

APOSTOLIC MOVEMENT - 2018

Meetings of catechesis and spirituality in some South and Islands dioceses

CATANZARO: Mary Mother of the Church Parish (Neto River rd.)
MONDAY, 5 pm: Rosary and Confessions; 5.30 pm: Mass; 6.10pm: catechesis
CATANZARO: St. John the Baptist Parish (G. Garibaldi Sq.)
2nd and 4th FRIDAY, 5.30 pm: Catechesis
3rd SUNDAY, 5.30 pm: Meeting for member formation
LAMEZIA TERME (CZ): "St. Dominick" Parish (Feroletto Sq.)
TUESDAY, 5.30 pm: H. Rosary and Confessions; 6pm: Mass
LAMEZIA TERME (CZ): John Paul II Hall (Numistrano Ave.)
2nd and 3rd WEDNESDAY, 6.30 pm: catechesis
CROTONE: "S. Rita" Parish (I Maggio rd.)
WEDNESDAY, 5.00 pm: catechesis
CROTONE: "Mary Mother of the Church" Parish (United Nations rd.)
1st SUNDAY, 5 pm: catechesis
VIBO VALENTIA: "Holy Spirit" Parish (St. Mary La Nova Church)
TUESDAY, 5pm: training session for members and catechesis
COSENZA: St. John the Baptist Parish (De Rada rd.)
WEDNESDAY, 6.30: catechesis
ROSSANO (CS): Sacred Heart Parish (Viale

S. Angelo - Rossano Scalo)
1st SUNDAY, 6pm: catechesis
TREBISACCE (CS): St. Vincent Ferrer Parish
1st and 3rd MONDAY, 5.30 pm: meeting of catechesis and spirituality
REGGIO CALABRIA: St. Mary of the Divine Help Parish (Soccorso sq.)
TUESDAY, 6.30pm: catechesis
BOVALINO (RC): St. Nicholas of Bari Parish
SATURDAY, 6.30pm: catechesis; a SUNDAY a month, 4.30pm: training meeting
MESSINA: of Mary Immaculate Parish (Contesse pl.)
2nd THURSDAY, 6pm: catechesis
MESSINA: St. Elena Parish (St. Helena ds.)
WEDNESDAY, 6.30pm: catechesis
OLIVERI (ME): St. Joseph Parish (Dante sq.)
2nd and 4th WEDNESDAY, 5.30 pm: spirituality meeting
SYRACUSE: Our Lady of Sorrow in Grotta-santa Parish (Servi of Mary rd. 4)
3rd TUESDAY, 6.30pm: spirituality meeting
ENNA: St. Cataldo Parish (St. Mary of the People Church)
3rd WEDNESDAY, 4.00 pm: spirituality meeting
ERICE (TP): Our Lady of Fatima Parish (Casa Santa pl.)
TUESDAY, 5.30pm: H. Rosary; 6pm: H. Mass; 18.45: training for members
DIOCESE OF ACERRA (NA): 2nd WEDNESDAY, 6.30 pm: meeting of spirituality in rotation in the Parishes Maria Ss. Annunziata (Acerra), S. Felice M. (S. Felice a Cancello), S. Nicola (Casalnuovo di NA)
SALERNO: St. Mary ad Martyres Parish (Pastorino rd., 2)
2nd MONDAY, 6.45 pm: meeting of spirituality

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Time is fulfilled

When the Lord created man, he gave him a command, linked to a double promise of life and death to be observed: "You are free to eat from any of the trees of the garden except the tree of knowledge of good and bad. From that tree you shall not eat; the moment you eat from it you are surely doomed to die" (Gen 2: 16-17). Man has not heard the voice of his Lord. Now he knows that his word is infallibly true. Immediately after sin, God says a second word to the man; he tells him it speaking to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you shall be banned from all the animals and from all the wild creatures; On your belly shall you crawl, and dirt shall you eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel" (Gen 3: 14-15). Now man lives waiting for the time of the completion of this word. He waits because surely it will be accomplished. Never a single word of God has failed. It has always become history.

Jesus comes and announces his people that the time is fulfilled. It is the hour of the realization of the first promise of the Lord, in which all the other promises made by him are made either in the form of an oath or an oracle or a prophecy. God fulfils his every word. What is the way so that the first word of God is realized? Believing in all the other words he uttered along the course of history, but also by giving credence to his last Word that comes to us through Christ Jesus. Time

is fulfilled. One enters into the possession of the promise through conversion to the last word of God that comes to us through Christ Jesus. We do not enter the last word? None of the precedents will be accomplished, realized. One remains out of his kingdom. Conversion to the last Word of God is always for us the door to enter the kingdom of God. This truth must never be forgotten, ignored and neglected, otherwise we remain outside true salvation.

Time is fulfilled for us too. The Lord asks us to get out of confusion, of non-Christian identity, of the thought of the world, of the sequel of vice and transgression. He invites us to enter his Gospel with power, according to the truth given to us today by the Holy Spirit, through a prophetic way, in order to conform our life to the life of Jesus. He wants us bold witnesses of his Word in this world that has decided to walk without the light that comes from the Gospel of the only true Master of humanity. If the time to move with body, soul and spirit into the Word is not fulfilled for us, no one else might ever enter through us. We remain out of the kingdom, through an omitted conversion, and are the ones to condemn the world to remain outside. A sin that excludes us, but also many others from the eternal kingdom and we are responsible of it before God and history. May the Mother of God preserve us from falling into this horrible sin that opens for us only the doors of perdition. We do not save ourselves and do not help others to be saved.

Father Costantino Di Bruno

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The Mass is the memorial of the Paschal mystery of Christ

Reflections starting from the General Audience of H.H. Francis

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Pope Francis is discussing the value and importance of Holy Mass in the Wednesday hearings. In this catechesis, in the first part, he reminds all the faithful what its content, its value and, therefore, the importance that derives from it, are for every believer. «What is essentially the Mass? The Mass is the memorial of the Paschal Mystery of Christ. It makes us sharers in its victory over sin and death and gives full meaning to our lives».

The Pope begins by explaining how the word memorial must be understood, a word that today by most people is understood in its sole meaning of "memory". The Holy Mass is not only the memory of the Lord's supper but is, first of all, a memorial in the theological sense, that is, a re-enactment of the mystery of the cross. "It is not just a memory, no, it is more: it is making present what happened twenty centuries ago [...] "Every time the sacrifice of the cross, with which Christ, our paschal lamb, was immolated, is celebrated on the altar, the work of our redemption is carried out" (LG 3)».

Therefore, in his catechesis, the Pope wishes to make the faithful understand what the contents and benefits of this sacrifice, or memorial are, and how the fruits of this sacrifice are abundantly poured out from Christ on every believer who participates in the Mass. Receiving the Eucharist, we receive Jesus who comes within us. By eating his Body and his Blood, we also benefit from his Passover, or victory over sin and death, and we receive eternal life.

In the Saint Mass Jesus becomes the living Bread descended from heaven: «I am the living bread that came down from heaven;

whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" (Jn 6: 51-52). "The Passover of Christ is the definitive victory over death, because He has transformed his death into a supreme act of love. He died for love! And in the Eucharist, He wants to communicate to us this Paschal, victorious love. If we receive it with faith, we too can truly love God and the neighbour, we can love as He has loved us, giving his life".

If it is clear to the faithful that the Mass is the memorial of the sacrifice of Christ in action at this moment for our salvation, how can we not be enraptured before so much love, and at the same time, astonished in a silence of contemplation of the sacrifice of the cross? There is no place for distraction or anything else, there is only room for silent prayer made of praise, thanksgiving and the search for intimacy and communion: "When we go to Mass it is as if we went to Calvary, the same one. But think for a moment: if at the time of Mass we go to Calvary - we think with our imagination - and we know that the man there is Jesus. But, will we allow ourselves to chat, to take pictures and to put on a little show? No! Because it's Jesus! We would certainly be in silence, in tears and also in the joy of being saved [...] Participation in the Eucharist leads us into the paschal mystery of Christ, giving us to go with him from death to life, that is, there in Calvary».

May the Virgin Mary be the model for all the disciples of how one must stay facing the Calvary of Jesus. The Mother stood at the foot of the cross, suffered and offered herself with her Son.

Frater Vincenzo Moniaci

The Lord's Day

**REPENT, AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL
III SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B**

FORTY DAYS MORE AND NINEVEH SHALL BE DESTROYED (Jo 3,1-5.10)

Jonah knows that if he will make the Word of the Lord resound in Nineveh, the city would have been converted and God would have forgiven it and would not have destroyed it. So that it does not get converted to be forgiven and no longer be destroyed, he disobeys and embarks to go far from his God. The Lord pursues him, grabs him, puts him back on the right path and orders him to go to the sinful city and there announce its sentence: "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed". It sufficed to listen to this one Word of God and the whole city, from the king to the last man living there, is invited to fasting and conversion. Even animals are submitted to fast. The Lord sees and forgives. Jonah is a strict warning to us that today we say the world does not want the Word. We are not servants of the world, but of the Lord. Jonah did not obey because he believed. We do not obey because we do not believe in the power of the Word.

THE TIME IS RUNNING OUT (1Cor 7: 29-31)

Saint Paul announces to the Corinthians that the time by now is running out. It is running out because it is little in relation to the great work that is given to us so that bring it to fulfilment. The Lord asks us to realize Christ Jesus in our body, in our soul and in our spirit. We must be in perfect image and likeness of Him. We are called to reach the peak of His perfection. Faced with the infinite greatness of the holiness of Christ Jesus, the time

available to us is really very little. For this reason it is necessary that no moment be wasted. Every fraction of a second must be used for the realization of the work that was entrusted us. Everything will have to be transformed into a means to reach the end. All human ends die. They all become means and instrument for the realization of the one true end that has been given us: forming Christ in us and forming us in Christ.

THIS IS THE TIME OF FULFILMENT (Mk 1: 14-20)

Adam, Eve, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Judas, Moses, Joshua, David, the Prophets and all the Righteous of the Old Testament lived with only one hope in their hearts: the fulfilment of the Word of the Lord that announced the coming of his blessing on earth for all peoples and nations. Finally the day awaited and hoped came. That is what, "The time of fulfilment" means. The hour has come when the Word of the Lord will produce its fruit of universal blessing. But there is a condition to be fulfilled: one enters salvation by being converted and believing in the Gospel, which is the Word of Christ Jesus. The promise is in the Gospel. One gets converted to it and he gets hold of the promise. One does not convert to it and it is as if the previous words of God had never been uttered for us. The Word of Jesus is what gives truth to other words. Everything is accomplished in faith in the Gospel.

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