**SATURDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

# Queen of Apostles

Once we wrote: Here is how the Gospel according to Mark narrates the choice of the twelve Apostles of the Lord: *“He went up the mountain and summoned those whom he wanted and they came to him. He appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) that they might be with him and he might send them forth to preach and to have authority to drive out demons: (he appointed the twelve:) Simon, whom he named Peter; James, son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James, whom he named Boanerges, that is, sons of thunder; Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus; Thaddeus, Simon the Cananean, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him.”* (Mk 3,13-19).

If we carefully examine this narration, we find the constitutive truth of the apostolic ministry: direct choice of the Father, communicated to Christ Jesus, staying with Jesus, being with His Person, sending them to preach with the power of driving out demons. If we apply this truth to the Virgin Mary, we must confess that She is truly Queen of Apostles. She was directly chosen by the heavenly Father; She has been with Jesus in the most intense, strongest, truest way, more than any other person; She was enclothed with might from Above, the Holy Spirit has placed Himself over Her, filling Her inside and outside her person measurelessly; She has gone to give the good news to Saint Elizabeth, not with the word, but even going beyond that word, bringing in her heart, in her womb, the Holy Spirit who has made her, in one moment, perfect knower and, in addition, has sanctified her child, filling him with Himself: *“During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."* (Lk 1,39-45).

Mary lacks only one thing: sacramental power. This has not been given to Her, because She is a woman. She is not a man. God has reserved this sacramental power for men alone. However, this must not be a limitation because even within the Trinity there is the uniqueness of relationships. The Father generates, not the Son. The Father wants and the Son listens and obeys. The Son is begotten, not Parent. The Holy Spirit is neither begotten nor parent. He proceeds from the Father and the Son. He is the Proceeding from the one and the other. If Mary lacks this power, it is not a demerit for Her, in the same way that being begotten is not a demerit for the Son. Mary is the Mother of Jesus. Jesus is the son of Mary. These relationships are also unique, very personal. However, this must not mean that the Virgin Mary lacks something in terms of her being Queen of the Apostles. She is Queen because She herself lived the evangelising mission in a unique and only way, by direct communication of the Holy Spirit. She brought salvation already in her mother's womb to John the Baptist. She led the first ecclesial community, before the descent of the Holy Spirit. She is also Mother of every Apostle of the Lord. This title befits Her more than any other. Today and always She is Queen of the Apostles because from Heaven She oversees the entire evangelising mission of the Church. As the Holy Spirit preceded Peter in the house of Cornelius, She descends from Heaven and precedes the Church itself, indicating to it the mission to follow and often constituting places of intense, strong, lasting evangelical school. The history of the Church attests to and confirms this truth. If the Queen of Apostles did not have the Church's apostolic mission at heart, the spiritual, moral, evangelical darkness would already have descended upon us and wiped out every trace of supernatural truth in our hearts and minds. Instead, by the grace of God, we have the Virgin Mary who always intervenes and always precedes us.

Now we add: in this moment of the Church in which Satan has decided to drag into his falsehood not a third of the Lord's disciples, but a number without any number of souls, however not by taking them out of the Church, but by leaving them in it as its ministers, its doctors, its teachers, its theologians, its spreaders and disseminators of every falsehood and lie against God, against the Church, against the Divine Word, against all divine and supernatural truth, we ask Her to descend among us, and supported and guided by all the divine wisdom, knowledge, counsel, and understanding of the Holy Spirit, to show those who have allowed themselves to be bewitched by Satan the way of conversion for a full return to the Gospel of the Lord Jesus. If you do not descend or delay your coming, there will be many souls that Satan will drag into his hell of falsehood and lies, making them credible preachers in every falsehood and lie. We are certain that to this people, who have not rejected us, but Her, the Virgin Mary, no one will be able to speak to them except Her. If She does not hasten to descend, our words are but a morning mist that disappears at the first ray of sunshine. On the other hand, if She comes down, hearts will be converted and for the Church the light of Christ Jesus will be able to shine in all its splendour. While waiting for Her to descend from heaven, we will continue to give all truth to the Word, all truth to the Gospel, all truth to Divine Revelation. This She has asked of us, and this we shall do all the days of our lives. Queen of Apostles, obtain for us the grace to remain eternally faithful to the mission that you have given us. **08 December 2024**