**SATURDAY OCTOBER 02 – XXVI WEEK O.T. [B]**

**HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS**

**"See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father.”**

**The disciples follow Jesus. For sure, Jesus will introduce them into the kingdom He came to bring to our earth. In this kingdom, in the kingdom Jesus is about to establish, who will be the greater one among them? Each of them thinks about something great for himself. However, one does not think by the truth of God about the kingdom that is at hand, that is about to come. One thinks, instead, by human thoughts. This is the great crisis of the man of every time: seeing and evaluating everything with the thoughts of the earth in the great and universal ignorance of the thoughts according to God. Among all the evils devastating the earth, the cause is only one: desiring, willing, acting by the thoughts of man. After all, the initial catastrophe precisely began from it: from the substitution of the thoughts of the Creator with the thoughts of deceit of the creature. One distances himself from God and converts himself to the creatures. This is the end of the world.**

**From the Gospel according to Luke, we know that in the Cenacle, in the supreme hour of Jesus, immediately after the Institution of the Eucharist, the disciples have not solved the issue yet, although Jesus had intervened many times in this regard. Both in the Gospel according to Matthew and in that according to Mark, Jesus had given another great teaching on the occasion of the request of James and John. They had asked Jesus the Lord they wished to sit in his kingdom one on his right hand and the other one on his left hand. This request had given rise to heated discussion among the Apostles. No one desired to be second to the other ones.**

**This all shows us how difficult is that a heart changes. Teaching is not enough. It occurs the grace of God to transform and renovate him. A heart of stone is always of stone. Education is not enough to turn it into a heart of flesh. Only the Holy Spirit has this power and He only can turn our heart of stone into heart of flesh capable of loving. A religion without grace will always leave man with the heart of stone. Our religion is the religion of grace and of truth.**

**Here is the universal measure that will have value in the kingdom of heaven: a child. How much is a child worth? Nothing. How much must an adult be worth for the kingdom of heaven? Nothing. The child is served, he does not serve. In the kingdom of heaven, everyone must let himself be served by God, by his Word and by his grace. By letting himself be served by God in the strength of his Word and of his grace, everyone becomes able to serve.**

**Converting means one only thing: changing mind. Leaving one’s own proud and adultery mind and putting the mind of God, his thoughts in its place. The one who converts himself is whoever thinks according to God. The one who is not converted is whoever thinks according to men. Becoming like children has one only meaning: receiving everything as a gift of love from God. One does not enter the kingdom to be someone. One enters the kingdom to let oneself be entirely transformed by the gift of God that is his Word and his grace. One does not enter the kingdom of God with his own thoughts. One enters the kingdom of God with the thoughts of God, manifested and revealed in the Word of Jesus. Whoever remains himself might never enter the kingdom of God. In the kingdom of God, one enters as transformed. In the kingdom of God, one thinks as transformed, one lives as transformed, one relates as transformed. The disciples are not transformed yet. They will be on the day of Pentecost. Only then, the Holy Spirit will let them become as children.**

**The more one becomes like children and the more one receives the gift of God. The more one receives the gift of God and the greater one becomes. One becomes greater since one has more ability, more strength, more intelligence, more truth, more grace to love in the same way as God and Christ Jesus. In the kingdom one loves. Whoever loves, serves. Whoever serves is below the others, not above. Whoever is above does not certainly love, he does not serve. He is not part of the kingdom of heaven.**

**Now Jesus identifies himself with children. Whoever serves children with the truth and the grace of Christ Jesus, serves Christ Jesus. Whoever loves them with the grace and the truth of Christ Jesus, loves Jesus. Whoever takes care of them, so that they grow in wisdom and grace, takes care of Jesus. Every disciple of Jesus should be a little family of Nazareth for children. Not only under the shadow of God the Father and of the Holy Spirit, but also of Joseph and Mary, did Jesus grow in age, wisdom and grace. The one who receives a child in the name of Christ Jesus is whoever helps him to grow in wisdom and grace before God and men. Today education is not always wisdom. It is often foolishness. Today almost all children grow without grace. They are not received in the name of Christ Jesus. There is in us a strong lack of grace and truth preventing us from receiving the children in the name of Christ the Lord. The salvation of the little ones is in the conversion of the great ones. The goodness of the little ones is in the holiness of the great. The wisdom of the little is in the wisdom of the great. Salvation, goodness and wisdom are only in Christ Jesus, they are only in his Body that is the Church, one, holy, catholic, apostolic.**

**Let us read the text of Mt 18,1-5.10**

**At that time the disciples approached Jesus and said, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.** **"See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father.”**

**One despises a person when one deprives him of his true value. The value of every person is the blood of Christ Jesus. One despises only one of these little ones, when one thinks that their salvation is of no value. When one abandons himself to offences, without considering the value of their eternal salvation. Their offence is more valuable than their eternal life, of the eternal life of one only of these little ones. There is disdain when one deprives the value from what is true, holy, right, perfect, noble, honourable. One despises these little ones when one deprives the value from their eternal life. Our sin is more valuable than their eternal life, their holiness, the purity of their faith. Today not only one despises the little, children, one uses them for their sin, one exploits them for their interests, one abuses them in every way. Thus acting, one ruins society. Children are the future of society. If they are ruined, the society will have no future. By despising them, we lose our future in time and also in eternity.**

**Why must we not despise one only of these little one? Because “their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father.”, Jesus says. They are the guardian angels of the little ones. They are the ones who promptly intervene before the heavenly Father demanding salvation and justice. Salvation for the little. Justice toward the ones who damage them. The Lord oversees children by the means of his angels. This is a sublime truth. From this truth, the faith of the Church in the Guardian Angels arises. This mystery is really beyond the mind of men. It is the mystery of the communion of love God wanted it to exist between heaven and earth, between men and Angels.**

**It is a righteous thing to reveal the end of the coming of the Son of man on our earth. His is true mission of salvation. Man is lost because of his sin. Jesus came to save man. The salvation of Jesus is total and deals with the entire man in his body, in his soul, in his spirit. It deals with time and with eternity, as well. If one only of these elements is abolished in the mystery of salvation, the salvation we preach is not the true one, since it is not full. Today one preaches a wrong salvation, since one thinks about the future salvation, but one completely ignores the salvation in time, that is absence in body, in spirit, in the soul of man of every sin, vice, transgression operated in the Word of the Lord. Mother of God, make us little for the kingdom.**