side and floods the earth with eternal life.**

**Having becoming the true body of Christ in conformation to Christ, the Christian, also becomes filled with the Holy Spirit and pours him announcing the word of the Good News. When the source is dry, it does not cause more water to flow, it is a sign that the Christian died to the Holy Spirit. He has extinguished the Spirit.**

**Whoever does not want to become a river without water of eternal life, must revive the Holy Spirit day by day. He enlivens him growing in grace and wisdom. He grows in grace and wisdom, obeying every Word of the Gospel. Transforming the Word into life he will transform his life into the Word.**

**SOUND MORALITY**

**To build the kingdom of God, everyone is obliged to build himself as the true body of Christ. If the Christian does not build himself as the true body of Christ, he will give others a false idea of ​​belonging to Christ and to the Church. He will make them believe that physical belonging is enough.**

**With the body one is of with Christ, with the soul, mind, spirit and heart he is with the devil, with the world and with sin. The sign that we are really of Christ is our sound and perfect morality. The more we grow in sound and perfect morality, the more we are witnesses of the truth of Christ the Lord and of the Church.**

**Let no one think of being of benefit to Christ, if Christ and the Holy Spirit are of no benefit to his life. When are Christ and the Spirit of benefit? When we, like Christ the Lord, grow in grace and wisdom, extinguishing vices and acquiring the holy virtues. Virtue makes us belong to Christ Jesus.**

**MAKING A PRAYER OF SINGING**

**In Holy Scripture, singing is the celebration of the great works performed by God for the salvation of man. It is also a blessing and thanksgiving for every other work of God. All creation is the work of God. The Church is the work of God. Our whole life is the work of God.**

**Prayer is not reciting formulas. Nor is compliance with pre-established and predefined rules. It is the transformation of our faith into praise, blessing, thanksgiving, request for salvation, redemption and sanctification. If faith is dead in us, prayer is also dead.**

**ON THE WAY OF TRUTH AND JUSTICE**

**The Christian is asked to walk on the path of truth and justice. What is truth and what is justice? The truth is respect for the work of God created in us. We are the body of Christ. The body of Christ must be respected in its holiness, light, charity, wisdom, sacrifice and holocaust.**

**Justice is bringing the new nature received to fulfillment, obeying every Word that the Lord has given us. Realizing the Word in us, we realize Christ the Lord, in the Holy Spirit and we are in true justice. Justice and truth are the way that must lead us in the highest morality.**

**SHORT FINAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**God calls for Christ Jesus, in the Holy Spirit. He calls to build his Church, which is the Body of Christ. If the body of Christ is not built, if the Church does not grow in new members and in new holiness, it is a sign that we are not working according to the mandate received. No one can build the Body of Christ and no one might ever add new sanctity to it, if he does not build himself in charity, truth and justice and if to the Church he does not add his holiness every day in a growth in imitation of Lord Jesus. She makes us the Body of Christ to make the body of Christ. She sanctifies us to sanctify the body of Christ. Christ, to make his Church beautiful, he washes her with his blood every day.**

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**Mother of God, Angels and Saints, make us true builders of the body of Christ in truth and holiness.**