

# Dacci oggi il nostro pane

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## SEVENTH DAY

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### Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men

**T**he kingdom of heaven, Jesus says, is “like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind” (Mt 13, 47) The one who has to throw the net into the sea is Peter. In hierarchical communion with Peter, the Apostles. In hierarchical communion with the Apostles, the presbyters, the deacons, the confirmed, the baptised. The net must always be thrown by the body of Christ that is his Church. Every member of the body of Christ must respect the ministries, the missions, the spiritual gifts, the vocations given by the Holy Spirit, though. Today we are besieged by an army of thoughts of earth, all intent on storming the will of the Spirit of the Lord over the body of Christ, the will manifested to us with his motion and inspiration, leading and guide. This army wants the ruling of the Church. How does one win this temptation? There is a way and it is only one: the Word of Jesus. Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men. Peter must always remember this Word. Helped by his example, all the successors of the Apostles. Helped by the successors of the Apostles, the presbyters, the deacons, the confirmed, the baptised.

If one falls into temptation and no longer throws the net, his closest brother must remind this Word of Jesus: “You have been called to throw the net of the Gospel in the world and fish many people for the Lord your God.” If you do not throw the net, your call, your spiritual gift, your ministry, your being disciple of Jesus are vain. Jesus has called you so that you throw the net of the Gospel in the world and help your brother pull it up full of an enormous quantity of fish. He has called you for nothing else. If each of us reminded the closest brother that he was called for this only purpose, being kingdom of God that builds up the kingdom of God, and if one remembered that, too, while one is intent on throwing the net of the Gospel in the world, many people would not fall in this temptation and much many ones, that have already fallen, might return to carry out his daily work. But today we are Christians without the Holy Spirit, isolated the ones from the other and each one pulls or has pulled his nets on the shores and let the other pull them, too. May the Mother of Jesus help us. We want to throw the net of the Gospel in the world.

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## LAMP UNTO MY FEET

### God constitutes the Virgin Mary his eyes in history

In reading the evangelic narration of the wedding of Cana, one must highlight some hidden truths. The Father of heavens has constituted the Mother of his Only Begotten Son his eyes over the Church and the world. The Holy Spirit has filled Her with a very special wisdom, divine intelligence and with a greater light than any other light existing in the universe. She immediately sees, with her sole presence, what is lacking on the table of the Church and of the world. Beyond this most pure eyes that see the present and the future, time and eternity, beyond this greater science than any other science, the Father of heavens has wanted to give her the highest discernment. She is able to separate person from person, thing from thing. She is able to choose the right person capable of doing the right thing so that the gap, or what is lacking to the Church and to humanity, is filled. In the narration of the wedding of Cana She alone sees that they have no wine. She sees and knows who to address to: Christ Jesus. She also knows that Christ Jesus is to be helped and the one who have to help Him are the servants. She says to them: "Do whatever He tells you" Perfect vision, perfect science, perfect discernment, perfect choice,

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perfect request.

The Virgin Mary sees, discerns, always knowing who to address to. But is it enough so that the miracle of salvation is fulfilled? So that this miracle is fulfilled, it is necessary that all those whom She addresses to hear her request and gives it fulfilment. When the Virgin asks and the one or the ones whom She has asked obey her Word, the Church and the world are filled with every grace of salvation, redemption, blessing. If the obedience to her request is lacking, or one thinks of modifying her request with the mockeries of our heart and of our mind, the Church and humanity remain deprived of that necessary thing so that the Church returns to be true Church, and humanity goes toward the purity and the beauty of its truth of creation and of vocation for redemption and for salvation. If the Virgin Mary sees, discerns and asks and we do not show true, immediate, permanent obedience, we make her vision vain and her intervention in our history ineffective. This is to condemn the Church and humanity to the non-possibility to be able to reach their specific, particular purpose in history and in eternity, too. What Church is that Church that leaves

humanity poor in salvation, grace, redemption, holiness, truth, light? What humanity is that which is condemned to a perennial falsity?

If the Virgin Mary has seen that, on the table of the Church and consequently of humanity, the Gospel is lacking today, since it has been forgotten by the Church and consequently by the world, too, and asks someone to recall it, to bring it back on the table of the Church he must give this request eternal obedience. If the Church and the world needed other else, the Mother would have asked something else. We must never forget that the vision of what is lacking is only hers and not ours. Even if we are most holy, we are most holy blind. We must always ask the Virgin Mary what is lacking today, in this moment. What is lacking in the Church, in the world, in every single person so that it can be what the Spirit has set every person to be. We are blind. Our eyes must be those of the Virgin Mary, today and ever. he sees for us. We work for Her. She sees but She cannot. We can, but we do not see. She gives us her eyes. We give Her our body, we give every obedience and the miracle is fulfilled.



## IF YOU LISTEN...

### Those who hear the word of God and observe it

**B**efore Christ, there is only the Father and his will. Before Christ, there is only Christ. Before the Gospel, there is only the Gospel and its eternal truth. Before the mission of salvation, there is only the salvation and its mystery. Every other thing is to be declared as inexistent. Even a very little affection might take us away from fulfilling all the will the Father has written for us on the scroll of our life through the means of his Holy Spirit. This is the reason why on this day Jesus reads a human event in a divine way: "Then his mother and his brothers came to him but were unable to join him because of the crowd. He was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside and they wish to see you." He said to them in reply, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it." (Lk 8, 19-21) Instead, it is our bad habit to place all things before the will of the Father, to Christ Jesus, to his Word, to the mission of salvation and of redemption, to the truth given to us, to the mystery that was placed in our hands, in our heart, on

our mouth. What does Jesus say to those who announce "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside and they wish to see you?" He replies that mother and brothers are not those who wish to see Him, but those who listen to Him and put what they have listened into practice.

This event is extremely instructive for every disciple of Jesus, both of the present and of the future. When one is before Christ, one is before Him only to listen. Now, if even his Mother, before Jesus, has to listen to Him and do what He reveals and proclaims, might there be, on earth and in heaven, anyone who may think of being exempt from listening to Christ, in virtue of some particular privilege? Even the Angels of heaven, before Christ, must quit their every activity, put themselves in adoration and say: "Speak, Lord, your servants are listening." Before Christ there is neither father, nor mother, neither brother nor sister, neither relatives, nor friends who may boast special exemptions. Before Jesus, everyone must put themselves in adoration

and say: "Speak, our Teacher, we have come to listen and to live what you will say to us." This passage of the Gospel is eternal truth for every man. If even his Mother is called before Jesus to bow down in adoration and ask him to speak to her heart, no one might ever think to enjoy special privileges that exempt him from listening to Him and do his divine will. Mother of God, teach us your great humbleness. We want to listen at your school, Jesus the Lord.

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#### FROM JACOB'S WELL

Our obedience is always work of the Holy Spirit in us. However, not of the Spirit that is in the blessed heaven. Not even the Spirit that moves the body of Christ Jesus, his Church one, saint, Catholic, Apostolic, since he is invoked by us. The one who has to work it is the Spirit of the Father and of the Son, it is the Spirit of the body of Christ that is the Church, but it will have to be the Spirit of the Father and of Christ, the Spirit of the body of Christ, that has been poured into our hearts. It is the Spirit given to us that must grow in us and He grows if perpetually revived. The deed of the deeds He will have to fulfil is our perfect conformation to Christ Jesus worked by Him in the Sacraments we have received. If this work is not fulfilled, all the other works will never be fulfilled.



## IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

**We know that it is obligation of the Christian to obey his own ministry, charisma, mission, vocation. I would ask: why is this obedience extremely necessary, better indispensable?**

**T**his obedience is necessary, better indispensable as the heart or any other organ is necessary to the body so that it can carry out its mission. These gifts are true new creation of the Holy Spirit in our soul, in our spirit, in our body. The body of Christ is similar to Adam in the Garden of Eden. He is alone, with no help that is correspondent to him. The Father of heaven sees this ontological loneliness and creates for Adam what he lacks. Even the Holy Spirit sees what is lacking to the body of Christ today and creates it for them. If they lack in a bishop, He creates a bishop. If they lack in a presbyter, He creates a presbyter. If they lack in a professor, He creates a professor. If they lack in a doctor, He creates a doctor. If they lack in a prophet, He creates a prophet. If they lack in any other thing, He creates it. What does He do after having creating it? He gives it to the body of Christ in the same way the Lord gave the woman to man, so that the body of Christ may carry out his mission according to purity of truth and of grace. The creation is unique and unrepeatable. But also the life according to the new creation must be unique and unrepeatable. It is in this perfect obedience that one builds up the body of Christ. The built-up body of Christ incessantly works for its building, always adding new children to

God by generation and birth from above, through the acceptance of the Gospel.

If the Holy Spirit has made us because our new being was lacking in the body of Christ, we must give the body of Christ what we have been created for by the Holy Spirit. Who will reveal to us what is lacking? She, the Virgin Mary. She can reveal it to us in direct way. She comes and says: "Today this or that other thing is lacking in the body of Christ." But She can also reveal it to us because we are the ones who ask it to Her. This is why every disciple of Jesus must bring the Virgin Mary with himself not only as his true Mother, but also as his true eyes. Every day he must ask Her to give him her eyes so that he sees what is lacking today, in order to give it. Without this obedience, we give by our heart and not by the heart of our heavenly Father. If we give by our heart, no salvation will never be fulfilled. We will work, we will consume our forces, we will put all things in a laundry bag. Consuming all the energies is endless foolishness since one works without knowing what is lacking to the body of Christ today. We are from the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit. But we are also from the Virgin Mary, from her heavenly vision.

*The Holy Spirit sees what is lacking to the body of Christ today and creates*

### IN THE NEXT ISSUE

And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said

In the mystery of redemption is the fulfilment of the mystery of creation

And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

What is necessary so that we can say to be disciples of Jesus? Is it enough to live the Gospel or is anything else needed? If the Gospel is enough, how should one live it?

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