**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15 – XXIV WEEK O.T [C]**

**B. V. MARIA OF SORROW**

**When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.**

**In our faith, there is a being that becomes and there is a being that is made. The Eternal Word of the Father has become flesh, was made flesh. He was God in the beginning and in time He becomes flesh through the work of the Holy Spirit in the most pure womb of the Virgin Mary. We cannot preach of the Virgin Mary what we preach of the eternal Word or of the eternal Only Begotten Son of the Father. She was made by God, namely created by the Lord, most pure, immaculate, full of grace. She was made by God temple of his eternal glory, his living dwelling. The heart of the Virgin Mary was and is true paradise for the Lord. She has not become Mother of the Son of the Most High from Herself. She was first chosen, with eternal decree, to be the Mother of the Son of the Most High. Then, the Angel Gabriel has manifested the will of her God to Her and She has declared Herself the Handmaid of the Lord. Whatever the Lord had done of Her, He could have done it. The Virgin Mary acknowledges that everything in Her is a deed of her God and Lord and She proclaims it in her hymn of praise, of blessing, of thinking, of most pure prophecy:** **The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. Why has the Mighty One done great things for Her? Because He has looked upon his handmaid’s lowliness. What does this lowliness consist of? Of being, the Virgin Mary, exclusive deed of God. She was perennially made by her God and She let herself be made, without putting up any resistance. Sin puts up resistance. She could never have put up any resistance for She was always most pure and most perfect in obedience and in love, in faith and in hope and in every other virtue. Through the work of the Holy Spirit She was made Mother of the Son of the Most High. She did not make herself Mother, She was made Mother. Mother of the Only Begotten Son of the Father. This is her true greatness. No other woman can be invested with such a high dignity. Not the dignity of having being conceived immaculate. The Lord could conceive other people. But of having being chosen to be the Mother of the Only Begotten Son of the Most High. This dignity is hers in eternity. No other woman can be made Mother of the Son of God. The Incarnation is an irreversible mystery and God has one only Son. Not only is it an irreversible mystery, it is unique in eternity. It is a pity that of all this mystery we are even losing track by now. One wants to abolish and cancel everything of every mystery. Blessed is the one who perseveres in a pure and firm faith, not contaminated by the thoughts of this world.**

**Let us read the text of Jn 19,25-27**

**Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.**

**Today Mary is made Mother of the disciple and the disciple son of Mary. It is not Mary who makes herself Mother of the disciple and nor the disciple to make himself son of the Mother. It was Christ, instead, by will of the Father who, always through the work of the Holy Spirit, has made Mary Mother of the disciple and always in the Holy Spirit the disciple was made son of Mary. Not Mother by nature as it happened for Christ Jesus, though, but Mother in order of grace. What does Mother in order of grace mean? It means that the Lord, in his eternal plan of love, wanted that everything that is of Christ Jesus was also of each of his disciple. Christ Jesus is Son of the Father. In Him all his disciples, by grace, become his true children. Jesus is true Son of Mary, in Him, by grace, all his disciples become true children of Mary. As they are true children of God, so they are true children of Mary, by grace. Jesus is filled with the Holy Spirit. Every disciple in Him, by grace, becomes filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus with his Incarnation, is made Redeemer and Saviour of each of his brother in Adam. In Him, even each of his disciple, by grace, by gift of the Holy Spirit and in the Holy Spirit, is made Saviour and Redeemer of every man. Christ Jesus is the Victor over sin and over death. In Hi, by grace, through the work of the Holy Spirit, each of his disciple is made victor over sin and over death. But all of this great mystery is fulfilled in Christ, is lived with Christ and through Christ. It is evident that if each of his disciple participates the life and of the mission of Jesus and each of his relation, this participation is infinitively more of his Mother. However, always in order of grace. The disciple, becoming true Son of Mary, must be taken by hand by Mary and led until his immolation on the Golgotha. This command of God the Father is effective in eternity: Mary, take your Son, go to the mountain and offer him to me in sacrifice.” What She has done with Christ Jesus, the Virgin Mary must do with each of her son. This is the mission that Jesus has entrusted on the Golgotha: making each of her son a sacrifice pleasing to God. This mission is universal. Whoever does not let himself be led by Mary on the Golgotha does not fulfil his mission, does not reach the perfection of Christ in his life. This mission is of the Mother of Jesus. Unique and universal mission. She must always take each of her son on the Golgotha. Letting oneself be taken on the Golgotha is the true obedience that every son owes to his Mother, Mother by grace. It is the mystery of the Mother and of the Son.**