**17 JULY – XVI WEEK O.T. [C]**

**The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."**

**The Father is eternal love and He always produces eternal love. Christ is eternal love in the Father and through the Father and He produces eternal love. The Holy Spirit is the eternal communion in which the eternal love for the Father and the eternal love of the Son live and He produces eternal love. Man is not eternal love. He was created in the image and likeness of the love of God the Trinity, but he rebelled against his Creator and Lord and only if the Lord reassembles his nature, divided and torn by sin, he can produce true love generating other true love. If man wants, wishes, yearns for producing eternal love as Christ Jesus produces eternal love, he must be body of the body of Christ, soul of his soul, heart of his heart, spirit of his spirit, thought of his thought. He must be one only thing with Christ in the Holy Spirit, as Jesus and the Father are one only thing in the Holy Spirit. Man becomes one only thing in Christ, lives through Christ and with Christ, if one believes in Christ and lets himself be made one only body with Him, being born as new creature from water and from Holy Spirit. For the Apostle Paul, the mystery of redemption can only be fulfilled in Christ and where Christ is not accepted with faith and with faith one does not live in Him, with Him, through Him, no recomposition of the nature might ever happen. Man finds himself separated from the eternal source of his love, of his truth, of his unity, of his justice and holiness. As Christ produces eternal love for He is and eternally remains in the bosom of the Father, so man can produce eternal love if he dwells and remains in the bosom of Christ Jesus. It is universal law to which no one might never withdraw if one wants to produce eternal love. One can even refuse Jesus the Lord, but one remains in our torn and divided nature.**

**Prior to being true body of Christ, his true blood, his true life, being born of water and Holy Spirit, one must enter his heart to be from his heart, his thoughts to be from his thoughts, his wisdom to be from his wisdom, his desires to be from his desires, his feelings to be from his feelings. How can it happen? Listening to Christ Jesus’s heart. We stand at his feet and we listen to his heart speaking to our heart. Today listening to Christ is listening to his Apostles. Without listening, there is no discipleship. Without listening, the Holy Spirit is quenched in us and it is the death of the soul. Mary, Martha’s sister, is true, perfect image of the Christian. The Christian is true body of Christ is one stands at the feet of the Apostles and listens to Christ Jesus speaking to them through their mouth. The Apostles, on their part, if they want to offer their mouth to Christ so that He speaks and teaches his disciples and every other man, they must perennially stand at the feet of the Holy Spirit and let themselves be introduced in the fullness of the truth of the mystery of Christ Jesus. If the Apostles live in the manner of Martha, namely if they want to serve Jesus, without listening to Jesus and without standing at the feet of the Holy Spirit, to listen to what the Spirit says to them, will always be laboured, disconsolate, overwhelmed by things. They will do many things, but they will not do the thing they have been called for. The choice is up to them: being like Mary or like Martha. If they choose to follow Martha, the entire body of Christ will be suffocated by the things to do. Instead, if they choose to follow Mary and perennially listen to the Holy Spirit, then they will not act from their heart, but from Christ’s heart, speaking to their heart through the means of the Holy Spirit.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 10,38-42**

**As they continued their journey he entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary (who) sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."**

**Here is how the Spirit speaks to the Successors of the Apostles of the Lord:** **"To the angel of the church in Laodicea, write this: " 'The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the source of God's creation, says this: "I know your works; I know that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. For you say, 'I am rich and affluent and have no need of anything,' and yet do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. I advise you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich, and white garments to put on so that your shameful nakedness may not be exposed, and buy ointment to smear on your eyes so that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and chastise. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. "'"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, (then) I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me. I will give the victor the right to sit with me on my throne, as I myself first won the victory and sit with my Father on his throne. "'"Whoever has ears ought to hear what the Spirit says to the churches."(Rev 3,14-22). When one departs from the listening of the Holy Spirit, one always moves to the listening of the world.**