**SATURDAY AUGUST 13 – XIX WEEK O.T. [C]**

**"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." After he placed his hands on them, he went away.**

**A truth must be cried out to the world today and first of all to every Christian: “Every life is of God. It belongs to God before the conceiving. It belongs to God after the conceiving. It belongs to God after birth. It belongs to God until his last breath on our earth. It belongs to God for eternity.” If every life belongs to God, it is not ours. We cannot do what we want of our life. It was given to us so that we give it to the One to whom it belongs every day. Today this is the great sin of man and much more of the Christian: “Man can take what belongs to God. Not only. He can live his life not respecting even the laws written in his nature. Everything that refers to God in some ways must be eliminated from it. This is the great idolatry and the great atheism camouflaged of mercy, goodness, right, dignity.” The fact that the world thinks to make what he wants of his life is one thing. That the Christian thinks it is another matter. Today this is the drift our whole faith is going through with the real risk that it may be lost entirely. The prophet Isaiah already denounced this false faith and false religion at his times: “Merely slaughtering an ox is like slaying a man; sacrificing a lamb, like breaking a dog's neck; Bringing a cereal offering, like offering swine's blood; burning incense, like paying homage to an idol. Since these have chosen their own ways and taken pleasure in their own abominations, I in turn will choose ruthless treatment for them and bring upon them what they fear. Because, when I called, no one answered, when I spoke, no one listened; Because they did what was evil in my sight, and chose what gave me displeasure” (Cf Is 66,1-24).**

**Today this is the great sin of man and also of the Christian: he no longer respects not only the life of adults, but the life of children is much more despised. It is despised for one no longer gives it through the conceiving. It is despised for one first conceives it and then one kills it. It is despised for one does not respect the truth of their existence that must be from a father and from a mother who have become one only flesh. One despises it because for many of them life is the product of a laboratory or of a rented womb. It is despised because one commits any crime toward them. It is despised because they are victims of paedophiles. It is despised because the one who conceives it conceives it full of illness, some of which most serious, because of the vices and of debauchery with which the life of adults is lived. If we wanted, today, to indicate all the ways and the modalities through which life is despised, we could not even do it. Every day one invents new ways and new modalities that are sadder than those of yesterday. This disdain is the fruit of the sin of idolatry of man. Idolatry always leads to the disdain of life. It always gives the disdain the name of true love. Today the disdain of life is called dignity.**

**Let us read the text of Mt 19.13-15**

**Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked them, but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." After he placed his hands on them, he went away.**

**Jesus teaches the respect for every child. If the child is of God, he has the right to go to God. He has the right to be presented to Christ. He has the right to be blessed and sanctified by Jesus the Lord. Today this right is precisely deprived. Indeed, the modern builders of the purity of our most holy faith teach that there is no difference between a child sanctified by Christ and placed by Him under the government of his Holy Spirit through the sacrament of Baptism, which is the gate that opens so that one may receive all the other sacraments, true source of grace and of transformation of our nature into true nature of Christ Jesus, true participation of the divine nature and growth in it, and another child, who was not baptised, was not sanctified, was not placed under the government of the Holy Spirit. Today this difference is denied with every sophisticate argument of foolishness and ignorance. Thus doing, though, a child is deprived of one of his fundamental right: the right of letting himself be renewed in his nature so that is may become spiritual nature always immersed in the grace of God. Only thus he might grow and bear ever fruit of spiritual nature. As for Jesus his disciples were those who precisely prevented the children from being presented to Him to be blessed by Him, so also today the Christians are precisely those who say that there is no need to present the children to Christ the Lord. Then Christ Jesus ordered his disciples not to prevent it. Today there is no longer anyone who order these false disciples of Jesus to let the children be brought to Christ the Lord. Rather, these false Christians, these fraudulent preachers of the falsity passed off as truth go beyond it. They teach that there is no need for the adults to go to Christ the Lord, either. There is no longer need of Him. Christ Jesus is only a useless obstacle who prevents the true brotherhood among men. Abolished Christ, denied Him, only then all the people will be brothers one for each other. Brothers of sin, though, never brothers of true life. Never brothers for they are children of the unique Mother: Mary.**