**Proclaim the Gospel to every creature**

**MONDAY JANUARY 25 (Mk 16, 15-18)**

From the day of the first sin, God has promised to man the salvation. He did not promise it to a group of people, but to the human being. The peoples and nations did not exist yet: “Then the LORD God said 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. 3 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 3,14-16). Born on the floor of the peoples and nations andthe Lord's promises to Abraham that in his seed he would bless all the tribes of the earth: *“Again the LORD'S messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing - all this because you obeyed my command.” (Gen 22,15-18).* The first promise it is the exclusive gift of the Father. The second promise is a gift from God, but also the fruit of Abraham's obedience. The obedience is not only the one of Abraham, but it finds its entire and perfect fulfilment in Christ Jesus, who is obedient to the Father until death and death on the cross. Is this obedience to the world enough to be saved? Still it is not enough. Two more kind of obedience are required. The second can never exist without the first. The first obedience is the one of the Apostles. They must go to call every creature to obey the faith, the Gospel, the truth, Christ Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. If they do not go and do not call to obedience, no salvation can ever be accomplished. The second obedience is the one of those who are called. They, if they want to be saved, must obey the Gospel, the faith, the truth, Christ the Lord, the Holy Spirit, by obeying the Word of the Apostles. Indeed, The Apostles obey the Word of Christ. Those called to salvation obey the Word of the Apostles. Salvation is in Christ, in the Holy Spirit, in the Apostles.

*He said to them, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents (with their hands), and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."*

Every day the Lord calls and every day he sends those called throughout the world to announce the Gospel of Christ Jesus. Today the Lord calls Saul to bring the Gospel to every man: *“There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias, and the Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight and ask at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is there praying, and (in a vision) he has seen a man named Ananias come in and lay (his) hands on him, that he may regain his sight." But Ananias replied, "Lord, I have heard from many sources about this man, what evil things he has done to your holy ones in Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to imprison all who call upon your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for this man is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before Gentiles, kings, and Israelites, and I will show him what he will have to suffer for my name." So Ananias went and entered the house; laying his hands on him, he said, "Saul, my brother, the Lord has sent me, Jesus who appeared to you on the way by which you came, that you may regain your sight and be filled with the holy Spirit." Immediately things like scales fell from his eyes and he regained his sight. He got up and was baptized, and when he had eaten, he recovered his strength”* (Cfr. Act 9,1-18).Everyone called by God, in Christ, in the Holy Spirit, confirmed by the Apostles, is always sent for the universal salvation. The call of the individual is not for a group of people, but for the whole world. It is always a universal mission.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, make us heralds of the Gospel to every man.