**TUESDAY JULY 27 – XVII WEEK O.T. [B]**

**Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."**

**Jesus leaves the shore and goes into a house. In the house, the disciples approach him and ask Jesus to explain to them the parable of the weeds. From the narration, as one hears it, without any explanation, some elements are clear and easily understandable, instead other ones need a clear explanation. It is no longer God who sows the good seed. Instead, it is the Son of man. This clarification is very important. Jesus is the one who brings the Word of God on earth in its fullness and perfection. Nothing must be taken away from it, nothing must be added to it for all the extension of the history. God has no other words to say. God said his ultimate, last, complete, perfect Word, through the mean of Christ Jesus. God has no other words to say to men. Those who came before Christ Jesus find in his Word the fulfilment of their word in which they had believed in. Those who come after Him must always look at Him, at his Word, if they want to be and remain in the truth. There is no fullness of truth but in Christ, with Christ, for Christ, in his Church, one, saint, catholic, apostolic. This truth is absolute.**

**In the world, until the consuming of the history, those who accept the Word of God and live it become children of the reign. Instead, those who accept the lie of satan and live in conformity with it are the children of evil. In the unique world, in the unique history, in the unique house, even in the unique Church the children of the reign and the children of the evil find themselves to live together. Good and evil live together in the same place. The devil is the one who sows the word of lie and falsity. From his word the children of evil are born. He, the devil, is the true enemy of man and of God. The present world is not eternal. Neither the life on the earth is eternal. The moment to give back to God the breath he lent us is the time of the harvest. The Angels of God are the ones who have to gather the breath of men. They are the ones who will lead every man before the Most High.**

**Let us read the text of Mt 13,36-43**

**Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned (up) with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear.**

**At the end of the world all children of evil will be thrown in the eternal fire in the same way that one gathers the weeds and throws them in the fire. Let us remind that the one who tells this parable is Jesus, the same one who dies on the cross for our salvation. The perdition of all the children of evil is true Gospel. The damnation of those who are weeds in this world is eternal truth. Now one specifies who the children of evil are: This word – evildoers - occurs only once in the entire Testament and has a precise meaning: denial of faith and collaboration with the evil to destroy the true faith from the earth. Here is what the end of all this world vowed to evil and consumed by evil will be: the fiery furnace that is the fire of hell. It is damnation forever. The pain will be eternal. It will be endless. The sufferance will consume without ever failing. There will be a cry – the contrary of joy – and a grinding of teeth that will be eternal, endless, that will never cease, never lower in intensity.**

**Instead, the fate of the righteous is very different. Those ones will shine like the sun in the reign of their Father. Their Father is the Father of Jesus. It is a true pity that this so clearly expressed truth and with such abundance of details, both from the Old and the New Testament, has been erased from the mind of the faithful. A faith without any content of authentic truth is of no use, since it does not save. A faith deprived of every true revelation does not redeem, does not free man from evil, does not help him to walk through the way of good. Whoever wants the renewal of humanity, whoever wants to establish the reign of God on our earth must do one only thing: giving back to every man the Word of Jesus in the fullness of the truth, or of the entire truth toward which the Holy Spirit leads us. Let us do this and the desert will turn into a garden.**

**The news contained in this parable is not the eternal separation between the good wheat and the weeds. The Old Testament has a perfect revelation about this truth: “Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land, says the LORD of hosts. You have defied me in word, says the LORD, yet you ask, "What have we spoken against you?" You have said, "It is vain to serve God, and what do we profit by keeping his command, And going about in penitential dress in awe of the LORD of hosts? Rather must we call the proud blessed; for indeed evildoers prosper, and even tempt God with impunity." Then they who fear the LORD spoke with one another, and the LORD listened attentively; And a record book was written before him of those who fear the LORD and trust in his name. And they shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, my own special possession, on the day I take action. And I will have compassion on them, as a man has compassion on his son who serves him. Then you will again see the distinction between the just and the wicked; Between him who serves God, and him who does not serve him. For lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven, when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble, And the day that is coming will set them on fire, leaving them neither root nor branch, says the LORD of hosts. But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays; And you will gambol like calves out of the stall 1) and tread down the wicked; They will become ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day I take action, says the LORD of hosts. (Mal 3,12-21) Instead the news is the co-living on the earth between good and evil, between good wheat and weeds, between the righteous and evildoers. Thus is this truth manifested by Jesus in this prayer raised to the Father:** “**I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.” (Jn 17, 15-19) The same truth is at the beginning of the Sermon of the Mountain: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” (Mt 5,13-16)**

**Thus the Apostle Paul speaks to the Philippians: “So then, my beloved, obedient as you have always been, not only when I am present but all the more now when I am absent, work out your salvation with fear and trembling. For God is the one who, for his good purpose, works in you both to desire and to work. Do everything without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine like lights in the world, as you hold on to the word of life, so that my boast for the day of Christ may be that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. But, even if I am poured out as a libation upon the sacrificial service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with all of you. In the same way you also should rejoice and share your joy with me.” (Phil 2,12-18). Mother of God, make us of pure and holy faith.**