**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18 – XXXIII WEEK O.T. [C]**

**DEDICATION OF BASILICAS OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL APOSTLES**

**Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."**

**Who is Jesus? It is a question that the Church, in her shepherd and in her faithful, must perennially place to her spirit and in the Holy Spirit that today leads her to the entire truth, must find the truest answer. One only erroneous light that one gives about Christ is reflected as an error on the entire mystery. If the truth of Christ is eclipsed even in the little in the heart and in the mind of one only Christian, the entire world suffers from this eclipse. If we think that there are millions and millions, even Catholic, in whom the truth of Christ is eclipsed, we will realise why the world, the society, our civilization is precipitated in the moral chaos, that invests all its structures, from politics to economy, from family to education, from fun to every other activity. Christ is the light who brightens all the existing reality. No things undertaken by man on our earth can do without the light of Christ the Lord. Light is life. Without the life that Christ is, one undertakes things of death. Perhaps, are is the progress of man – divorce, abortion, euthanasia, free love, de facto couples, same sex couples – not progress of death and not of life? No one might ever obscure the light of Christ the Lord. If it is quenched, man is quenched. However, if it is lighted up, man is lighted up. The light of Christ must be brightened always new. The Church, each of her child, the entire world needs it. The one who believes needs it so that his light becomes more authentic. The one who does not believe needs it so as to be enlightened by Christ and enter, if he wants, the true life. Without Christ, death rules. Satan governs hearts and minds. Evil subjugates us, he makes us slaves of our passions. The earth itself suffers from the eclipse of Christ that has fallen on it. Our terrible ecology attests it.**

**Let us read the text of Mt 14,22-33**

**Then he made the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once (Jesus) spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how (strong) the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."**

**Have we understood the mystery of Christ Jesus? Have we understood what great grace the Lord has given us? Do we know that, always, when one is before Jesus, even if we read his Gospel, we find before the Supernatural? It is not about a Supernatural similar in all to that of the prophets and of every other man of God who preceded Jesus the Lord or that will come after Him. We find ourselves before a divine, eternal Supernatural. Supernatural who made himself flesh and came to dwell among us filled with grace and with truth. To understand the Supernatural of Christ, one must become one only thing with Him and grow as his true body. Growing as his true body, little by little one enters his mystery and knows it by participative nature in the same way as iron knows fire by immersion in the flame. This also means that to understand the mystery of the cross of Christ the lord one must go up on it. But first one must carry it on one’s own shoulders, not as a cross fruit of our sinful humanity, though, but as a gift of our love, mercy, will of conversion of the heart. One understands the cross of Christ when it becomes our own cross. The world is in the chasm of death. Christ Jesus is rejected, sold, betrayed, forgotten, traded. By now, He is cancelled by the heart and by the mind. One even wants his Cross to be abolished as visible sign. Before a universal deluge that does not destroy the world, but Christ in each of his manifestation, in his being, what can each of us do so that this deluge that has decided to eliminate Christ Jesus from the heart and from the mind of man is halted? Each of us must make every effort so that it is true manifestation of his light, of his truth, of his grace, of his eternal life. As it happened with Christ Jesus, each of our deed, every sign, every word, every relation with the one who believes and with the one who does not believe must be filled with supernatural. As Jesus always made his word precede from his deeds and from his signs, so it is necessary that the Christian, too, make his words precede from a life similar in all to that of Jesus the lord. What was the essential note of his life? Here is the answer: “In Him there has never been one only moment that was natural. In Him every moment was supernatural.” May the Mother of God come to our rescue. May She ensure that our life is life in us of Christ Jesus. We shall manifest Him and, if the world wants, it might believe in Him.**