**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25 – CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL**

**Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.**

**The Holy Texts of the New Testament reveal that the salvation of man begins with the baptism, however, it becomes holiness and eternal salvation obeying every Word given to us by Christ Jesus. If one does not go through the way of the baptism, one remains in death. If one does not persevere in faith in Christ Jesus, one returns into death from which the Holy Spirit had delivered us in the water of the baptism in virtue of the grace of Christ Jesus. This truth is thus wondrously revealed to Nicodemus: “Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you are doing unless God is with him." Jesus answered and said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a person once grown old be born again? Surely he cannot reenter his mother's womb and be born again, can he?" Jesus answered, "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of flesh is flesh and what is born of spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I told you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus answered and said to him, "How can this happen?" Jesus answered and said to him, "You are the teacher of Israel and you do not understand this? Amen, amen, I say to you, we speak of what we know and we testify to what we have seen, but you people do not accept our testimony. If I tell you about earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.” (Jn 3,1-21). The baptism is necessary way to enter the kingdom of God. The obedience to the Word of Jesus is necessary to remain kingdom of God and it is the way to enter the eternal kingdom of Christ Jesus at the moment of our death. One preaches the Gospel of Christ Jesus, one believes in it, one is converted, one goes through the baptism, one perseveres in the obedience to the Gospel according to most pure truth of the Holy Spirit, one is saved. One truth that we must never forget is that: there is not another Gospel neither in heaven, nor on earth, nor beneath the ground: “I am amazed that you are so quickly forsaking the one who called you by (the) grace (of Christ) for a different gospel (not that there is another). But there are some who are disturbing you and wish to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach (to you) a gospel other than the one that we preached to you, let that one be accursed! As we have said before, and now I say again, if anyone preaches to you a gospel other than the one that you received, let that one be accursed! Am I now currying favor with human beings or God? Or am I seeking to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a slave of Christ.” (Gal 1,6-10).**

**Let us read the text of Mk 16,15-18**

**He said to them, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents (with their hands), and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."** **So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.**

**There is no other Gospel for our Gospel is Christ Jesus in his mystery of eternal generation, of incarnation, of passion, of death, resurrection, glorious ascension to heaven from where He reigns above us for He is made by the Father Lord of heaven and of earth and Judge of the living and of dead. Now if there is not another Christ and there is not another Gospel, why do we say that all the founders of religion are equal and all the holy texts are equal? We say it for we have lost the most pure faith in Christ Jesus and also in his Word of eternal life for us. Today the Church needs her Lord to send her another Paul so that she is overturned in all her being through the mighty announcing of the Gospel of Christ Jesus. For a Church without Gospel, the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled: “All of us have become like unclean men, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; We have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind.” (Is 64,5).**