**I am the door of the sheep**

**MONDAY APRIL 26 (Jn 10, 1-10)**

The door of the sheep is Jesus in his Word of eternal life, truth, light, justice, revelation of the mystery of the Father from whom is also the mystery of man by creation. We live the Word of Jesus, we enter the kingdom of heaven, we set out on the path that leads to the eternal kingdom in paradise. Jesus is the rock upon which our eternal home is to be built: *"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name? Did we not drive out demons in your name? Did we not do mighty deeds in your name? ' Then I will declare to them solemnly, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers. ' "Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined."(Mt 7, 13-14.21-27).* But it is enough to believe in his Word to enter eternal life. No. This faith is not enough. There would be no difference with Moses or the other Old Testament prophets. Throughbaptism it is necessary to become one body with Christ and with the other sacraments to reach the fullness of conformation to Him, each one respecting the new creation wrought in him by the Holy Spirit: *"For through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus.**For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendant, heirs according to the promise." (Gal 3, 26-29).* If one does not become one body with Christ, one is not on the way to the kingdom. Christ is the way and He alone: *"I am the way, the truth, the life".* Everything must be done in Christ, with Christ, for Christ. Consequently, everything must take place in his body which is the Church, in the Church, for the Church, with the Church. Christ and the Church are forever inseparable.

*"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers. " Although Jesus used this figure of speech,* *they did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came [before me] are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.*

Today, this is the real crisis of the Church: many of her children announce a door of salvation that is no longer Christ Jesus. Some are ashamed of preaching Christ to the people. We prefer to enter into dialogue with them in order to find human ways of salvation. This is great ignorance. Great folly. If other ways existed, the Father would have manifested them to us. Instead, the Father has given us only one way: Christ Jesus in his Person and in his body, which is the Church. The door is Christ and his Church.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, give us the true faith in Christ and in his Church.