**And you also testify**

**MONDAY MAY 10 (Jn 15, 26-16, 4)**

Jesus is the Father's Faithful Witness: *"John, to the seven churches in Asia: grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever (and ever). Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty. " (Rv 1,4-8).* Jesus is the faithful Witness of the Father because He not only obeyed the Father until death and to death on the cross, but also because the Father made himself visible in his person, in his works, in his Words. "*Whoever sees me sees the Father*." Jesus is the Witness by vision and obedience. He is the Faithful witness because his life on our earth has always been moved by the Holy Spirit.

The disciple must also bear witness to Christ. He too must give Him for vision and obedience. The disciple gives Christ out of obedience, offering his whole life to Jesus the Lord to make of himself a holocaust of salvation. He must give Christ for vision through the full conformation to Christ Jesus. What must the apostle of the Lord still testify and in communion with him every other disciple? He must attest that Christ is our eternal life, because eternal life is in Christ Jesus: *“Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the father loves (also) the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who (indeed) is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are of one accord. If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is surely greater. Now the testimony of God is this, that he has testified on behalf of his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has this testimony within himself.*Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar by not believing the testimony God has given about his Son. *And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever possesses the Son has life; whoever does not possess the Son of God does not have life. "(1Jn 5, 1-12).*This type of witness can only be given if the Spirit of the Lord governs our life and the grace of Christ Jesus conforms us to Him in everything. If the Christian does not show Christ, he can never say that he bears witness to Christ. The true witness obeys and conforms to Christ, becoming Christ visible.

*When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me. And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning. I have told you this so that you may not fall away. They will expel you from the synagogues; in fact, the hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God. They will do this because they have not known either the Father or me. I have told you this so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you. "I did not tell you this from the beginning, because I was with you.*

Who bears true witness to Christ the Lord, whoever allows himself to be transformed by the Holy Spirit and the grace of the sacraments into the Word and Life of Christ Jesus. He is true witnesses by "exhibition". Christ is shown visibly bearing witness to Christ. The purest Word of Christ is made heard in the world, consequently, witness to Christ is given. Without this uninterrupted work of the Holy Spirit in us, no one will be a true witness of Christ.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, make us true witnesses of Lord Jesus.