**TUESDAY JULY 19 – XVI WEEK O. T. [C]**

**And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother."**

**What Jesus teaches his Apostles is eternal Law established by the Father for Him, too: “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”(Cf. Mt 10,32-39). And also: “As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "(Lord,) let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." (To him) Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." (Lk 9,57-62). Jesus has come to raise every blood tie among men into ties of Holy Spirit. And this can happen only through the faith in his most holy name. He too, Jesus, has flesh and blood tie, since He, too, as well as true God is also true man. He is born of the most pure womb of the Virgin Mary through the work of the Holy Spirit and He has a blood tie with his Mother. However, He has always lived this blood tie in the supernatural tie, always created in Him by the Holy Spirit. The Virgin Mary, too, has always lived the blood tie with her Son according to the purity of the tie perennially created in her spirit, in her soul, in her body by the Holy Spirit. This tie of blood, of family, of belonging, of people, of nation, of offspring, of blood will always have to be turned into tie of Holy Spirit. It is in this tie that one builds the body of Christ, body, in which every man becomes brother of the other man in the most pure communion of the Holy Spirit. It is through this tie of Holy Spirit that the universal brotherhood arises.**

**Let us read the text of Mt 12,46-50**

**While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers appeared outside, wishing to speak with him. (Someone told him, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, asking to speak with you.") But he said in reply to the one who told him, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother."**

**Jesus is not denying his Mother. He says to each man that She is Mother in faith and through faith. Through the faith of the Angel, She has become his true Mother. Through the faith in his Word, She eternally remains his true Mother. This law of faith is worthy for every other man. Whoever wants to be brother or sister and mother of Christ must listen to the Word of God and do his will. If Christ Jesus is the Word of God and also his will of salvation and of redemption, if Christ Jesus is the gift the Father has given us, so that we become his true children, and brothers for each other in Him, will it ever be possible to build up the universal brotherhood on earth, without doing the will of the Father and is it will of the Father that we all become his children and brothers for each other becoming true body of Christ,, through the faith and arising from water and Holy Spirit? If we preach a universal brotherhood without Christ, we say to the world that Christ is not necessary so that men become brothers for each other. We also say that the mystery of his passion, death, resurrection, ascension to heaven is indifferent for us. Here is the eternal decree of the Father revealed by the Apostle Paul: “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). The ties according to flesh are all fallacious. We must always work to turn every tie of flesh into tie of spirit, in the communion of the Holy Spirit, in the body of Christ that is his Church. May the Mother of God help us.**