**He who eats of me will live for me**

**FRIDAY APRIL 23 (Jn 6, 52-59)**

When does one live for Christ? When one consecrates one's life to Christ, as Christ has consecrated it to the Father. Life is consecrated to Christ, if it is consecrated to his truth, Word, grace, light, eternal life. This is why Christ Jesus must always be eaten in faith. However, the Apostle Paul reveals that it is possible to eat Christ only with the body, but without the participation of the soul and spirit. You eat it without faith, that is, without thinking about who you are going to receive: *“In giving this instruction, I do not praise the fact that your meetings are doing more harm than good. First of all, I hear that when you meet as a church there are divisions among you, and to a degree I believe it; there have to be factions among you in order that (also) those who are approved among you may become known. When you meet in one place, then, it is not to eat the Lord's supper, for in eating, each one goes ahead with his own supper, and one goes hungry while another gets drunk. and drink? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and make those who have nothing feel ashamed? What can I say to you? Shall I praise you? In this matter I do not praise you.*

*For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me. " In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many among you are ill and infirm, and a considerable number are dying. If we discerned ourselves, we would not be under judgment; but since we are judged by (the) Lord, we are being disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world. Therefore, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. If anyone is hungry, he should eat at home, so that your meetings may not result in judgment. The other matters I shall set in order when I come. "(1 Cor 11, 17-34).*As Christ Jesus must be eaten whole: word, truth, life, light, grace, body, blood, soul, divinity, so whoever eats it must eat it with all of himself: intelligence, will, feeling, desire, heart, soul, spirit. The whole man must eat all of Christ. If you eat a part of Christ, you don't eat all of Christ. You eat it in vain. So, if only a part of man eats Christ, even in this case he is eaten in vain. The whole man must eat all of Christ.  

*The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us (his) flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever. " These things he said while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.*

In truth, today there are many who approach the Eucharist. But how is Christ Jesus eaten? He is only partially eaten by one part of man: only with his mouth. Heart, soul, spirit, will, feeling, desire, and thought are elsewhere. It is eaten without the purest faith. This is eating the body of Christ in vain. If it is not a sin of sacrilege, it is certainly a grave sin of profanation.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, let us eat Christ with true faith.