**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 20 – XXV WEEK O.T. [C]**

**He said to them in reply, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it**

**What Jesus teaches his Apostles is eternal Law set by the Father for Him too: “Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth. I have come to bring not peace but the sword. For I have come to set a man 'against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's enemies will be those of his household.' "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. (Mt 10,32-39). “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 tie of Holy Spirit. And this can happen only through the faith in his most holy name. Even He, Jesus, has ties of flesh and of blood, for He too, other than being 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 always has a blood tie with his Mother. But He has always lived this blood tie in the supernatural tie, created in Him by the Holy Spirit. Even the Virgin Mary has always lived the tie of flesh 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 flesh, of family, of belonging, of people, of nation, of offspring, of blood will always have to be turned into tie of Holy Spirit. In this tie 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. In this tie of Holy Spirit the universal brotherhood arises. One can be true brothers of light, truth, peace, righteousness, charity, mercy, piety, compassion, reconciliation, forgiveness only if one is in the Word of Christ Jesus and consecrates the life to it. One is in the Word of Jesus, if one is one only body with Christ. If one is not in the Word and one is not in Christ, one might never be brothers in Christ.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 8,19-21**

**Then his mother and his brothers came to him but were unable to join him because of the crowd. He was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside and they wish to see you." He said to them in reply, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it**

**Jesus does not deny his Mother. He says to every man that She is Mother in faith and through faith. Through the faith in the Word 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 and sister and mother of Christ must listen to the Word of God and do his will. Now, let us ask: if Christ Jesus is the Word of God and also his will of salvation and of redemption; if Christ Jesus is the gift that the Father has given us so that we become true children and brothers for each other in Him, will it ever be possible to build the universal brotherhood on earth, without doing the will of the Father and is it will of the Father that everyone becomes his children and brothers for each other, becoming true body of Christ through the faith, after having being born from water and the 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 to us. Instead, now the Father has set that everything happens in Christ, through Christ, in Him. 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.” (Cfr. Eph 1,3-14). The ties according to the flesh are all fallacious. Working for them is consuming our energies in vain. Instead, we must always work to turn every ties of flesh into ties of spirit. May the Mother of Jesus help us in this wondrous deed.**