**SATURDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Mother of Mercy**

Regarding the Virgin Mary, Mother of mercy, we have already written: mercy is essence and nature in God, for it is eternal charity, endless love with which the Creator loves his Creator. In God, mercy is forgiveness, help, piety, compassion, relief, reconciliation, covenant, liberation, providence, care, elevation, protection. All the good the Creator bestows on his creature is only by mercy. Even the creation itself is work of God’s mercy who wants to participate his life making man a creature in image and likeness of his eternal glory. The Psalm reveals that everything God does has always his origin, his eternal principle in God’s mercy, in his love: “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever. to him who alone does great wonders, His love endures forever. who by his understanding made the heavens, His love endures forever. who spread out the earth upon the waters, His love endures forever. who made the great lights— His love endures forever. the sun to govern the day, His love endures forever. the moon and stars to govern the night; His love endures forever. to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt His love endures forever. and brought Israel out from among them His love endures forever. with a mighty hand and outstretched arm; His love endures forever. to him who divided the Red Sea asunder His love endures forever. and brought Israel through the midst of it, His love endures forever. but swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea; His love endures forever. to him who led his people through the wilderness; His love endures forever. to him who struck down great kings, His love endures forever. and killed mighty kings— His love endures forever. Sihon king of the Amorites His love endures forever. and Og king of Bashan— His love endures forever. and gave their land as an inheritance, His love endures forever. an inheritance to his servant Israel. His love endures forever. He remembered us in our low estate His love endures forever. and freed us from our enemies. His love endures forever. He gives food to every creature. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of heaven.*” (Psal 136,1-26).* What do we want to confess when we say that the Virgin Mary is Mother of Mercy? What most high truth of our faith do we want to live?

Certainly one does not wish to assert that in heaven we have two sources, two principles from which mercy flows for us. The source is one and it is the heavenly Father who fulfils his mercy in Christ Jesus by virtue of the Holy Spirit. The Blessed Trinity is our eternal, divine and also historical source of charity. Then what is the role of the Mother of God in relation to divine mercy? The role is not simple to acknowledge and especially not easy to fulfil. The Gospel according to John reveals it to us in the wedding feast of Cana. The Lord has given His Mother two very special tasks. It is She who is appointed to see to all the spiritual and material needs of humankind. Everything is entrusted to her Mother's heart, which must be clothed in God's own mercy. It is She who must come down among us, see our real condition before God and our brothers and sisters. It is She who must go to Christ Jesus and manifest our state. It is She who must intercede. It is She who must then intervene with us and ask for our obedience. She finally receives grace to give it to the needy, the wretched, to all the afflicted of this world. In Her every one of her children is a sharer in the same mystery. Each of us must go down into the midst of his brothers - in the same way that the Lord went down to Egypt to see the misery of his people - see the needs of their lives both spiritual and corporal, return to their heavenly Mother and expound with heartfelt prayer every need of their brothers and themselves. The Virgin Mary hears their cry and immediately presents it to Christ Jesus, in the same way she did at the wedding feast of Cana. So far what we wrote a decade ago.

Today we must add that Mary's motherhood in mercy is a true ontological mystery and not just a mystery of distributive mediation. The mercy of the Father in the Holy Spirit is Christ Jesus, the Crucified One. For us Christ Crucified is redemption, justification, salvation, sanctification. It is in Christ Jesus that we draw eternal life through the work of the Holy Spirit, and it is through Christ Jesus and with Christ Jesus that we complete the work of our sanctification, bearing fruits of conversion and bringing together other children of Adam to become true children of God, again through the work of the Holy Spirit and the sacramental mediation of the Church of the Lord Jesus. The Virgin Mary, of Christ Jesus, of the Word of God, of the Only Begotten Son of the Father, is the true Mother. However, She was not chosen by God to be only the true Mother of His Son, when He became flesh in her virginal womb by the power of the Holy Spirit. She was also chosen by God to be the Mother in whose mystical womb, by the power of the Spirit, the children of Adam are begotten, again by the power of the Holy Spirit and through the mediation of the Church, and made true adoptive children of the Father, in Christ, as his true body. Furthermore, the Virgin Mary, Mother of mercy, must make us true children of mercy. How do we become children of mercy? By also becoming obedient to the Father in order to be made by Him a true gift of salvation and redemption, in Christ, with Christ, for Christ, to bring every man to Christ the Lord. All this happens by ontological mystery, and not only not by mystery of the distribution of grace. Ontology is the very essence of our nature. Virgin Mary, Mother of the Redemption, Angels and Saints, help us to understand. **26 May 2024**