**SATURDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

# Virgin most faithful

God is faithful. He is the faithful God. However, it is righteous to ask: what does the faithfulness of our God consist of, concretely, truly, according to the Divine Revelation? Is it toward us or toward Himself? Here is how the Holy Scripture answers us:*“It was not because you are the largest of all nations that the LORD set his heart on you and chose you, for you are really the smallest of all nations. It was because the LORD loved you and because of his fidelity to the oath he had sworn to your fathers, that he brought you out with his strong hand from the place of slavery, and ransomed you from the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt. Understand, then, that the LORD, your God, is God indeed, the faithful God who keeps his merciful covenant down to the thousandth generation toward those who love him and keep his commandments, but who repays with destruction the person who hates him; he does not dally with such a one, but makes him personally pay for it. You shall therefore carefully observe the commandments, the statutes and the decrees which I enjoin on you today. "As your reward for heeding these decrees and observing them carefully, the LORD, your God, will keep with you the merciful covenant which he promised on oath to your fathers. He will love and bless and multiply you; he will bless the fruit of your womb and the produce of your soil, your grain and wine and oil, the issue of your herds and the young of your flocks, in the land which he swore to your fathers he would give you. You will be blessed above all peoples; no man or woman among you shall be childless nor shall your livestock be barren. The LORD will remove all sickness from you; he will not afflict you with any of the malignant diseases that you know from Egypt, but will leave them with all your enemies.” (Dt 7,7-15).* God is faithful to every Word that comes out of his mouth, that came out yesterday, that comes out today, that will come out tomorrow, whether it is word of life or word of death, word of blessing or of cursing, word of eternal joy or word of perdition forever. The eternal hell is the greatest attestation of God’s faithfulness to each of his Word. Death is also the perennial, the daily, the uninterrupted attestation of God’s faithfulness to his Word. Every Word of God is most pure truth.

What is man’s faithfulness then? When is man faithful? Man is faithful when he respects, keeps, fulfils every word that comes out of his mouth. However, man is not God. He is not the Lord, neither of himself not of his brothers. He cannot be faithful to himself, for he is not the master of his life. His faithfulness can be, must be, is only toward the Lord. The Lord expresses him what he is called to do, by law of nature, by inviolable creatural decree, and man gives his agreement of faith. Man is faithful in one only way: in keeping alive the word given to his God, his yes offered to his Lord moment after moment. Man’s faithfulness is most pure obedience to every command that comes out of God’s mouth. Now, we know, by divine revelation, that first the Lord promulgated his decree about man and only after the promulgation of his decree He made the creation: *“Then God said: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground." God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying: "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth." (Gen 1,26-28).* Man must be eternally faithful to this decree of creation, revealed one moment earlier and one moment later.

Being this decree unmodifiable and inviolable eternally, a man can bless another man, only in accordance with this blessing given by God to man, created as male and female by Him. How can two men and two women multiply? Two men and two women who are together can never fulfil this divine decree that is unmodifiable and inviolable in eternity. Consequently, no man can never bless them. He would bless them in his name, never in the name of the God Creator and Lord, though. If a man blessed them – whether he is even a pope, a cardinal, an archbishop, a bishop, a presbyter, a deacon, a confirmed, a baptised, a faithful, a non-faithful – he would substitute himself with God and would modify the divine, eternal, unmodifiable, inviolable decree, upon which foundation man was created and blessed. This blessing would not be only sacrilegious, not only a blasphemy, not only a heinous action, it would be much more. It would be the substitution within the creation of the divine plan. One would abrogate the divine plan and the man would establish an opposite and contrary decree for man, a decree not for life, but for death, though. If this plan were carried out, one would decree the man’s death on earth. But one also decree the death of the God Creator and Lord of man.

I believe that one urgently and necessarily needs to reflect and meditate profoundly on what the Holy Spirit has revealed through the mouth of the Apostle Paul in the Letter to the Romans about the abandonment of man to himself, fruit of his idolatry and of his atheism. These words are not words of a man, they are Words of the Holy Spirit, these are not Words for yesterday, they are Words for yesterday, for today, for tomorrow, forever. These are Words that reveal the history of humankind. They are Words saying that the more idolatry and atheism increase, the more our depraved intelligence increases. If today one has come to bless this immorality and this deceit of the Law of creation in the name of the Law of Redemption, but in the name of the understanding of the Law of Redemption done by depraved minds, it is the sign that idolatry and atheism have reached most high peaks. Here is what the Holy Spirit - not a man, but the Holy Spirit - says: “The wrath of God is indeed being revealed from heaven against every impiety and wickedness of those who suppress the truth by their wickedness. For what can be known about God is evident to them, because God made it evident to them. Ever since the creation of the world, his invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what he has made. As a result, they have no excuse; for although they knew God they did not accord him glory as God or give him thanks. Instead, they became vain in their reasoning, and their senseless minds were darkened. While claiming to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for the likeness of an image of mortal man or of birds or of four-legged animals or of snakes. Therefore, God handed them over to impurity through the lusts of their hearts for the mutual degradation of their bodies. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie and revered and worshiped the creature rather than the creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. Therefore, God handed them over to degrading passions. Their females exchanged natural relations for unnatural, and the males likewise gave up natural relations with females and burned with lust for one another. Males did shameful things with males and thus received in their own persons the due penalty for their perversity. And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God handed them over to their undiscerning mind to do what is improper. They are filled with every form of wickedness, evil, greed, and malice; full of envy, murder, rivalry, treachery, and spite. They are gossips and scandalmongers and they hate God. They are insolent, haughty, boastful, ingenious in their wickedness, and rebellious toward their parents. They are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Although they know the just decree of God that all who practice such things deserve death, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.”.*(Rm 1,18-32).*

Reading these Words of the Holy Spirit, there is only one conclusion to highlight: if today immorality is so devasting and one wants to ratify it as a law of man and one even wants to bless it, it is the sign that the depravation of understanding is reaching levels never reached before. This is the first conclusion. Here is a second conclusion, though: if today man’s nature is neither capable of generating according to the truth of the created nature, it is sign that it is beyond devastated by sin. What is revealed by the Holy Spirit in the Book of Wisdom is fulfilled again: *“She preserved the first-formed father of the world when he alone had been created; And she raised him up from his fall, and gave him power to rule all things. But when the unjust man withdrew from her in his anger, he perished through his fratricidal wrath. When on his account the earth was flooded, Wisdom again saved it, piloting the just man on frailest wood. She, when the nations were sunk in universal wickedness, knew the just man, kept him blameless before God, and preserved him resolute against pity for his child. She delivered the just man from among the wicked who were being destroyed, when he fled as fire descended upon Pentapolis -  Where as a testimony to its wickedness, there yet remain a smoking desert, Plants bearing fruit that never ripens, and the tomb of a disbelieving soul, a standing pillar of salt. For those who forsook Wisdom first were bereft of knowledge of the right, And then they left mankind a memorial of their folly -  so that they could not even be hidden in their fall. (Wis 10.1-8).* What is said is only foolishness and not sense for those who do not believe that these are Word of God, Word of the Holy Spirit.

Mary is Virgin most faithful for She has said her yes completely, before all things, before the truth of her nature that is from God and not from Herself. She has never brought, not even in a very little, infinitesimal part, her humanity out of the creatural truth. Always from God’s truth, always from his sanity, mercy, good, piety, compassion, utmost righteousness. Mary’s faithfulness to God’s sanity is shadeless. However, her faithfulness is not just that. Mary is Virgin Most Faithful for She has never let one currentt word God addressed to Her fall. Her obedience has always been complete, total, entire, of the mind, of the heart, of understanding, of the will, of her entire body. It is as if between Mary and our heavenly Father there were no difference in will. What the heavenly Father wanted, Mary fulfilled it, every day, every moment of her human existence. What the Father wanted, thus She did. Mary is entirely in the hands of the Father, always meek, always humble, always ready to answer with her entire life to every desire of her Lord and God. We have the highest of this faithfulness to her yes on the Golgotha, where She is called to offer – physically more than Abraham – Her Only Begotten Son for the redemption of the world. The Virgin most faithful did not withdraw. She offered Christ the Lord to the Father and thus She showed how great her love for Him was. A love greater than her divine Son. The faithfulness to the love of God is sacrifice of every other love, even the holiest and noblest. The Word of Jesus is fulfilled in Mary: *"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” (Mt 10,37-39).* There is no Word of the Divine Revelation, Old and New Testament, to which Mary was not faithful with a complete and perfect yes, without ever withdrawing. In Mary each of her yes is clothed with eternity. As the yes of Christ the Lord to the Father is until the death by crucifixion, so also the yes of the Virgin to the Father, in the Holy Spirit, is until the Golgotha at the feet of the cross. Virgin Mary, Mother of Redemption, Angels, Saints, teach us the faithfulness that is sacrifice of every love, so that only the love for the heavenly Father may reign in our hearts. **07 July 2024**