**SATURDAY 12 JUNE – IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety."And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"**

**Let us think for a moment to the heart pierced by great sorrow on the occasion of Jesus’s descent to Jerusalem and of his remaining in the Holy city, letting Mary and Joseph leave for Nazareth on their own, unaware that Jesus was not in the caravan, since he was held by his Father. The way of education of the heart for our God always passes through the great suffering. How should one think of suffering?**

**It should be thought as a press or a melting pot. In the press one puts what remains of the bunches of grapes that are not turned up in must. Under a press lowering more and more, every drop of must come out. In the press, only stalks and skins remain. What is liquid has come out. Thus is in the sufferance: it is the press that must purify us from every thought, will, desire, so that everything in us is new wine to put in the wineskin of the heart of our God and Lord.**

**Thus is also for the melting pot. In it, gold melts and is purified and freed of every slag. Thus is the sufferance for those who love the Lord: it purifies them of everything that is still not most perfect handing over of our life to our Father that is in heaven. Since we must always purify ourselves, we must always pass through the press or the melting pot. Jesus has passed through the great press and the scorching melting pot of sufferance whose culmination has been reached on the cross, on which he has really been annihilated. The Virgin Mary, too, day after day, passes through the press or the melting pot of the sword that pierces the spirit and brings out everything that is not still for her total annihilation to be very pure light of her Lord.**

**Between our sufferance and that of the Virgin Mary and Jesus the Lord there is a huge difference. Their sufferance was aimed at an always-greater growth from light to light. One leaves the inferior light to acquire the superior light, with the resurrection and the glorious assumption into heaven both Christ Jesus and the Virgin Mary leave the body of flesh to assume a body of all spirit and light. With the body of spirit and light, the physical, personal sufferance is over. With Jesus and Mary begins the spiritual sufferance that is of the body of Christ Jesus and Mary is, her too, body of Christ for the eternity.**

**What does the Mother of God have to leave of the inferior light to be clothed with the superior light? She has to leave a light of inferior maternity to acquire a light of superior maternity. She has to begin acquiring the light that tomorrow will have to be very pure beneath the cross. She has to acquire the light of the daily offer of the Son to the Father so that he may do only and always his entire divine will. Jesus is his true Son. By her Jesus must be daily given to the Father. To the Father must she make a sacrifice. It is as if Christ Jesus had to leave her heart to be entirely of the heart of the Father. That of the Virgin Mary is true Christological and theological sufferance. It is sufferance that one may live only in the wisdom, intelligence, fortitude, piety in the Holy Spirit.**

**Let us read the text of 2,41-51**

**Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety."And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.**

**In the Virgin Mary’s life – in Christ Jesus’s life as well – we must always see the wisdom and divine and eternal intelligence of the Father leading the Mother of his Son – and his Son, too – to the acquisition of an even greater light. This acquisition requires an even greater sufferance. Today the sufferance consists in coming back to Jerusalem and searching for the Son remained in the holy City by his Father’s will. Let us ask: has the Virgin Mary omitted anything that was necessary not to omit? She has omitted nothing, since she knew her Son, she knew his wisdom, his love, his obedience, his respect, his docility, his great submission.**

**It is the Father who has let Jesus remain in Jerusalem to begin, with the Virgin Mary, that path that tomorrow will take her to a light so great until transforming her own body in light. This acting of the Lord – leading his Son’s Mother and his Son from a most pure inferior light to a superior light, most pure it too – must open our mind to a supernatural vision of the sufferance. In us, therefore, the path is different.**

**First, we must free ourselves of any darkness of sin and transgression of the Commandments of the Law of the Lord. Without this first compulsory liberation there is no progress from light to light. We remain in the darkness and we end up in the eternal darkness. Operated this passage, one begins the second one: that of beginning growing from grace to grace, from light to light, from truth into truth, from obedience into obedience. One cannot operate this passage except in the press of the great sufferance, in the melting pot of pain. Press and melting pot that are useful to expiate our sins and to help the entire world and us walk in the light of the Gospel with full faith to every motion of the spirit.**

**It is urgent that this supernatural vision is structure of mind and heart. It is necessary to be our new nature. As the Virgin Mary has not wasted not even a drop of sufferance, so also each of her child must learn from Her not to waste any drop of sufferance. Every drop is to be taken and offered to the Father so that we might grow from light to light, until reaching the eternal light in the holy heaven.**

**Mother of God, Woman that has always walked through the path of light that in you became ever more intense and radiant, help us so that we may also walk through your own path. We will become light in your light. Amen**