

Community work 03

"Save souls"

Biblical reading: Lk 15: 1-7

The publicans and sinners approached Jesus to listen to him. This is why the Pharisees and the teachers of the law criticized each other: This man welcomes sinners and eats with them, so Jesus told them this parable:

“If any of you lose a sheep of the one hundred you have, don't you leave the other ninety-nine in the desert and go looking for the one you lost until you find it? And when he finds it, he carries it very happily on his shoulders, and when he arrives at his house he gathers friends and neighbors and says: "Rejoice with me, because I have found the sheep that I had lost", I tell you that in the same way there will be more joy in heaven for a sinner who returns to God than for ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to convert.

The Word of the Lord.

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For our peculiar Apostolic Mission, Mary, in her mystery of redemption, drives us to be strong in faith, available to welcome in our hearts, even the waste of a broken humanity, and ready to never close ourselves to human suffering. The virgin, in fact, was in her life an example of that maternal love with which it is necessary that all those who in the apostolic mission of the Church cooperate to the regeneration of men be encouraged (LG65)

Spiritual Doctrine Fr. Francisco García Tejero.

With pleasure I have heard how well you are taking school and the increase you are taking. But I would be much more glad that you do not neglect your spirit and that of the souls that have entrusted you, for this and not that is what will sanctify us. For this, it is essential not to neglect the exercise of prayer, since it is the main food of the soul, with which there will be recollection, peace and true fraternal charity, an indispensable condition for every community if it is to have virtue and wants to work with profit in good of the neighbor.

Mother Dolores - Spiritual Doctrine (p. 99-100)

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The father director of the holy exercises asked: What was the reason for your entry into the congregation?

My answer is: I went to Seville leaving my parents' town and family ties just to look more closely for God.

While I was there, Father Tejero saw me in whose mind came the thought of founding a home for asylum of Young Misfortunes. Much and very great was my disgust for the kind of people with whom I had to use my charitable services, how much it cost me! How many expirations of self-esteem ... Before deciding, I consulted with people who enjoyed the clergy of great concept and memory, who told him that, when he proposed the work, the word that "I WAS TO SAVE SOULS" was the motive that made me drag for all obstacles ...

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8. We will share our faith, our apostolate, the fruit of our work, material goods, energies and talents at the community, community and Institute levels.

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26. Because today apostolic concerns are increasingly urgent and dedication to the things of this world runs the risk of being always more absorbing, it is particularly appropriate to call attention to the eschatological nature of consecrated life.

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Mt 6:21): the unique treasure of the Kingdom arouses desire, expectation, commitment and testimony. In the early Church the waiting for the coming of the Lord was lived in a particularly intense way. In spite of the passage of the centuries, the Church has not ceased to cultivate this attitude of hope: it has continued to invite the faithful to look towards the salvation that is going to manifest, "because the appearance of this world passes" (1 Cor 7, 31; cf. 1 Pt 1, 3-6).

Pope Francis on the 21st Day of Religious Life

The temptation of survival. An evil that can be installed gradually inside us, within our communities. The attitude of survival makes us reactionary, fearful, slowly and quietly enclosing us in our homes and in our schemes. It projects us backwards towards the

glorious deeds — but past — that, far from awakening the prophetic creativity born of the dreams of our founders, seeks shortcuts to avoid the challenges that knock on our doors today. The psychology of survival steals strength from our charisms because it leads us to tame them, make them "accessible by hand" but depriving them of that creative force they inaugurated.

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Going back to the Gospel sounds today as a provocation that brings us back to the source of all life rooted in Christ. A strong invitation to make a path to the origin, in the place where our life takes place, where every Rule and norm finds intelligence and value.

The Holy Father has urged many times to trust and entrust us to this vital dynamic: «I invite you, above all, to never doubt the dynamism of the Gospel and also your ability to convert hearts to the risen Christ and lead people to along the path of salvation that they expect deep within themselves ».

QUESTIONNAIRE TO MEDITATE AND SHARE

Let's do introspection

- 1.- What was the reason for my entrance to the congregation?
- 2.-In my life, what cousin to judge others or Mercy?
- 3.- According to my personal project, what things do I do to achieve my conversion?
- 4.- Does our charism and spirituality impel me to prefer the weakest and most marginalized by choosing their salvation?

FINAL PRAYER:

ORACIÓN A NUESTROS PADRES FUNDADORES

Señor Dios todopoderoso que concediste a nuestros Padres Fundadores, la gracia de llevar a cabo la fundación de un Instituto en tu Iglesia, dignate manifestar su intercesión ante ti, al concedernos la gracia que te pedimos, especialmente que a imitación suya busquemos siempre la gloria de Dios y **LA SALVACION DE LAS ALMAS**. Por Jesucristo nuestro señor **Amén.**

PRAYER TO OUR FOUNDING FATHERS

Lord Almighty God who granted our Founding Fathers the grace to carry out the founding of an Institute in your Church, tell us to express their intercession before you, by granting us the grace that we ask of you, especially that in imitation of him we always seek the glory of God and **THE SALVATION OF SOULS**. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.