**WEDNESDAY JUNE 1, SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER [C]**

**Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.**

**Consecrating is bringing a person or a thing from his profanity or from the belonging to himself, even whether holy, to be entirely of the Lord. When a person consecrates himself to the Lord, he no longer belongs to himself. He is entirely of the Lord to whom he has handed over his life. Jesus asks the Father to consecrate his Apostles in truth. It means that they must never belong to falsities, to darkness, to the thought of man, to evil, to injustice, to the kingdom of this world. They must be perennially of light, of justice, of the Word, of the Holy Spirit, of Christ Jesus, of grace, of eternal life. They will be of truth and of light becoming truth and light, grace and eternal life, justice and holiness in their own nature. Truth is the Word of the Father. If the Apostles are not of the Word, in the Word, through the Word, they might never be from truth, through truth, in truth. They might never be from light, trough light, in light. No Apostle might make himself truth and light from himself. The one who is to make the Apostles truth and light, holiness and justice, grace and eternal life so that we are truth and light, holiness and justice, grace and eternal life for every other man is only the Father of the Lord, but also every other man can be consecrated into truth. Everything happens in Christ, with Christ, through Christ:**

**“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved. In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth. In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the one who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ. In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God's possession, to the praise of his glory.” (Eph 1, 3-14) If one does not become body of Christ, no consecration in truth might be possible, for Christ is the truth. One becomes truth in Christ, one is consecrated in truth. But then one is to walk, advance in consecration. One walks and advances with our full obedience to the Word of Christ Jesus, that is Word of the Father. Without the obedience to the Word, one returns into the old nature, one lives in the profanity of the past, that is profanity of darkness, of sin, of death, of belonging to the world.**

**Let us read the text of Jn 17,11b-19**

**Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.**

**The consecration in truth is not a free act of the Father. The consecration is a fruit that is produced by the consecration of Christ Jesus to his Father in favour of his disciples. So that the Father consecrates the disciples in truth, Christ Jesus offers his life to the Father, with an obedience until death and to a death of cross. Through this total consecration to Him, the Father will consecrate his disciples in truth. But the personal consecration of Christ Jesus is not enough, to consecrate his disciples in truth, today one always needs the consecration of every member of the body of Christ to Christ Jesus, to his Gospel, so that the Church itself and the world are consecrated in truth. If one only prayer were enough to consecrate the Church and the world to truth, we would all be most holy. Instead, we are not holy for today the Christian often forgets that his total consecration to Christ is necessary, so that the Father consecrates the Church and the world in truth. If one wants one of his brother to convert, then the sole prayer is not enough. One needs to imitate Christ Jesus. He asks the father to consecrate his disciples in truth. However, He consecrates the Father his entire life so that the Father consecrates the disciples. I myself, if I want the Father to convert a heart, to tear him away from darkness and from falsity and lead him into light and into truth, must consecrate all myself to Christ. May the Mother of God and our Mother help us so that we consecrate to Christ Jesus.**