

“Feast of Christ the King”

“It is in Him that all things have been created, those that are in the heavens, and those that are on the earth... all has been created by Him and for Him... all things subsists in Him.... God ... has willed to reconcile all things to Himself through Him, those which are on the earth and those which are in the heavens, by making peace by the blood of His cross.” (1 Col. 1, 16-21).

Indeed, on this conviction of faith many martyrs have poured forth their blood, as testimony of the true holocaust of Calvary – our Lord Jesus Christ died for the salvation of mankind in the remission of sins. Then, the conviction of our faith is this: Our Lord Jesus Christ is true God. The central truth of our faith is the Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Actually, such was the case of the *Cristeros* in Mexico at Religious Persecution from 1926-1929, when many priests and religious gave up their life having in their last breath: Viva Cristo Rey!

As result of professing publicly their faith, they had served Jesus Christ as God of eternal life, and not as a mere man. Why? Doubtless to say, it is by Jesus Christ’s humanity that He has sanctified us, through sanctifying grace, which filled up His holy soul.

Nowadays, there is a dreadful danger to make-believe that Our Lord is only a mere man, perhaps an extraordinary man (sort of super-hero, or a great human Prophet), but not the Son of God. Therefore, if Jesus is only a man, then every thing changes because “he” is one among many, maybe the greatest man, as Renan [a French philosopher] wrote in his book about Christ: *“if Christ is not God, at least he deserves to be made god.”* At the contrary, Jesus Christ **is** true God and true man, as we’ve learned by the doctrine of the Gospel, transmitted by the Catholic Church. So, He is the Master of all things! His Divinity united to His sacred Humanity is the driving force that flows in all the attributes of acknowledging Him as truly God, as supreme causality (cause principle) in regards to every thing. Hence, He is King, and King of the universe, like the Latin word means: *Uni – versus – alia* [One through all things]. Consequently, no creature - either an individual or a group, is able to decline His sovereignty of power and of grace, without misleading itself to a corrupted ending on this world and in the one to come.

What can we do about it? We can stand against those who would corrupt out soul and heart. We must have Christian principles, not only at home but also at work, not only in private manner but also in a public domain. Our Faith should be alive. Certainly, it is a great joy to see our children professing their Catholic Faith when they are praying the Rosary, or attending at Mass. Indeed, the Kingdom of God is for those who are child-like, behaving with innocent conscience and purity of teaching. For them, Jesus Christ is King. It is not a complicated issue. For a child who is willing and desirous to receive Holy Communion, Jesus Christ is all. They want to keep the state of grace renouncing their own petty will and fighting against sin, because a sin is an obstacle to be with Our Lord. Their Faith is strong, and stronger their practicing.

This was the case of Jose del Rio, called “Joselito.” He was stabbed to death because he repeated again and again *“I love You, Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament. Viva Cristo Rey!”* He was only 12 years old. Yet he understood well what is to live for Jesus Christ only – True God and true man. One thing he fought the most, it was the spirit of HUMAN RESPECT. Even his own god-father was taken upon it. His Uncle -and god-father- wanted Joselito to gave up the Blessed Sacrament –Jesus Himself. The anti-Christian soldiers also wanted him to denounce where Catholic priests were hidden in the mountains (in Jalisco and Colima) so that the Anti-Christian Mexican Army could put them to death. Joselito prefer to die on behalf of the Catholic priests. Why? Because he got it well: Jesus Christ comes from heaven through the words of the consecration at Mass, when a validly ordained Catholic Priest is performing the Holy Sacrifice of Calvary. Actually, Joselito saw and was present at the execution of his parish priest, shot by a gun-squad being the priest dressed as going to the Altar.

As a matter of fact, many children have made their heart the City of God, where Almighty God remains, giving them strength and courage to fight against temptations. Saint Tarcisius is a Patron saint for our devotion towards the Blessed Sacrament; he was stoned to death for Christ’s sake. Saint Maria Goretti received that grace of

purity in body because she was pure in her soul; she was a teenager. Saint Lucy suffered martyrdom at witnessing Christ's love preserving her virginity. Many other very young people were willing to be a citizen of the City of God on earth, as it is in heaven. Do you want to be an active member of the Kingdom of God? Do you want to believe that Jesus Christ is indeed King of heaven and earth?

Moreover, there is a temptation on our way to conversion. It is to conform to the spirit of the world! This is a first step into that comfort zone we love the most, leaning to the modern world in detriment to the Kingdom of God. Let's remember that the Prince of the World is Satan. He will not offer himself at first, but only to love the world through riches, for the sake of honor, and with a spirit of pride or self-doing/saying "I shall never serve God." It is a little by little going down the hill in morals and beliefs. Such decline is noticeable when an exterior act of faith is required (in a public domain) to profess the Divinity of Jesus Christ, and His Kingdom; and then we do not go through. In fact, a pacifist spirit is different of "a Peace-maker", which is one out of the eight Beatitudes taught by Our Lord at the Sermon of the Mountain.

We could understand now some pacifist words said by Pope Paul VI in regards to the Church and the modern world (December 7, 1965). Those words are one of the reasons for the celebration of the Year of Mercy, lately proposed by Pope Francis. *"The Church of the Council, it is true, has not contented itself with pondering over its own nature and over the relations that unite it to God; it has been very much occupied with man, with man such as in reality he presents himself in our time: the living man, the man entirely occupied with himself, the man who makes himself not only the center of all that concerns him, but who dares to assert himself as the principle and the ultimate reason for all reality..."*

*"...Secular and profane humanism has finally appeared in its awful stature and has, in a certain sense, challenged the Council. The religion of God, who became man, has met with the religion (for it is one of them) of Man, who makes himself god. What has happened? A shock, a fight, an anathema? That could have happened: but it did not take place. The old story of the Samaritan has been the model of spirituality for the [Vatican II] Council. A sympathy without limits has completely overturn it. The discovery of human needs (and they are so much greater as the son of the earth becomes more grown-up) absorbed the attention of our synod. Grand at least this merit it, you, the modern humanists; and know how to recognize our new humanism: we also, **we more than anyone, we have the cult of man.**"*

As Saint Augustine said, there are two loves on the world: that one which despised one-self for the LOVE of God, and the other which despised God for the LOVE OF ONE-SELF. The first one had founded the City of God, the second one the city of the devil.

Truly, Saint Ignatius of Loyola -speaking about the Two Standards- had made sure for us to understand that confusion and despair belong to the devil's standard, with its seducing temptations – richness, honor, and pride. In opposition, the standard of Our Lord Jesus Christ depends on poverty, rejection, and humility, with that knowledge of understanding about why man was made for - to know Him, to love Him, and serve Him on earth so that one day we can enjoy Him for eternal life in heaven.

At least, in today's dispute of authority and in an attitude of no practicing religion, we can say that Saint Paul have prophesied concerning the losing of the faith at the latter days of the world: *"God Himself will send them a power of incoherence so that they believe in lies."* (2 Thessalonians 2, 10). What chastisement more terrible to the hierarchy than to lose the leadership!

More than ever Christ must reign. We have to rebuilt upon those crumbling societies and families by preserving the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Catholic priesthood with all its traditional formation. While the modern world and Conciliar Church are demolishing, we should enjoy rebuilding for Christ the King and His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Viva Cristo Rey!

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