

INTRODUCTION

With this work of meditation and community study we finish point 2 of Nucleus 1 of the Chapter Document, dedicated to *Rekindle the spirituality of following Jesus as a common ecclesial project.*

Jesus called the apostles, to be with Him and to send them to preach and always sent them two by two, forming a minimal community: "*Where there are two or more gathered in my name, there I am.*"

That is why we know that we cannot do this except in community, in the ecclesial community with which we commune and in the congregational community in which we live day by day, persevering in the same Spirit and being a reflection of the Trinity with the help of our Sisters.

We invite you to highlight the phrases that most impact you in each of the texts that come next, being able to write down the feelings that arise from the reading, the desires and the calls that the Lord makes us with them, and then put them in common.

Song:

They persevered in prayer
In teaching, in communion
Breaking the bread
Full of love
We are your church

Predestined by our God
Like Your Children in Your Love
Family of God
Body of love
We are your church

In the Power of the Spirit
Healing the Sick in the Name of Jesus
Being the salt, being the light
We are your church

In the nations the Spirit of God
He is revealing his eternal truth
Bringing freedom
Showing his power
We are your church

In the power of the Spirit...

Hch. 2, 42-47

They were constant in listening to the teaching of the apostles, in fraternal union, in breaking bread and in prayers.

Everyone was impressed by the wonders and signs made by the apostles.

All believers lived together and had everything in common; they sold the possessions and estates, and distributed them among all, according to the need of each one.

Every day they went to the temple together, broke bread in the houses, ate together with joy and simplicity of heart, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.

The Lord added to the group every day all those who entered through the way of salvation.

Constitutions

43. Our fraternal community, called to be a reflection on earth, of the Trinitarian Family, helps us to live and be faithful to our Religious Profession; we try to persevere in the same Spirit, nourish ourselves with the Word of God and increase our love for each other around the celebration of the Eucharist.

Directory

13. In the celebration of the Word of God and the Eucharist, we want to express and renew our common dedication to the will of God.

19. The Sisters will reserve time for moments of personal and community intimacy. We will seek the necessary conditions so that a balance is struck between prayer, rest and welcome. The Community Project will determine the concrete way to carry it out.

"Of the practice of the virtues" of Fr. Tejero

God has separated you from the world as His people Israel from other countries.

He has given you the special grace of vocation.

It has surrounded you with a double fence with your rules and votes.

He cultivates you with countless graces and good inspirations, inner movements, prayer, readings, exhortations, retreats, good examples &.

He has placed near you the fountain from which all graces flow through the daily Sacrifice of the Mass, and the continuing presence of the Blessed Sacrament in your tabernacle.

For if with all these outpourings of his goodness, you do not reciprocate on your part, what can you expect?

So many privileges, favors and graces are marked signs of a special mercy of God and will they be so that you only have a common and medium virtue? No. It has raised you to the dignity of Wives and therefore you are more obliged to

For more favored, more recognition of your most excellent state, your most excellent devotion: you must be holy because everything leads you to holiness; you must work for perfection because that is the vocation.

What is fraternal charity for M. Dolores (Charismatic profile page 64)

THE SOLE PURPOSE OF THE CONGREGATION IS THE GLORY OF GOD¹ and in it the religious consecrate themselves TO GOD OUR LORD BY THE EXERCISE OF CHARITY.²

THE PURPOSE OF THIS INSTITUTE IS TO LEAD THE CONGREGANTS ALONG THE PATH OF CHRISTIAN PERFECTION, PROMOTING IN THEM THE LOVE OF GOD THROUGH THE CONSTANT PRACTICE OF PRAYER, AND THE CHARITY FOR THEIR NEIGHBOR THROUGH THE HABITUAL EXERCISE IN ACTIVE LIFE OF THE WORKS OF MERCY.³

¹ Draft letter in Letter from Mother Manuela of December 26, the year is unknown

² Primitive Constitutions "of the Persons who are to compose the Congregation", single chapter, #1

³ Primitive Constitutions, Fundamental Bases #2

The Philippian religious is called *by God to that congregation*, and to have good spirit says M. Dolores that the religious: "*SEE THEN WHAT SPIRIT OF PRAYER AND MORTIFICATION MUST HAVE, AND HOW MUCH YOU MUST STRIVE TO BE ALL OF GOD*"⁴

He says: "*IN THE FIRST PLACE YOU MUST STUDY WELL ALL THE RULES AND CONSTITUTIONS IN ORDER TO PENETRATE WELL INTO THE NICETY OF SPIRIT THAT THEY CONTAIN.*"⁵

It also calls for it to be "*PROMOTED (...) A GREAT DEVOTION TO THE PASSIONATE JESUS; A HOLY GREED FOR HOLY COMMUNION; TRUST AND LOVE FOR THE BLESSED VIRGIN AND TO ST. PHILIP MUST LOOK AS A FATHER.*"⁶

Because the spiritual life is important for her and her religious, she asks that the novices *BE "INSTRUCTED IN MENTAL PRAYER AND IN THE EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE: IN THE WAY OF READING THE SPIRITUAL BOOKS PROFITABLY, OF PRAYING ATTENTIVELY, ETC."*⁷, because they must prepare themselves for a profound life of encounter with the Lord throughout their lives.

General Chapter 2011 (Agreement 1, Objective 2)

- Take steps in the practice of mutual accompaniment and the management and resolution of our daily conflicts.
- Cultivate openness, welcome and quality of our relationships.
- Renew the times, modes and spaces of our personal and community prayer.

Vita consecrata (41)

During his earthly life, Jesus called those whom he willed, to have them with himself and to teach them to live by his example, for the Father and for the mission that the Father had entrusted to him (cf. Mk 3:13-15). In this way he inaugurated a new family of which all those who were willing to "fulfill the will of God" would be part through the centuries (cf. Mk 3:32-35). After the Ascension, thanks to the gift of the Spirit, a fraternal community was formed around the Apostles, united in praise of God and in a concrete experience of communion.

Vita consecrata (38)

The call to holiness is accepted and can be cultivated only in the silence of adoration in the face of the infinite transcendence of God: "We must confess that we all need this silence loaded with adored presence: theology, in order to fully value our own sapiential and spiritual soul; prayer, so that it may never be forgotten that to see God means to "come down from the mountain" with a face so radiant that it forces us to cover him with a veil (cf. Ex 34:33) [...]; commitment, to renounce locking oneself in a struggle without love and forgiveness [...].

Everyone, both believers and non-believers, needs to learn a silence that allows the Other to speak, whenever and however he wants, and for us to understand that word." This entails in particular a great fidelity to liturgical and personal prayer, to times dedicated to mental prayer and contemplation, to Eucharistic adoration, monthly retreats and spiritual exercises.

⁴ Instructions to the Mistress of Novices

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Ibid.

SHARING

Song:

Sometimes I ask you: Why me?
And you just answer me: Because I want to
It is a great mystery that you call us
Just as we are to meet you
Then I rediscover a truth
My life our life is your treasure
It is then only about offering you
With all our love this we are

What I will give you, what we will give you
If everything, everything, is your gift
I will offer you, we will offer you
What we are, what I am
That's what I give you.

This is what I am, this is what I give you
What we are is what we give you
You do not despise our humble life
It's about putting everything in your hands
Here are my works and my faith
My mates, my downs and my dreams
And all the people you gave me
From my heart I offer them to you

I saw so many people on a sunny Sunday
I was moved by the beating of so many lives
And guess your gigantic hug
And I know their stories you received
That's why your altar sports wine and bread
They are a sign and homage of life
Mystery of offering you and receiving us
Humanity that Christ divinizes