**MONDAY JANUARY 30 – IV WEEK O.T. [A]**

**"What is your name?" He replied, "Legion is my name. There are many of us."**

**The one who truly knows Christ Jesus truly knows Satan. The one who does not know Christ Jesus does not know Satan. Here is what the power of Satan is: the destruction, the cancellation of the image of God in man. The cancellation, the destruction of the image of Christ Jesus in the Christian. Today Satan has spread through the world, both non-Christian world and Christian world, not a legion of devils, but hundreds of legions. Rather, we can affirm that there is a legion for every man and a hundred legions must gnaw the image of Christ, if he believes in Christ, from his heart, from his soul, from his body night and day. Today Satan has decided to intensify the work of his legions so that they gnaw and cancel every trace of God from the human nature. Nothing must remain of God. Since the one who is not disciple of Jesus lacks the fortitude of the Holy Spirit, one only legion is enough so that one achieves this result. Furthermore, since every man possessed by the legion cooperates with every other man possessed by another legion, being men united in true structures of sin, they multiply the number of legions in an endless way. Today Satan wants to lead man to consider himself only a machine. Nothing more. A machine of sin, of vice, of transgression of every law of the Lord. A machine similar to a nuclear bomb, capable of annihilating from humanity everything referring to its divine origin. These legions are creating the globalization of the great idolatry and of the universal immorality. The nothingness is our God. Evil is our saviour. When we realise that evil is not the saviour, but the destroyer, then since we are ruled by these legions, we do nothing but remedying to evil in legislating other evil. From the evangelistic narration, we must put a truth into our heart: there are no chains that may tie the man possessed by the legion. The chains of the law are broken and evil rules humanity. Only Jesus can deliver from the legions. No one else is capable. No one else will never be able to. This faith must be put in every heart.**

**Let us read the texts of Mk 5,1-20**

**They came to the other side of the sea, to the territory of the Gerasenes. When he got out of the boat, at once a man from the tombs who had an unclean spirit met him. The man had been dwelling among the tombs, and no one could restrain him any longer, even with a chain. In fact, he had frequently been bound with shackles and chains, but the chains had been pulled apart by him and the shackles smashed, and no one was strong enough to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the hillsides he was always crying out and bruising himself with stones. Catching sight of Jesus from a distance, he ran up and prostrated himself before him, crying out in a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me!" (He had been saying to him, "Unclean spirit, come out of the man!") He asked him,** **"What is your name?" He replied, "Legion is my name. There are many of us." And he pleaded earnestly with him not to drive them away from that territory. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside. And they pleaded with him, "Send us into the swine. Let us enter them." And he let them, and the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine. The herd of about two thousand rushed down a steep bank into the sea, where they were drowned. The swineherds ran away and reported the incident in the town and throughout the countryside. And people came out to see what had happened. As they approached Jesus, they caught sight of the man who had been possessed by Legion, sitting there clothed and in his right mind. And they were seized with fear. Those who witnessed the incident explained to them what had happened to the possessed man and to the swine. Then they began to beg him to leave their district. As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed pleaded to remain with him. But he would not permit him but told him instead, "Go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you." Then the man went off and began to proclaim in the Decapolis what Jesus had done for him; and all were amazed.**

**Before every faithful in Christ Jesus there is not one only legion, but hundreds, for the Christian, if he lives as true Christian and not as a pagan, has the strength of the Holy Spirit and one only legion is not enough to crush the resistance of the Spirit of God ruling his heart. What do these legions aim to? To separating the Christian, little by little, without him to perceive it, from Christ and from the Holy Spirit. How will it succeed? Separating him from the source of light that the Gospel is and from the source of grace that the sacraments are. If he separates from the source of light, the other source is useless. Even if he separates from the source of grace, the other source is useless. We can affirm that nowadays these legions have managed to separate the Christian from the source of truth. They managed to scrape from the mind, from the heart, from the soul of the Christian even the smallest traces of the revealed truth. They have left a void word to him that he, the Christian, fills as he pleases. They have left him the grace but without the truth of grace, the sacraments but without the truth of the sacraments, the Church but without the truth of the Church. Now all the legions can show up before Satan and say: “Mission accomplished!” May the Mother of God come to our rescue. May She bring back the truth of Christ in our hearts.**