**SATURDAY 15 – XXVIII WEEK O.T. [C]**

**I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others the Son of Man will acknowledge before the angels of God. But whoever denies me before others will be denied before the angels of God.**

**This is a very contract that Jesus offers every man, each of his son. It is a contract that He offers and that respects. Whoever wants to be known, acknowledged by Him must respect his contract or covenant. What does it mean? Declaring before men that only Jesus is our Redemption and Saviour. But it also means that his Gospel is our only Law we are called to give full and perfect obedience. Every other human law is worthy for us as long as it does not contradict the Gospel in its truth and in its light. We confess that we are of Jesus before men and Jesus will confess that we are his disciples before the Angels of God and they will receive us in the eternal dwelling. Whoever wants the Paradise must confess that He is of Christ Jesus.**

**We have seen the positive side of the contract. Now it is right and just to consider the negative side. The one who does not know will not be known. The contract between Jesus and every man, each of his disciple is only that. There no other ones. But what do we say? That He will never observe it. He has written it, but it is a dead letter for Him. Observing or not observing it bears the same fruit. Saying that is making Jesus a liar. It is also declaring the entire Gospel a book of falsity and of lie. What is the use of the Gospel, if it does not become Law of man, Law of the Christian? Nothing. It is a contract with no value. If Jesus acknowledges me without me acknowledging Him, if He takes me into his Paradise without me taking myself into the Gospel, the Gospel is of no use. Preaching it is a vain, useless thing. The evangelizing mission of the Church is founded on the Truth of the Gospel. If the Gospel is not true, if it is useless for the salvation, what is the use of the evangelizing mission? What is the use of preaching Christ? It is the darkening of the Truth. The darkening of the Truth is not fulfilled when the entire Gospel is denied. Since today all these truths of the Gospel are denied, the darkening is profound.**

**Let us read the text of Lk 12, 8-12**

**I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others the Son of Man will acknowledge before the angels of God. But whoever denies me before others will be denied before the angels of God. "Everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the holy Spirit will not be forgiven. When they take you before synagogues and before rulers and authorities, do not worry about how or what your defense will be or about what you are to say. For the holy Spirit will teach you at that moment what you should say."**

**Jesus makes a distinction between the sins that will be forgiven and the sins that will not be forgiven. If the Christian believed in this Word of Jesus, he would really give a new meaning to his life. Instead, there is no faith. When does one speak a word against the Son of man? When one does not believe in his Word. It might never be ignored. One obtain the forgiveness with a sincere repentance, with a true and sincere conversion, with the acceptance of the Gospel in our heart, with the request of forgiveness to God, with the solemn promise to remain in the Gospel eternally. One speaks a word against Jesus. One does not accept the Gospel. Then, one repents, one converts himself, one accepts the Gospel, one promises to remain in it or never to leave it, our Father is great in mercy and in forgiveness. Who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit? Not the one who denies the Truth of the salvation. But the one who fights it, the one who opposes it so that it does not enter in any other heart, neither today nor ever. It is the fighting against the Holy Spirit so that his truth does not enlighten men or not enlighten ourselves. The Church has declared sins against the Holy Spirit only some sins of her children or even of men. Holding the known truth. Envy of the grace given to others. Obstinacy in sin. Presumption of salvation. Despairing of salvation. Final impenitence. These are all sins against the Truth of the Holy Spirit. Today one neither believes in these sins.**

**Jesus also teaches his disciples how to behave when they are arrested, for they will surely be arrested for his name and for his Gospel. No disciple is greater than the Teacher. The disciple is like the Teacher. His life has been handed over to the Gospel. If it is handed over to the Gospel, it enters the rule of the divine Providence. If God needs it in a way, history will evolve according to that way. If He needs it in another way, history will always lead it where the Lord wants. Since the moment the disciple has said yes to his Lord, he is entirely of the Lord. He no longer belongs to himself. The Lord lets him go before rulers and the Lord will ensure the trial to be led according to his divine mysteries. The Holy Spirit will suggest the right word, so that the will of the Father is fulfilled. Everything depends on the uttered word. Many times Jesus has spoken to the scribes and the Pharisees, the chiefs of the priests and the elders of the people and Jesus has never unveiled the truth of his Person to them. The Father needed his mission and the Holy Spirit kept it. At the moment to pass from this world to the Father, first the Spirit led Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Then He let Him be arrested. In the end, He suggested the Word for the condemnation. May the Mother of God help us believe in every Word of Jesus.**