***We have given up everything and followed you***

**TUESDAY MAY 25 (Mk 10,28-31)**

Abraham, our father in the faith, is universal model for every disciple of Jesus. He really has left everything to obedience to his God and Lord: *"The LORD said to Abram," Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you. "I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you. "Abram went as the LORD directed him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran "(Gen 12,1-4).*

*Some time after these events, God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Ready!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." Early the next morning Abraham saddled his donkey, took with him his son Isaac, and two of his servants as well, and with the wood that he had cut for the holocaust, set out for the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham got sight of the place from afar. Then he said to his servants: "Both of you stay here with the donkey, while the boy and I go on over yonder. We will worship and then come back to you." Thereupon Abraham took the wood for the holocaust and laid it on his son Isaac's shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two walked on together, Isaac spoke to his father Abraham. "Father!" he said. "Yes, son," he replied. Isaac continued, "Here are the fire and the wood, but where is the sheep for the holocaust?" "Son," Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the sheep for the holocaust." Then the two continued going forward. When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Next he tied up his son Isaac, and put him on top of the wood on the altar.*

*But the LORD'S messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Abraham named the site Yahweh- yireh ; hence people now say, "On the mountain the LORD will see." 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 22,1-18).* With the offering of the son, God is for Abraham his past, his present, his future. Only God and God alone is the life of Abraham. It is as if history disappears.

*Peter began to say to him, "We have given up everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come. But many that are first will be last, and (the) last will be first. "*

Whoever wants to walk behind Christ must choose Christ alone. Christ must be his past, his present, his future. Christ is chosen, if every day the disciple strips himself of all his thoughts, wills, desires, aspirations. Everything must do for Christ in view of Christ. If Christ is the end of his life, everything else is only a means. If it is a mean, it can always be abandoned. This freedom of heart and mind Jesus asks of his disciples. Jesus lives for the Father with a view to the Father. He also offers his body, his soul, his spirit, his will to the Father. Jesus holds nothing for himself, because his life is the Father. Leave everything who lives in a cosmic void. Everything exists, but it is as if nothing existed, because the disciple of Jesus belongs only to his Master.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, make the disciple all of his Lord.