**SATURDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

# Do whatever He tells you

The life of heaven and of earth, of the present and of the future, of time and of eternity, is enclosed in the words the Virgin Mary says to the servants: “Do whatever He tells you.” The one who says these words is the One who ensures that through Her and in Her, the divine life, the eternal life, might be made flesh in her virginal womb. The one who says these words is the One who sets out Zechariah’s house in haste and brings the Holy Spirit and Christ Jesus, who were in her heart and in her womb, in that house. The one who says these words is always the One who, before the Cross, does what the Crucified Son asks Her before dying: being the Mother, the true Mother of every disciple of the Son, but also to work so that every man may become disciple of her Son. How does the Virgin Mary fulfil this most high mission? Asking each of her child to carry out the evangelizing mission received as a gift by Her Son with all the might of the Holy Spirit. Today not only do we not do “*what Christ Jesus asked us*”, we also say that so far the evangelizing mission is an insult and an offence to the others’ religion. After all, every religious text is as true as any other religious text and every founder is as true as any other founder. If a religion is like another one, if the Gospel that is the life of the Son of God is as true as any other religious text that is not the life of the incarnated God, then one shall acknowledge that our spiritual state is an abyss of falsity and contradiction. From one side, we have Christ Jesus who says to make all nations disciple, no one excluded, for salvation is in the faith in his name, the eternal life is in his name, every good is in his name and from the other side we say that our word and no longer the Word of Jesus is true. Since the good wine of the love of the Father, of the grace of Christ Jesus, of the communion of the Holy Spirit for the entire world is from our obedience, if we do not obey everything that Jesus has said to us, we leave the world deprived of the good wine. We condemn it to search for the water in the broken cisterns that contain only mud, mud of sin and of great immorality. Since today are no longer obeying, we are gathering the fruits and the fruits are sour. One is neither ashamed of sinning and of revealing our sins publicly, as if they were virtues to show before the world. And thus evil obeys evil. Truth refuses to obey truth. Rather, our disobedience is presented as respect for man. One does not preach the Gospel to respect man. One denies the way of life and this negation is called respect.

*On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." (And) Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. After this, he and his mother, (his) brothers, and his disciples went down to Capernaum and stayed there only a few days. (Jn 2,1-12).*

As example of our contrapposition, opposition, denial of the command given to us by the Virgin Mary, here some very few words, among the several ones that Jesus has said: *“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. (Jn 3,1-18).*

*So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" (For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." (The woman) said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." (Jn 4,5-15).*

*Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst. But I told you that although you have seen (me), you do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it (on) the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him (on) the last day."*

*The Jews murmured about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven," and they said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: 'They shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us (his) flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." (Jn 6,26-58).*

We can affirm that today we are in contrast with the entire Word of Jesus. We no longer listen and obey neither one. If we obeyed even one only Word in accordance with purity of truth and of doctrine, we would also obey all the other ones, for no Word of Jesus might be lived according to truth and purity without the other ones. The command to obey every Word of Christ Jesus obliges every single disciple in a personal way. This means that if today or tomorrow all the other disciples decided not to obey Christ, the obligation remains valid for every single person. On the Judgement no one can present as an excuse the fact that the others have refused to listen to the command of the Virgin Mary. Even if the others all refused, the personal obligation remains in eternity. This is the Christian martyrdom: remaining in the Gospel even at the cost of being alone. However, truth remains in eternity. There is no good wine for the entire humanity, but through the obedience “*of the servants of the Gospel*” to every Word that Jesus has addressed to us, Word always to live under motion and inspiration of the Spirit of the Lord. May the Mother of God and our Mother intervene. May She obtain for us a lot of wisdom from the Holy Spirit so that our eyes may see the moral and spiritual disasters that our non-obedience to Christ Jesus is generating in the world. The good wine lacks and we just sit around with our devilish theories. **24 December 2023**