## SPIRITUAL DIARY - April 2011

### MESSAGE OF OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE

#### "Dear children,

Nature awakens and trees you can see the first gems that will bring a beautiful flower and fruit. I wish you too, dear children, to work on your conversion and whether those who bear witness with their lives, so that your example is the sign and the call to conversion for others. I am with you and intercede before my son Jesus for your conversion. Thank you for having responded to my call. "Thank you." (February 25, 2011).

#### "Dear children,

my motherly heart suffers greatly as I watch my children who stubbornly put what is human in front of what is divine, my kids that, despite everything that surrounds them, and despite all the signs that they are sent, think of walking without my son. They can't! Walk towards the eternal perdition. Therefore, gathering you, that you are willing to open your heart, that you are willing to be Apostles of my love because I help, because experiencing the love of God and be an example for those who don't know him. That fasting and prayer we give force to this and I will bless you with motherly blessing in the name of the father and son and holy spirit. Thank you. "Message to Mirjana on March 2, 2011



#### I command: be strong and brave!

Dear brethren mission Belem, scattered in every corner of the world, I would like to offer you a part of the reflection that guided us during the votes this year and that it can prepare the Holy Easter: the final Victory of life over death, whatever! "Jesus sends us as lambs among wolves" in the hole worse than this world and we promises persecution and martyrdom. We cannot expect this mission to be a "funny walk". We know that we are called to go through hell, clearing 'hell on Earth '. For this we need:

A HEROIC A HEROIC HOPE AHEROIC CHARITY

Newspaper a true missionary is located in front of huge difficulties, impossible, the largest us, as it was for St. Francis Xavier, St. Daniel Comboni, São Paulo ....

We must put in your head that tranquility belongs to the sky and this earth is to suffer. None has become Holy in comfort. If we are to be Holy and make God happy, fulfilling our mission, then the ordinary difficulties are not sufficient. Jesus associates us to its mission, we assume in his sores redemptive sufferings and sends us

#### GIGANTIC DIFFICULTIES

We ask for
HEROIC EFFORTS
and PRACTICE of the VIRTUES to HEROISM

Nobody is proclaimed "Saint" without the heroic practice of virtue. We cannot think of clearing a forest without taking even a graft, plow the desert of hell without suffering a sunburn.

Suffering is a part of love and sacrifice is the EXACT MEASURE

#### ABOUT OUR PASSION FOR JESUS.

If we think about Mary, we have proof of this: it was heroic "Yes" of Mary to become a MOM, without any man at his side? Not single-handedly, 16 years, the danger of being stoned? It was a heroic give birth in a stable? It was a heroic escape to Egypt, fares Abdel Ka with a new born? It was heroic in his faith at the foot of the cross: "Stabat Mater", they say in Latin; meaning: his mother was there, standing in silence, loving and suffering, without any human support, and consume themselves together with his son, faithful dying! God calls this strength to all those who call for a special mission. In the early days of Mission Belem, God gave this prophecy to our dear Lady Yara, for us:

#### "BE STRONG, BE NOT AFRAID,

and not afraid of them

Because the Lord your God walks with you;

It will not abandon you. " Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to all Israel: '

BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS,

because you will come with this people into the promised land ...

Don't be afraid and don't you lose heart "(cf. Dt 31.6). This is not a Council, but an ORDER.

COURAGE IS AN ORDER OF GOD THAT
We must take in our lives. Here is what God says,
personally, each send:

"BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS ...

#### BE STRONG AND VERY COURAGEOUS

Not to deviate from it not to the right not to the left because you have success in whatever your enterprise. DON'T RUN FROM YOUR MOUTH, THE BOOK OF THIS LAW, BUT PONDER IT DAY AND NIGHT (this is the secret)

because you try to act according to what is wrote, because then you will bring to your business and you will have success.

DIDN'TI COMMANDED YOU: BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS?

Don't fear, therefore, not scare you, Because the Lord thy God, is with you, wherever you go "(Joshua 1.6-9).

This is what God orders

,-all missionaries. "Bestrong and very courageous! "-" why you must lead this people to the promised land! "-All the group coordinators: Ruah, Jé-Shuà, Cana, Fanuel, shelter homes and Belem Mission' nucleos:"

- To the Brothers in Haiti: "be strong and very brave!"
To the Brothers in Bosnia-Herzegovnia:

- "Be strong and very

brave!"

To all those who're engaged in our "Mission Belem": "be strong and very brave!"

This is because the power of the resurrection of Jesus did not compare with any kind of death that would block our path: "Dare I have overcome the world!" For those who look with the eyes of the risen Christ, there is the cross that does not become a glorious day.

It is essential for the Mission (and all called this) this HEROIC FAITH not to collapse into the quicksand of human "common sense", or fear. God needs faith to act in us. It is the faith of the small David in front of the gigantic and terrible Goliath: "you come to me with the sword, spear and pole. I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts ... THE WHOLE EARTH WILL KNOW THAT THERE IS A GOD IN ISRAEL"! (1 Samuel 5-47).

If a unitedarmy kills a giant, is not a great thing, but when a young man, which is no longer a miniscule, kills a giant, then everyone can clearly see that God exists and convert. For this weakness must be part of the Evangelist (Jesus was very worried about this when he said: "go... not carry neither purse, nor ..." would be normal to say what a person needs to lead, not what they should leave. In this case, Jesus DEMANDS that the BAGGAGE of the EVANGELIST is HIS WEAKNESS and nothing more). The main thing is to focus attention on our Faith, which is a total abandonment, a blind trust in our heavenly father. THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS is to enlighten us:

"FAITH IS THE FOUNDATION OF THE THINGS THAT YOU HOPE AND PROOF THAT YOU DON'T SEE!" (Hebrews 11:1). "By FAITH" Abraham, obeying, DEPARTED ... without knowing where to go ... "By FAITH" lived as a refugee in a foreign country, under the tents ... "By FAITH" offered Isaac ... "By FAITH" suffered torture, taunts, scourging, handcuffs, prison sentences. They were stoned, sliced with sega ... (Heb. c. 11). Only the heroics save. A heroic Faith leads to a heroic Experience and a heroic Experience leads to a HEROIC DELIVERY. The only way to walk on the path to God is through faith, which is a trust, a trust in God's infinite, which shows you as already accomplished something that the other is a crazy dream. Is this our journey towards Easter: the joy of the risen Christ must be also present in all the "saints" of life Friday! ""FAITH IS THE FOUNDATION OF THE THINGS THAT YOU HOPE AND PROOF THAT YOU DON'T SEE!" (Hebrews 11:1). "By FAITH" Abraham, obeying, DEPARTED ... without knowing where to go ... "By FAITH" lived as a refugee in a foreign country, under the tents ... "By FAITH" offered Isaac ... "By FAITH" suffered torture, taunts, scourging, handcuffs, prison sentences. They were stoned, sliced with saw ... (Heb. c. 11). Only the heroics save. A heroic Faith leads to a heroic Experience and a heroic Experience leads to a HEROIC DELIVERY. The only way to walk on the path to Godis through faith, which is a trust, a trust in God's infinite, which shows you as already accomplished something that the other is a crazy dream. Is this our journey towards Easter: the joy of the risen Christ must be also present in all the "saints" of life Friday! "



## **IntoBelemMission**

God is faithful and writes straight on crooked lines, that is us. Here are the miracles that he works in

# Witness by Luiz Roberto

"My name is Luiz Roberto Xavier. I belong to a very poor family; we have 6 brothers, all living thanks to God. I am the last, my mother and my father worked to support his family. Since childhood I wanted to work to help my mom and I wanted to be the master of my life.

At the age of 14, he began to find work to help my parents, thank God, I succeeded. I was very happy to be able to help my family. For the first 3 months, I gave everything that I received the salary, the 4th month began to give the middle and was lying by saying that the company had problems ... In truth I liked buying trendy clothing and shoes.

I came back from work, and I went immediately to go to school, but a small detail ... I am not entering into the Chamber: I went to the bar to play! A Friday, I was with my friends and started to drink, a glass after another; I began to experiment with the coca cola with pinga (sort ofgrappa), then a wine, and I was saying to ME DOES NOTHING! But no one became an alcoholic. Another Friday, playing with a friend, gave me a cigarette in hand and out of curiosity I made a shot, thinking I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING... But it was another bad habit that came into my life!

I was working, I think a "good guy" and gave more money at home. My parents began to doubt by the smell of alcohol and smoking, and for the conditions under which I came in at home ... Until one day my father called me and asked me to speak because I own entailed. He added: "If you continue, you can go so!". I answered immediately and I said, taken from the pride: "I DON'T NEED YOU; I AM MASTER OF MY LIFE!"

My mother began to cry and I don't give her attention, I spoke with a young man who worked with me and went to live with him.



Luiz Roberto pronunciation before the Bishop and the Church, its "promises" in Mission Belém, and undertakes to give his life to redeem fallen brothers in the bottom of the pit, where he himself is finished before Jesus save.

It was the worst thing I could do: he was addled ... and so I experimented with the drug.

Suddenly I found myself to be just like the Devil: I separated the rent money and everything else was to dance and photography. Arrived the next day that this friend left his job and went, and I already I was drugged, I despair, I was completely alone, began to sink, I often work. I fired and I had no more money because I had spent all of them.

So, without anything, as the "prodigal son", I asked to go home, my mother was happy, but my father is not. During this time, I got engaged with a young man called Marzia and remained together for almost 1 year. I started to work and it seemed that everything went well, but the emptiness inside of me remained.

One day, my mother in law called me and said, "You has put pregnant with my daughter, now live!" I thought I'm working: it is not difficult for me! The child was born and I rent a House. I changed jobs; I was Assistant in a laboratory and putting a lot of effort, had stopped with life untidy.



Luis Roberto is confirmed by Mons. Pedro Luiz, current Bishop of Franca: "Jesus has revolutionized my life!"

I was also promoted as "shipping charge". God was working in my life and all was well, I was walking well and making labels for medicines. I worked 6 years in the same company, but I recognize this blessing from God and living like an animal, without reasoning. One day I was a stroke of madness ... No reason, I started all over again: playing, drinking, using drugs and cheating on my wife. I hadn't yet realized that without God, nobody resists. I began to miss from work and what happened, basically, I wanted to: I was fired. Received clearance, even notice without working, I had something aside. Finally, I had a bit of money ... I spoke with a friend and we bought a bar: I started working and I was gaining much, didn't know that I was putting more and more! I doubled everything: intoxication, drug use, prostitution. Many times I returned from brothels, 'done 'and my wife cried, thinking that something happened to me. I was saying just go to sleep and not told anything. Both my partner and I, we went to women. When I threw the money on the table for my wife, she said: "this is not what I want!". And I replied: "go to sleep!" After a while, she began to say that one day or another I would not found at home ... but I do not litigavo such importance, so I knew that at most went to the House of his mother and came after two days.

I work in a bar, but on Monday stopped a motorcycle, they went down 2 guys, then pulled over a car with 4 people and cried, "is an all out assault!". My partner ran to take the weapon, but men were more quick shot: and he died instantly. Broke the 8 gaming machines and took the money. I aimed the gun at his head and then departed. With the death of my partner, I sank into despair and still more in drugs. What's more, one night I came home and found none! I opened his wardrobe and there was a ticket: "I told you that one day I'd be gone! I live with my daughter, farewell!". At that time the House fell to really: death, separation, alcohol, drugs, I lost everything ... Everything was finished, I had more friends, nor anything.

I went to live in a garage, drinking and doing odd jobs. People spent watching the garbage that I had become and felt pity. It was the bottom of the pit, not eating more, only drank. One day, now well debilitated, lured the road and a car braked just in front of my legs, "IT WAS GOD WHO SAVED ME." Another day I was hospitalized and there stayed for 25 days, I was going to die, God saved me once again. My mother, she met a woman who had a son in the mission Belém and told "go you!". My answer was always: "tomorrow" and I kept drinking. One day, my mother began to cry, I thought: "I go and rest, only a few days, then return ...". I didn't know that God had already prepared everything for me. I arrived at the House, I was well received and I managed to get away ... God loveth me. Did the Jé-Shuá that I opened my eyes on the world of God that I did not know, then courses of catechesis, the spiritual Diary...

A day in the Chapel, I began to ask God for reconciliation with my family. After 2 months, when I didn't expect it, I saw my mother come from the gate, my daughter and my nephew. I looked at the sky and said, "LORD DOESN'T MERIT Much!"
But when I went into the Chapel to pray,

Thank you, I felt within me: "I RESTORED YOUR JEWELRY, BUT DON'T FORGET THAT I AM YOUR REAL GOLD!". I owe him my life. From 2 years and 3 months in the mission and are very happy. They asked me to coordinate the Centre s. Miguel Arcanjo, seeing that Manuelzinho must leave for Haiti. I feel very well in serving his brothers, Fabio and Erich. You can't explain the joy in my heart when I see the brothers that you restore.

I feel useful, are no longer the garbage where people felt it. I find myself into gifts that not even imagined. Here we are about 150 people and live in harmony, which makes us feel one family. At the end of February, I solemnly pronounced before the Bishop my "Promises" to God, delivery within the mission Belém and feel that God has "flipped" my life: from alcoholic, made me feel immense son with a desire to consecrate my life to him until the end! I love you Jesus!



# "Be strong you have won the evil!"

# Testimony of brother who restored the mission

(We think it's good not to give further details of this dear brother, who was in the same place where Fr. Giampietro made the withdrawal which determined the beginning of Mission Belém and he developed the basic rules of reception. Today is located at the head of a large house in the State of São Paulo). "There were a few days to 6 years anniversary of Restoration and I have the habit of celebrating this day that God took away from the road. I had arrived at the House, where Fr. Giampietro was doing his retirement, more dead than alive, I was shaking for a whole month because abstinence from alcohol. There I restored. Today I have a new life and I will no longer work in the "world" (although a foreman and I received many proposals). I'll take care of a home that is an island blessed and my joy is to see the brothers that you regenerate a new life. I'm doing a course in Theology for lay people and here is a fact. It was a sunny afternoon, very hot. I was going to the course with a colleague who knew my story and my slavery, alcohol, I threw on a sidewalk for 4 years! To get to Theology, there was a hill, the Sun, it could Cleave the stones and sweat ran down. Suddenly, passing a bar told me: "Waithere a moment." I imagined what he wanted to do and I was a thrill. 6 years I don't put a drop of alcohol in the mouth, because I know that the "first shot" I put in the hole. My colleague returned with a can of beer freeze well and told "take!". I said, "thanks, don't want to ... I'm OK!" but my friend insisted: "stop being an idiot, with this Sun and this heat you need a beer, take it!" and I put it under the nose, under my nose the opened so that the sketches I son. I started to feel strange. I felt a great desire to drink ... He started a fight in me. He felt that he wanted me to drop the tempter, and throw the airsix years walk! Cold and I was sweating so strong: "I don't want!"

But he insisted. For him it was nothing, but for me it was 6 years old! Again I said "I DON'T W ANT to" live in me was so great that, at that time I did. I know that is difficult because those who have never had this defect, can't understand, but for me it was so. When he walked away, I returned home. I felt very humiliated in this condition, but I felt a great joy to be able to win and remain faithful to my Covenant with God!"

### "Battery godmother "of Jesus,"

I am 17 years old. My dream was paraded in Carnival here in Sao Paulo. I enrolled in a school of Samba, made all the necessary tests. I attended with much effort and lacked a few days at the Carnival. I was in the world and I was not interested. I was chosen as the "Godmother" battery for parading in bikini in front of the wagon. My joy was immense: my dreams were born. I liked the crazy Carnival life. But shortly before parade invited me to a certain "Je-Shuá", a spiritual retreat. I hadn't the slightestidea of whatitwas and I couldn't imagine that would change my hair from head to toe. For the first time I felt Godso close to me as I had never happened, I felt that I loved, I was that my body had a value and that it wasn't fair to expose it in the carnivals. After the Jé-Shuá, I knew that there was a "Withdrawal of vocation," exactly at the same time at the Carnival. I found myself in a dilemma: I felt a great desire to participate in the retreat to hear again the entire peace and joy of Jé-Shuá and, on the other hand, the samba school parade ... I had been chosen among many friends, it was difficult to get to the point of being "Godmother of battery" and now I had to throw everything into the air! After a great inner struggle, resolved: basically, not much felt more attraction for the pleasures of the world, while God I drew a lot. He had completely changed my heart and my wishes. I went to the vocational retreat! There I felt fine. I found myselfin the midst of many brothers who had fallen in the vices of the street and drug and I thought that maybe one day, without God, I could find myself in those same conditions. They were "restoring" And that I needed. We sang, we jumped, danced ... Especially prayed and we reflected this filled my heart. God

# Friday, April 1

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: <u>Mark 12, 28 to 34;</u>
Other readings: Hosea 14.2 to 10, Psalm 80 (81);
"GOD AND 'MORF'"

'Only if you put God first in our lives, we will be happy and free. "Hear, O Israel," so begins the commandment. The most difficult thing for human beings is "feel" to stop "listening." Unfortunately, only after hitting her head, cry and think, but it may be too late. Every day you must stop to hear the Word. Who is filled with God, leaving no room to attack the enemy. It is in silence and prayer that we fill with the things of God's. On 1st commandment shows the first and most fundamental duty of man: "To love God above all else, love him with all my heart, over and above any human affection, even the most sacred. God must become the 'love of our love, our connection to him is the focus of our lives. "Only God satisfies me!" This should coincide with first Duty, first PLEASURE: to love God above all things, it gives us immense peace and joy: GOD 'AND MORE! "To love God with all our intelligence" means: Never take your eyes off Jesus Giving our best for the kingdom of God is realized, do not use our neurons to make money, but to get there 'IS THAT GOOD MAKE. Who keeps on thinking in Jesus, almost like the "bottom panel" of his life, always praying. "To love God with all your strength" means the pleasure of spending for God, consumed by God, loved God so passionately that he could absorb every muscle in your body. It's nice to be the night without an ounce of strength to have loved the whole day. LOVING GOD WITH ALL YOUR SOUL means giving him the deepest of us. "Pray, pray," said Our Lady of Medjugorje, "Do not stop until you hear the joy of praying." Prayer is the deepest delivery we can do to God, our only Love.

# Mark 12,28-34

28 Then he approached one of the scribes that had heard them talk, and seeing as he had answered them well, asked him: "What is the first of all the commandments? ". 29 Jesus replied: "The first is: Hear, O Israel. The Lord our God is one Lord, 30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all thy mind and with all your strength. 31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these. "32 Then the scribe said to him: "You said well, Master, and in saying that God is one and there is no other besides him 33 love him with all your heart and with all your mind and with all the strength and love your neighbor as yourself 'is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices. "34 Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one had the courage to question him.

# Saturday, April 2

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: <u>Luke 18, 9 to 14;</u>
Other readings: Hosea 6,1 to 6, Psalm 50 (51);
"HUMBLE"

The "manipulation" of the man has no limits, the human being comes to handling himself, lies to him. Pride blinds us. Lies and pride are the right and left arms of the devil. It is good that the human being to remain humble and vigilant in order to be humble. In truth, if we see our inner rot, there would be many reasons for vainglory. Failing to do this, at least "walk humbly with our God", as the Psalm says. If we want to advance in the spiritual path, then we must kill the hypocrisy of the Pharisee who lives in us and humiliate us. For example: try to write on your notebook that you have five defects. You'll see how hard it is. Even more difficult is "not justified", not making excuses, but five other things I need to write the most urgent change. One of these will become your purpose today.

# Luke 18, 9 to 14

9 He also told this parable to some that prided themselves on being upright and despised others: 10 "Two men went to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a publican. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself: O God, I thank you that I am not like other men, thieves, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and I pay tithes on. 13 And the publican, standing far off, would not even raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying: O God, have mercy on me a sinner. 14 I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other, because everyone who exalts himself will be humbled and who ever humbles himself will be exalted."

# Sunday, April 3

Sun in Lent IV (4 Sept.)

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: <u>John from 9,1 to 41;</u> The other readings are: 1 Sam 16.1-13, Psalm 22 (23), Ephesians 5.8 to 14;

#### "DO NOT OPPOSE TO THE LIGHT!"

Since ancient times, today's Gospel, along with that of the Sundays of Lent, Christians prepare for Easter and to receive baptism in the Easter Vigil. What happened to this "blind from birth," also happens to the soul of everyone. This man was born without eyes, it means that the "creation" was not complete in him. Jesus is a bit 'of mud, spitting on the ground, and anoints the eyes of the blind. Thus, as the Creator made the human body with mud, so that proves that Jesus is God, making his eyes was missing, with the mud. Jesus is God and can do everything in you! JESUS 'AND' THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, illuminates the universe and lit a light in your underwear. No resistance to his work: acknowledge your inner blindness and handed over to God "Lord I Believe," cried the blind. "I BELIEVE THELORD" is our constant cry today. LET US CREATE AND MODEL JESUS '!

# John from 9,1 to 41

Passing a sawa man blind from birth and his two disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was bom blind?". 3 Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned, but it might be made manifest in him the works of God 4 We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day then night comes when no one can longer operate. 5 While I am in the world, are the light of the world. "6 said that he spat on the ground, made mud with the saliva, rubbed mud on the eyes of the blind 7 and said, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came seeing. 8 The neighbors and those who had seen him before, as a beggar, saying, "Is not he the one who used to sit and beg?". 9 Some said, "It's him ', others said," No, but he looks like. "And he said: "I am." 10 Then they asked: "How then were your eyes opened?". 11 He said: "The man called Jesus made mud, anointed my eyes and told me: 'Go to Siloam and wash! I went and washed myself, and I received sight. "12 They said, 'Where is he?". He replied: "I do not know."

13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blinded: 14 Saturday was indeed the day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 15 Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. And he said unto them, He put clay on my eyes, I washed, and I see. "16 Then some of the Pharisees said, "This is not from God, why not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a sinner do such miracles?". And there was division among them. 17 Then said the blind man again: "What do you say to him, since you opened your eyes?". He said: "He's a prophet." 18 But the Jews did not believe that he was blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight. 19 They asked them: "Is this your son, whom you say was born blind? How is it that we now see? ". 20 His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was bom blind 21 as he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes, ask him, he is of age, he will speak of himself. " 22 His parents said this because they feared the Jews, the Jews had already agreed that if one should confess him as the Christ, would be expelled from the synagogue. 23 Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." 24 Then they called the man who had been blind and said: "From 'Glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner. " 25 And he said: "If he is a sinner, I do not know, one thing I know I was blind and now I see." 26 Then they said again, "What did he do? How did he open your eyes? ". 27 He answered them, "I told you and you would not listen, because you want to hear it again? Maybe you want you also become his disciples? ". 28 Then they reviled him and said, "You are his disciple, we are disciples of Moses! 29 We know that God spoke to Moses, but he does not know where he is. " 30 men answered them, "Just this is strange, you do not know where he is, yet he opened my eyes. 31 Now, we know that God does not hear sinners, but if anyone is Godfearing and does His will, He hears him. 32 Since the world began, has never heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man bom blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing. " 34 They answered him, "You were born in sin and everything you want to teach us?". And they cast him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and found him he said: "Do you believe in the Son of Man?". 36 He answered, "Who is he, sir that I believe in him?". 37 Jesus said to him: "You have seen him talking to you is he." 38 And he said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, "I came into this world to judge, because those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." 40 Some Pharisees who were with him heard these words and said, "Are we blind also?". 41 Jesus answered them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin, but as you say, we see, your quilt remains."

## Monday, April 4

For the Spiritual Diary ponders Isaiah 65.16-25;

The other readings are: Psalm 29 (30) John from 4,43 to 54;

### "GOD CREATES JOY AND JUBILATION IN US "

We cannot doubt: we raise our heads, we were created for the joy and the joy and the sadness and despair. The daily struggle, cannot obscure the certainty of our faith: love will win, life will not end, the wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and we embrace with our "enemies." God will root out evil from our hearts, life and blessing triumph. God wants to see this faith in us as the Risen, He longs to have our lips the smile of the martyrs, to deal with the lions, smiling and praying. There can be us in the slightest doubt that good will triumph, and the truth will, peace will come, the miracle will happen!

# **Isaiah 65,16 to 25**

16 Who wants to be blessed in the country, will be for the faithful God, who will swear in the country, sworn to the faithful God, for they will forget the tribulations old, will be visible to my eyes. 17 Behold, I create New heaven and earth no longer remember the past, do not come into mind, 18 because it will benefit you and rejoice forever in that which I create, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. 19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, I'll enjoy the people. Do not you hear it more in the sound of weeping, cries of anguish. 20 There will not be a child who lives only a few days, nor does an old man of his day not come to the fullness, as the youngest to die one hundred years and who does not reach the hundred years old shall be accursed. 21 factories, houses and inhabit them, plant vineyards and eat their fruit. Do not be producing for another 22 lives there, nor will plant and others eat, such as the days of a tree, those days of my people. I will use my chosen long as it is produced out of their hands. 23 They will not toil in vain or to generate an early death because offspring blessed by the Lord and they will be together with them also their shoots. 24 Before I invoke, I will answer, while they are still speaking, I will have already heard them. 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion will eat straw like an ox, but the snake will eat the dust, it will neither harm nor destroy in all My holy mountain. "Thus says the Lord.

# Tuesday, April 5

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: <u>John from 5,1 to 16;</u>
Other readings: Ezekiel 47,1-12, Psalm 45 (46);
"JESUS 'AND' THE WATER THAT CARE BUBBLING"

For 38 years this poor man, sick and beggars, seeking healing without fail. Alone and left lying on the edge of the miraculous pool, without finding someone to help him. Sin paralyzes him in and the disease out, but suddenly Jesus appeared the question: "Do you want to get well?" That means you want out of the hole where you are? Do you trust me? If so, "stand up, take your mat and walk!" It is a miracle: Jesus is the true water saving. Even today, Jesus continues to pass on the edge of our ponds, where lies and asks for our faith. He threw in all our distress and concern. Throw him in the pool that is true, without any resistance.

# John 5,1 to 16

1 There was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went to Jerusalem. 2 there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, called in Hebrew Bethesda, with five arches, 3 In these lay a great number of invalids, blind, lame and paralyzed. 4 [An angel of the Lord descended at certain times and stir up the water after the first one into the agitation would be cured of whatever disease he had.] 5 was there, a man who had been ill for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that long ago was it, he said: "You want to heal?". 7 The sick man answered: "Sir, I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am coming, another steps down before me. "8 Jesus said, "Get up, take your mat and walk." 9 And the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. That day was the Sabbath. 10 So the Jews said the man was cured, "It's Saturday and you are not allowed to take up your pallet." 11 But he answered, "He who healed me said to me: Take up your bed and walk." 12 They asked him, "Who's to you, Take up your bed and walk?". 13 But he who was healed did not know who he was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there crowd there. 14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him: "Behold, you are well, sin no more, why not have something worse to

happen." 15 The man went away and told the Jews that Jesus had healed him. 16 Therefore the Jews began to persecute Jesus, because he <u>did these things on the Sabbath</u>.

## Wednesday, April 6

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: *Isaiah 49,8-16;* 

The other readings are: Psalm 144 (145) John 5,17to30;

#### "YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD GUTS"

A dear sister, cook, we met in Haiti, one day, told us: "Many people are 'fragile' more than a crystal glass, break all, close to everything, they become sad for any criticism ... but (here he made a big smile, he stood and did as his mother with the child in his arms) in the arms of those who feel God does not fear anything. God cradles her baby, cradle and God cannot desire anything more than that. This morena woman, tall and strong has given us a great lesson in life and his words well explain the song today: "I will never forget you!" It's worth the taste and feels the pleasure of being in the arms of God, God loves you more than a mother, this is our peace and safety!

# Isaiah 49, 8 to 16

8 The Lord says: "At the time of mercy I have heard, the day of salvation I helped you. I have trained and placed as a covenant for the people, to resurrect the country, you reoccupy the destroyed heritage, 9 to say to the prisoners: Come out, and to those in darkness, 'Come out. They graze all over the streets, and find pasture on every hill. 10 Do not suffer either hunger or thirst and do not strike them, or the scorching heat or the sun, because he who has mercy on them shall lead them, will lead them to springs of water. 11 I will turn the streets and mountains in my way will be high. 12 Behold, these come from afar, and behold, those are from the south and west and those from the region of Aswan. 13 Sing, O heavens, rejoice, O earth, shout for joy, O mountains, that the Lord has comforted his people and has compassion on his afflicted. 14 But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me. " 15 are a woman forgets her infant, so you do not love the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will never forget you. 16 Behold, I have engraved on the palms of my hands, your walls are continually before me.

# Thursday, April 7

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: **Exodus from 32,7 to 14**;
The other readings are: Psalm 105 (106) John 5.31to47;

#### "WARNING! DON'T ADORE YOUR SLAVERY "

How sad for the people of Israel and sadness for us, how quickly we forget even the greatest grace that God gives us. The people had just come out of Egypt, had just experienced the power of God who freed him from slavery and sad, in less than 40 days you forget everything, even the beloved Moses, who was on the mountain to receive the Commandments ("Then Moses, the man who brought us out from Egypt, we do not know what happened" Ex 32.1). It took less than 40 days to mess things up and return to the habits of slavery, building a "golden calf": "Make us gods who go before us." Who takes away the eyes of God, to worship their own soon end slavery, his drug, alcohol, sex ... To remain free is necessary to put GOD a t1st place, as our only Lord.

# Exodus from 32,7 to 14

7 Then the Lord said to Moses: 'Go down at once, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. 8 They have been slow to move away from the way which I commanded them! They have made a molten calf, then they knelt down before, they offered sacrifices and said: These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. " 9 The LORD said to Moses, "I looked and saw that this person is stiff-necked people. 10 Now let my anger be kindled against them and destroy them. I will make you a great nation. " 11 And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, "Why, Lord, your anger will flare up against your people whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians say: With malice made them out to kill them in the mountains and make them disappear from the earth? Turn from your anger and abandon the intention to do harm to your people. 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac and Israel, thy servants, to whom you swore to yourself and you said, I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars of heaven and all this land that I mentioned, I'll give it to your descendants who possess it forever. " 14 The Lord gave up the intention of harming his people.

# Friday, April 8

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: Wisdom from 2,12 to 22;

The other readings are: Psalm 33 (34) John 7,1to2.10.25to30

#### "ALWAYS UNCOMFORTABLE A MEANINGFUL LIFE"

Easter is two weeks already, and with wisdom, the Word of God leads us. Jesus, the Just, suffered persecution, following him, we find them. The more our life is stronger, more uncomfortable. Instead of being discouraged, we should be happy and fight with all our strength to let everyone in the "wheel" of Jesus when we suffer persecution that we do not deserve, we must not close ourselves in and turn in, crying on our navel. The most important thing is that the brother who pursues us is our "legitimate" brother, we are part of the same Body of Christ. For this, the only good thing to be done is to "pray for our enemies," spread our love on them and move on, head high, hard, smiling. If you're really passionate about Jesus, you scared no martyrdom.

# Wisdom from 2,12 to 22

12 snares are at the right, because there is an embarrassment and are contrary to our actions, reproach us for the transgressions of the law and accused the wrongs against us the education we received. 13 Proclamation of possessing the knowledge of God and declares himself the son of the Lord. 14 It has become for us a conviction of our feelings and we are just unbearable to see him, 15 because his life is different from that of others, and quite different are his ways. 16 Smash Siam he considered retiring our habits as garbage. Blessed proclaims the end of the just and boasts of having God for his father. 17 Lets see if his words are true; let's try what will happen at the end. 18 If the righteous son of God, he will help, and deliver him from the hands of his opponents. 19 Lets put to the test with insults and torments, to know the gentleness of his character and test his resignation. 20 to condemn a shameful death, because in his words will rescue him. " 21 think so, but they are wrong, for their wickedness blinded them. 22 Do not know the secrets of God's holiness cannot hope to wage not believe the reward of pure souls.

## Saturday, April 9

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: **Jeremiah 11,18to20**;

The other readings are: Psalm 7; John 7.40to53:

#### "A GENTLE LAMB"

Jeremiah has experienced on his skin, the persecution and becomes a "figure" of Jesus Christ calls us to be "lambs among wolves." A lamb is gentle and incapable of doing harm, he trusts completely the Pastor because he has no chance to defend hemselves. The lamb is innocent, pure, gladdens the heart. We know that the lamb in the end will win: Jesus, sacrificial lamb, is glorious, "standing up" to heaven, but first had to pass through the sacrifice of the Cross. There will always be a cross in the lives of those who agree to be lamb and not "IENA fierce." We, today, to unite ourselves to Jesus, the true Lamb of God, imitating his docility, his delivery, his total abandonment to, its embrace the cross.

# Jeremiah 11,18-20

18 The Lord has shown me and I knew, then opened myeyes to their intrigues. 19 I was like a gentle lamb that is led to the slaughter, did not know that they were plotting against me, saying, "Tear down the tree in its luxurianæ, pull out him from the land of the living, his name be remembered no more." Now 20, Lord of hosts, the righteous judge, who sees the heart and mind, may I see your vengeanæ upon them, because you have entrusted my cause.

### Sunday, April 10

IV Sun in Lent

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: <u>John 11,32to45;</u> The other readings are: Ez 37,12to4, Psalm 129 (130); Rom 8,8 to 11;

# "I HAVE NOT SAID THAT IF YOU BELIEVE, YOU WILL SEE THE GLORY OF GOD!"

Jesus is the living water of the Samaritan woman, Jesus is the light for the blind from birth, Jesus 'AND' THE LIFE THAT DESTROYS ANY DEATH. Despite knowing very well that the miracle would have done, Jesus vibrates and moves to the core, weeping with Mary and Martha, with the people. This is the heart of Jesus, who cries when you cry, it vibrates and feels everything you feel. Before performing the miracle of new life to Lazarus, Jesus requires faith: "Have I not told that if you believe you will see the Glory of God?"-TEARS OF LOVE AND FAITH always mixes. To live constantly in love, we need an unshakeable faith, a faith that is able to see where everyone only sees the Resurrection "carrion (dead animals), a faith that does not doubt the power of Jesus, a faith that leaves TRUST, SAFE miracle that God makes in our lives. "Come on, I have overcome the world", Jesus repeats constantly for us.

# John 11,32 to 45

32 Mary, therefore, when he came where Jesus was, seeing him he fell at his feet, saying: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother had not died." 33 When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her, took pity on him, was troubled and said: 34 "Where have you laid him?". They said: 'Lord, come and see. " 35 Jesus wept. 36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." 37 But some of them said: "He who opened the eyes of the blind could not even ensure that they do not die?". 38 So Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb was a cave with a stone lay. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead, "Sir, a bad odor, as it is four days." 40 Jesus said to her: "I've said that if you believe you will see the glory of God?". 41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. 42 I know that you always hear me, but I speak for the people around me, they may believe that You sent Me. " 43 And having said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." 44 The dead man came out with his feet and hands wrapped in bandages and his face covered with a shroud. Jesus said unto them, loose him and let him go. " 45 Many of the Jews who came to Mary, when they saw what he did, believed in him.

# Monday, April 11

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: <u>John 8, 1-11;</u> the other readings are: Daniel from 13.1 to 62, Psalm 122 (123);

#### "JUSTIFY AND JUSTICE"

It is not easy to find someone more persecution of Jesus, but love allows him to make any announcement of a new trap in the Kingdom. This is the time of the woman caught in adultery. The wicked Pharisees bring to Jesus for the "drop it in a trap: if Jesus says to forgive, then does not respect the law of Moses says that the adulterous woman is stoned to death, if Jesus says to stone her, then where is he preach mercy? Curious that the Pharisees did not lead the man who was with her and that he, too, deserved stoning ... The hatred against Jesus Christ and makes them blind ... written with the finger on the ground, without the slightest concern. Evil has short legs and is now exposed: "Who among you is without sin cast the first stone at her ..." It is not stoned, and justice that you change a person's heart, none is so perfect that they can proclaim "judges". Only love and forgiveness make the right heart, which means really convert. Who gets this love will also donate.

#### John 8:1-11

1 Jesus went unto the Mount of Olives. 2 But dawn came again into the temple, and all the people came to him and he sat down and taught them. 3 The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery, and in the midst, 4 they said: "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery. 5 Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. What do you think?". 6 This they said to test him and to have the charge against him. But Jesus bent down and started to write with one finger on the ground. 7 As they persisted, he raised his head and said, "Who among you is without sin cast the first stone at her." 8 And he bent down and wrote on the ground. 9 When they heard this, they went one by one, beginning with the elders.

Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. 10 Then Jesus straightened up and said, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?". 11 And she said, "No, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you go 'and from now on sin no more."

# Tuesday, April 12

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: <u>John 8,21-30;</u>
THE other readings are: Numbers from 21,4 to 9, Psalm 101 (102);
"FULLY DISCLOSE THE CROSS WHO 'JESUS'"

Four times in this piece, returns "I-AM." When a Jew hears the word "I-AM" immediately think of God, why are the initials of Yahweh (I AM WHO I-E ')? Jesus knew this very well. So strongly and frequently repeating "I-AM", Jesus reveals himself as God, which "takes away the sins of the world" by those who believe in him increases But verse 28 something that we could never imagine, "When you lift up the Son of man, then you will know that I AM. "The word "lifted up" means "RAISED ABOVE THE CROSS", "suspended on the wood." The Cross is the full revelation of Jesus, full disclosure of its unity with the Father, full salvation. There is no other way to save the world and the brothers who agree to be "raised on the cross." Embrace the cross with Jesus prepares us for the Resurrection of Easter.

#### John 8,21-30

21 Again Jesus said, "I'm going and you will look for me, die in your sin. Where I go, ye cannot come. "22 So the Jews said, "Perhaps you will kill, since it says, 'Where I go you cannot come?". 23 And he said unto them, ye are from beneath, I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. 24 I told you that you will die in your sins unless you believe that I am, you will die in your sins. " 25 They said then: "Who are you?". Jesus said to them: "That's what I say. 26 I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but he who sent me is true, and I tell the world what I have heard from him. " 27 They did not understand that he spoke to them of the Father. 28 Then Jesus said: "When you lift up the Son of man, then you will know that I am and do nothing of myself, but as the Father taught me, so I speak. 29 He who sent me is with me and did not leave me alone, for I always do what pleases him. " 30 In these words, many believed in him.

# Wednesday, April 13

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: <u>John 8,31 to 42;</u>
The other readings are: Dt 3,14 to 20; Daniel from 3,52 to 57;
'THE TRUTH' will deliver you '"

"Who commits sin is a 'slave of sin"

This is a word that we love so much, especially people who convert. The people of the lie, there is strangling and asphyxiation with its tentacles, but the truth 'frees us and gives us peace. "Truth" is, first, the "Word" of Jesus that takes away from the grave and opens the path of Liberation. "Truth" also means COMBAT every lie, is the daughter of the devil; "truth" means to eradicate the poison of false grass in us. Everyone knows the story of the film of life": how would you cut rotten pieces and hide from the eyes of your mother, your children or your girlfriend / or? This means that you live a lie and you ashamed to show all, who do well, are not afraid of the light. Search now, not hides anything and that every minute of your day is an evangelization for those who can see you.

#### John 8,31to42

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed in him: "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; 32 know the truth and the truth shall make you free." 33 They answered, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say, will be set free? ". 34 Jesus replied: "Verily, verily, I say everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not remain forever in the house, but a son always remains 36 So if the Son makes you free, be free indeed. 37 I know you are Abraham's descendants. But you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. 38 I tell you what I've seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father. " 39 They said: "Our father is Abraham." Jesus answered, "If you are the sons of Abraham do the works of Abraham! 40 But now you seek to kill me, I told you the truth heard from God this did not Abraham. 41 You do the deeds of your father. " They said, 'We are not born of fornication, we have one Father, God. " 42 Jesus said, "If God were your Father, you would love me, because I came from God and I am,

# Thursday, April 14

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: <u>John 8,51to59;</u>
Other readings: Genesis 17,3to9, Psalm 104 (105);
"Who will guard 'MY WORD
I will not die 'NEVER!"

The Word of God, the Holy Gospel, is our "anchor" of salvation in all times and circumstances. Us from eternal death and tears every day. The more we are passionate about her, the more we become "alive". "Custodian" means to put it with affection in the depths of my heart, "ruminating" and "regrind" Words at any time of day. The word has always something new to say and ask, how a mother with a child does. In truth, the Word is Jesus himself who lives in us, so alive and so real that we cannot run away from her, it is Jesus who speaks our language and manages to pull us out of our comfort, from mediocrity, laziness. Repeat, today, in the silence of the heart, these words: "I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, 'LIFE, do it with all your heart, all our love, in faith.

#### John 8.51to59

51 Verily, verily, I say, if anyone keeps my word will never see death. "52 The Jews said: "We now know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and the prophets and you say: "Whoever keeps my word will never know death." 53 Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? Even the prophets are dead who claim to be? ". 54 Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing; who glorifies me is my Father, of whom you say:" He is our God, "55 and do not know. But I know him. And if I say I do not know him, I would like you, a liar, but I know him and keep his word. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, he saw it and was glad. "57 The Jews then said, "Not yet fifty years old and have you seen Abraham?". 58 Jesus answered them: "Verily, verily I say unto you, before Abraham was, I Am." 59 Then took up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and left the temple.

# Friday, April 15

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: John 10,31 to 42;

The other readings are: Jer 20,10to13, Psalm 17 (18);
"YOU ARE GODS"

Jesus is not afraid of the "beasts" angry or who want to throw stones. It seems that evil knows only throwing stones, from Cainin here. This leaves the exhausted Jews is the work of God within us: "The Father is in me and I in him." Jesus is the Son of God in the strongest sense, because the Father is in Him and He is in the Father. And there's more: You too are gods, each of us is "god" in the sense that the word CI "deifying" BAPTISM AND SACRAMENTS divinizes us are changing our nature. Who is left to God and change the word, will never be the same, acquire the same heart of God, as God thinks, loves with the love of God, vibrates and cries like God: "Be perfect" ... be holy, "even as your Father." We live today, contemplating this treasure that burns in our hearts we are children of love, we love as Jesus taught us, and we have God in your heart and try not to get out of the hands of God

#### John 10,31to42

31 The Jews took up stones again to stone him. 32 Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from my Father, for which of these do you stone me?". 33 The Jews answered him: "For a good work we stone thee not, but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God." 34 Jesus answered them: "Is it not written in your law, I said you are gods? 35 If he called them gods, those who came to the word of God (and the Scripture cannot be broken), 36 to one whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, you say, 'You blaspheme, because I said: I am the Son of God? 37 If I do not the works of my Father, do not believe me, 38 but if I do, even if you do not believe me, believe the works that ye may know and understand that the Father is in me and me in him." 39 They tried to take it back then, but he escaped from their hands.

40 then went back across the Jordan to the place where John first baptized, and here he stopped. 41 Many came to him and said: "John did no sign, but everything John said about him was true." 42 And in that place many believed in him.

# Saturday, April 16

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: John 11,45to56; The other readings are: Ez 37,21to28; Sal: Jer 31,10to13;

"SHOULD DIE FOR ALL"

God has no problem talking through the mouth of a mule (2 Peter 2:16); use the stupid anger of the chief priests to prophesy the meaning of Jesus' death: "Better that one man should die for the people shall not perish the entire nation ... and not only for the nation, but to gather together the dispersed children of God. " This is the meaning of Easter, the sacrifice of Jesus is the meaning of the sacrifice of Jesus who wants to hear: sacrificing our lives because 'others may have life, why not live more scattered and disoriented. In the words of the Second Vatican Council, and repeated our beloved John Paul II: "MEET THE MAN HIMSELF IN A TRUE AND ONLY total gift of self '." Only those who "gives" you "meet" is not lost. Our happiness is making others happy, even if it may cost blood for us.

#### John 11,45to56

45 Many of the Jews who came to Mary, when they saw what he did believed in him. 46 But some of them went the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. 47 Then the chief priests and the Pharisees convened the Sanhedrin and said, "What do we do? This man is performing many signs. 48 If we let him do so, everyone will believe in him and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation. " 49 But one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, he told them: "You know nothing 50 and not consider that it is better that one man should die for the people and the whole nation perish not." 51 This, however, did not say it himself, but as high priest prophesied that Jesus should die for the nation's 52 and not only for the nation, but to gather together the dispersed children of God. 53 So from that day they decided to kill him.54 Jesus therefore no longer went about openly among the Jews, he withdrew from there in the region near the desert, in a city called Ephraim, where he stayed with his disciples.55 Now the Passover of the Jews and many of the regions went to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. 56 They sought Jesus and stood in the temple saying to one another, "What do you think? He will not come to the party?".

Sunday, April 17
Palm Sunday- 2 nd week

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: Philippians 2,6 to 11; The other readings are: Isaiah 50,4to7, Ps 21 (22) Matthew 26,14 to 27,66;

> "Have this mind among yourselves THE CROSS-ANNIHILATION"

This hymn is, in truth, the door of Holy Week. Not enough to remember the tragedy of Jesus, we need to identify with him so that his "feelings" become our own. The feeling is the most profound that a person has, is the engine of life. Jesus used his equality with God, but spent all his divine powers to be reduced to nothing, taking the form of slaves, all the same to us, immersed in our pit, humbling himself to embrace the cross. Oh, if we could live for at least one of these steps with blood! Whoever loves becomes equal to the one you love. We love Jesus, crucified and annihilated because a little 'walks him to be written on our bodies and our souls.

#### Philippians 2.6to11

6 who, though he was God, did not deem cling to his equality with God, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant

and becoming like men, appeared in human form, 8 he humbled himself

and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and gave him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

# Monday, April 18

Holy Monday

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: John from 12,1 to 11;

The other readings are: Isaiah 42,1to7, Psalm 26 (27); "BECOME A BALM FOR JESUS 'SUFFERING'

We do not know exactly the history of this courageous woman who knows how to obey her heart and spreads to the feet of Jesus, for Jesus'. She offers not only pure and very expensive perfume, but the delivery itself: dry Jesus' feet with her hair. This was not even a slave. We do not know what he was doing his body during life, but this gesture is clear the charm and the passion he feels for Jesus is something so hard that tears her heart entirely. The physical act of drying his feet with her hair indicates an intimate and profound despair of his soul to Jesus, who sacrifices herself for her love of love, madness for madness, only lovers can understand!

#### John from 12,1 - 11

1 Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 And this made him a supper and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of the diners. 3 Mary took a pound of ointment of pure nard, very precious and anointed Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair, and the whole house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples, who was to betray him, said, 5 "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarius and given to the poor?". 6 He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief, as he had the cash to take what you put into it. 7 Jesus said, "Let her alone, and why keep it for the day of my burial. 8 The poor you always have with you, but do not always have me. "9 meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that he were there, and came not only Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 10 Then the chief priests decided to kill Lazarus as well, 11 because many Jews were leaving because of him and believing in Jesus.

# Tuesday, April 19

Holy Tuesday

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: <u>John 13,21to33,36to38;</u>
The other readings are: Isaiah 49,1to-6, Psalm 70 (71);
"LOVE YOU VERY MUCH FOR NOT BETRAY"

We are living in the Holy Week, and slowly introduce us in the liturgy of the Passion of Jesus is worth paying attention to the feelings of Jesus predicts Judas' betrayal and Peter: "Jesus was deeply moved." The heart was a "great storm in the sea" was burning in him the desire to sacrifice for love, to receive the "baptism of blood" and turn on the "fire" of redemption, was burning in my heart the desire to "love until the end "and give the 'greater love", he felt crushed by the enormous funnel all the sins of all time that weighed on his head, represented by the betrayal of Judas and Peter. And, above all, reined Love Unlimited, infinite affection, which allowed John to recline the head and lay on his chest, a "burning desire" to eat the Lord's Supper with the apostles. A neuropsychiatric atheist analyzing these feelings of Jesus, with the intention of destroying Christianity, was converted. At the end of his analysis concluded that it is impossible for an ordinary man, fully conscious, the edge of a terrible death and have so much love in my heart and peace in the body, which could even eat. No one is able to eat an hour before they got on! For the feelings, attitudes and choices of Jesus, we too can be converted to an "GREATER LOVE" intimacy 'GREATER WITH JESUS 'suffering, crucified and forsaken. Only those who have the courage to enter into the fiery furnace of the heart of Jesus, takes on the love that overcomes the temptation of betrayal, a love that does not cool down, a love that gives life, because his brother comes live again.

#### John 13,21to33.36to38

21 said these things, Jesus was deeply moved, and declared: "Verily, verily I say unto one of you shall betray me. 22 The disciples looked at one another, not knowing whom he meant. 23 Now one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to Jesus '24 Simon Peter beckoned to him and said,'

Say, who is the one to which you refer? ". 25 And he so reclining on Jesus' breast, said, "Lord, who is?". 26 Then Jesus said: "He is the one for which dipped a morsel and give it to him." Dipped the morsel, he took it and gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. 27 Then after the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus then said, "What you do, do quickly." 28 None of the others understood why he said this, 29 some thought that Judas had the cash, Jesus told him: "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. 30 Having taken the morsel, he went out. It was night. 31 When he had gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. 32 If God is glorified in him, God will glorify her and will glorify him immediately. 33 children, I just am with you, ye seek me, but as I said to the Jews, so now I say to you: where I go, ye cannot come. 36 Simon Peter said to him: "Lord, where are you going?". Jesus replied: "Where I go for now you can not follow me, follow me later." 37 Peter said, "Lord, why cannot I follow you now? I will give my life for you. " 38 Jesus answered, "Lay down your life for me? Verily, verily, I say the rooster will not crow before you have disowned me three times.

# Wednesday, April 20

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: <u>Psalm 21 (22);</u>
The other readings are: Isaiah 50,4-9, Matthew 26,14-25;
"MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY YOU FORSAKEN ME"

This is a wonderful Psalm of the last moments of Jesus' life who want to join him in his passion, meditate with care and love each phrase of the song today. Jesus is the "poor" who takes upon himself the curse that we sinners deserve. It's impressive the power of Jesus, Love Crucified "worm", "contempt", "mocked", "troubled," "Lost," "naked," "abandoned", with hands and feet "slain", think again and vibrates for evangelization and for the praise, "will announce your name to my brothers; dying, dream of evangelizing those who crucify him and those who cause his death. In his heart there is a song of praise, as in the heart of the martyrs: 'that poor people eat and are satisfied, and praise the Lord that those who seek him'. That we can live and die with Jesus, this Holy Week.

#### Psalm 21 (22)

2 "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? You are far from my salvation 'are the words of my groaning. 3 My God, I call by day and do not answer, I cry at night and I find no rest. 4 Yet you holy, you, the praises of Israel. 5 In you our fathers hoped, hoped, and you set them free, 6 to you cried and were rescued, hoping you were not disappointed.7 But I am a worm and no man, scorned by men, despised by the people.8 I mock those who see me shoot out their lips and shake their heads: 9 "He trusted the Lord would deliver him, release him, if his friend." 10 You're the one who took me from the womb; you made me stand on my mother's breast. 11 At my birth I have gathered you, from my mother's womb you are my God I do not stay away from 12, for trouble is near and no one helps me. 13 Many bulls have surrounded me, bulls of Bashan encircle me. 14 open wide their mouths against like a lion ravening and roaring. 15 I am poured out like water, all my bones are out of joint. My heart is like wax, melting in the midst of my bowels. 16 It is dry as a potsherd my mouth; my tongue cleaves to the throat, the dust of death I've laid. 17 For dogs have surrounded me, I besiege a band of evil men have pierced my hands and my feet, 18 I can count all my bones. They stare at me and observed: 19 divide my gaments, my clothing they cast lots. 20 But thou, O Lord, do not stay away, my strength, haste to help me. 21 Escape me by the sword, from the claws of the dog in my life. 22 Save me from the mouth of the lion and the horns of the buffalo. 23 I will declare thy name unto my brethren and praise you in the assembly. 24 Praise the Lord, you who fear him, give him glory, the race of Jacob, the all the race of Israel, 25 because he has not despised or disdained the poverty of the poor, has not hidden his face, but, at the cry for help, he answered. 26 You are my praise in the great assembly; I will my vows in front of his faithful. 27 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, praise the Lord who seeks him: "May your heart lives forever." 28 remember and return to the Lord all the ends of the earth, bow down before him all the families of the people. 29 For the kingdom is the Lord, he is ruler of all nations. 30 He shall worship only those sleeping under the ground in front of him who bends down to the dust. And I will live for him, 31 will serve my children. You speak of the Lord to generations yet to come; 32 declare his righteousness to a people yet unborn, "Behold the Lord's work."

## Thursday, April 21

# INSTITUTION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST INSTITUTION OF THE PRIESTHOOD COMMANDMENT OF LOVE

(If possible, we participate in our Cathedral in the morning, at Mass with the Bishop of the holy oils and all the priests)

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: <u>John from 13,1 to 15;</u> Other readings: Exodus 12,1to8.11to14; Ps 115 (116) 1 Cor 11,23-26;

We all know that St. John in his Gospel does not include the institution of the Eucharist, because it had already been well explained by St. Paul, St. Mark, St. Matthew and St. Luke. John, writing many years after the other, it reveals new things tells us, for example, that during the Last Supper was the washing of feet, which is an explanation of the Eucharist: "I am (God). If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet ... I have given you an example so as I did, you also should do "... it is as if Jesus said: "DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME." Feeding of the Holy Eucharist and become "shed blood, broken bread and distributed to all." Who does not spill his blood and not "broken" for others is not worthy of the Eucharist. This is the commandment of love: "Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end (to drink)" "Love one another ... In this holy night, Jesus creates the PRIESTHOOD AND ESTABLISHING THE FORMER "priests": the poor Apostles to perpetuate the sacrifice of Jesus until the end of time. Let us meditate on the text now and then, with patience the other readings that are in the diary. We Provide A TIME OF WORSHIP TOGETHER OR, at least personal, using the pattern of the diary. Let's closest to the Eucharist.

#### John from 13.1 to 15

1 Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father, having loved his own that were in the world, he loved them at the end. 2 And during supper, when the devil had already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, 3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he came from God and returning to God, 4 rose from supper, laid aside his gaments, and took a towel and wrapped it around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said, "Lord, dost thou wash my feet?". 7 Jesus answered, "What I do, you will not know now, but later you will understand." 8 Peter said to him: "I never wash my feet." Jesus replied: "If you do not wash you, you have no part with me." 9 Simon Peter said, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head." 10 Jesus said, "Whoever has bathed has no need to wash your feet and if it is clean all over and you are clean, but not all." 11 For he knew who should betray him, why he said "are not all clean."12 When he had washed their feet and taken his gaments, he sat down again and said, 'You know what I have done? 13 Ye call me Master and Lord, and rightly, so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your.

# Friday, April 22

### PASSION AND DEATH OF OUR LORD JESUS 'CHRIST

(If you can watch the movie 'The Passion and do the Belem's Stations of the Cross)

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: <u>Isaiah from 52,13 to 53,12;</u>
The other readings are: Psalm 30 (31), Hebrews 4,14to16; John 18,1 to 19,42;
"THROUGH HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED!"

It is worthwhile to begin this great day, meditating on this 4th of SONG "THE SERVANT OF Javhè'" which is Jesus himself. During the day, attended the celebrations in our communities. We live with "Passion" "Passion" of Jesus only those who plunged, with all my heart, in the Passion of Jesus can feel his infinite love and the deep identification of Jesus with all the suffering of this world with you you're hurting. In suffering, accepted with love and patience, we become one, and Jesus. Suffering is a special visit JESUS 'in the sense that he not only talks to you, but I embrace the suffering, I hand you BOTH have you come to Him and He comes into you. Every

cross that we receive, large or small, and a hug so powerful and overwhelming that Jesus gives us, we disappear inside of him, our bodies crucified interpenetrate as in the Holy Eucharist. This is the greatest revolution in history, which dies with JESUS 'will raise with him, because death itself is the beginning of the Resurrection. Our Baptism is fulfilled on the Cross, as St. Paul said: crucified with Jesus, 'died with him, buried in the tomb with Jesus, but also: raised with Him, alive together with Jesus, raised to heaven with Him All this happens every time I embrace our Cross. Through the cross, He, He Who is' CRUCIFIED penetrates us and we in him. It is the union up!

#### Isaiah 52,13to53,12

52.13 Behold, my servant will prosper, will be honored, exalted and highly exalted. 14 As many were astonished at him - he was so marred, beyond its appearance of a man and his form from that of the sons of men - 15 so shall he startle many nations, the kings before him shall shut their mouths, because they see something not reported to them and understands what they had never heard. 53.1 Who would have believed our report? Who would be the arm of the Lord? 2 He grew up like a sapling before him, like a root out of dry ground. He had no form or comeliness that we should look, feel and no beauty in him delight. 3 He was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, like one from whom men hide their face, He was despised and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he bore our suffering; he took on our pain and we being punished, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed. 6 We had all gone astray like sheep, each following his own way; the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. 7 oppressed, humiliated and left never opened his mouth, like a lamb led to slaughter like a sheep dumb before its shearers, so he opened not his mouth. 8 By oppression and unjust sentence was taken away, who laments his fate? He was cut off from the land of the living for the transgression of my people was He stricken. 9 And they made a grave with the wicked, and with a rich man in his tomb, although he had done no violence nor was any deœit in his mouth. 10 But the Lord to bruise him. When himself an offering for sin, see his offspring, live longer, will be accomplished through him the Lord's will. 11 His soul's torment will see the light and be satisfied of his knowledge my righteous servant will justify the many, and he shall bear their iniquities.12 Therefore I will give him in the great, powerful he shall divide the spoil, he has delivered himself to death and was numbered with the transgressors, yet he bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors.

## Holy Saturday April 23

# "STAY WITH JESUS 'TOMB IN WAITING FOR THE RESURRECTION" For the Spiritual Diary ponders: John 19,38to42;

The Spiritual Diary enables us to live intensely this day with Jesus, remaining faithful with Him in the tomb, awaiting the Resurrection. Everything happens so quickly in our lives that we run the risk of not understanding. Life and death are so commonplace that only a deep meditation, a silent adoration, may help us to penetrate the mystery. There is "time" infinity of silence and the great "void" between the "death" of Jesus and his Resurrection", speaking in a human way. What happened in these "40" of the three hours between Friday afternoon and the early hours of Easter Sunday? What happened in these "three days of the tomb? Jesus descended into "hell", as the "Apostles Creed", but what does this mean, how much is this Jesus? You can accompany the readings of the diary, the texts that help you reflect. It is important to "stay" on the side of Jesus, on this day, watching, meditating, and uniting its choice for us to annihilate mankind. Even today, we spend at least an hour before the image of the Cross Adoration of the Dead Christ. Even in our lives, we would like everyone to be rapid, that the "dead" became "resurrection" in a blink of an eye, everything was like a nice romantic movie, but it is not so: the grave is long, the silence seems to never end, evil seems to be stronger than good, everything is harder than we thought ... but JESUS 'resurrect'!

#### John 19,38to42

38 After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to take the body of Jesus and Pilate gave him. Then he went and took the body of Jesus 39 I also went Nicodemus, the same one who had come to him at night, and brought a mixture

of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. 40 They took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as the burial custom of the Jews. 41 At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden and the garden a new tomb where no one had yet been laid. 42 There they laid Jesus, because of the preparation of the Jews as the tomb was close.

# Sunday, April 24

## FASTER

"JESUS IS RISEN. HALLELUJAH!"

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: <u>Matthew from 28,1 to 10;</u> Other readings: Acts 10,34to43; Ps 117 (118) Over 3,1 to 4;

"AND GO QUICKLY, TO SAY: IS RISEN!

Today is the day of ultimate joy and true.

The world of darkness is defeated. Life has won and crushing death under the feet. It is difficult from the narrow pass of the Friday explosion of radiant joy of Easter Sunday, but the truth is this: God is more! God is more than any death! There is no stone, however large, able to stop it. Jesus is raised and tramples under his feet any "patch of death", any sadness that suffocates your life. Hope triumphs and achievements: an "earthquake" of happiness. The real name of the "problems" and "solutions" because, in any situation in life, the last word is not Easter and grave. How beautiful to look at life through the eyes of the Risen One! What we have to do now is simply: "Go quickly to say: 'RISEN!", Go to touch all the "mounds" of this world and open them with the luminous power of the Resurrection. Only joy and peace for those who entrust themselves totally, body and soul, into the arms of the Risen Jesus.

Peace and Joy! Happy Easter in Jesus!

#### **Matthew 28,1 to 10**

1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to visit the tomb. 2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord desænded from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. 4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women: "Do not be afraid; I know that ye seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here. He is raised, as he said Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: He is raised from the dead and before you into Galilee, and there you will see it. Behold, I have told you. "8 And they departed quickly from the sepulcher with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 And behold, Jesus met them saying, All hail. "And they came and held him by the feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said unto them, be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee and there they will see me.

# Monday, April 25

It is Easter for the whole week!

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: <u>Mark 16,14to20;</u> Other readings: 1 Peter 5,5to14, Psalm 88 (89);

"GO AROUND THE WORLD PREACHING THE GOD NEWS OF THE 'RISEN'"

The devastating power of the Resurrection cannot be contained: nothing can stop this joy that extends everywhere. Our life must be removed from a tomb as many people as we can because Jesus has already received their resurrection and it is useless to live inside a closed coffin when Jesus calls us to life, "Lazarus come out!" That our life is a continuous cry Jesus raised again in your heart, out of your hole and your sorrows, is an ORDER OF THE RISEN!

#### Mark 16,14-20

14 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who had seen him resurrected. 15 Jesus said to them: "Go into the entire world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will cast out demons, speak with new tongues, 18 will take up serpents and if they drink any poison, they will go against them, lay hands on the sick and they will recover '. 19 The Lord Jesus, after speaking with them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God 20 And they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirming the word through accompanying signs.

## Tuesday, April 26

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: <u>John 20,11to18;</u> The other readings are: 1 Peter 5,5to14, Psalm 88 (89); "WOMAN, WHY 'CRY'

Who weeps not recognize Jesus, who is too bent on their sorrow cannot believe in miracles. It seems impossible, but it's true: a woman with a sensitivity and passion for Jesus, that Mary Magdalene was, could not recognize his beloved master, because his eyes were full of tears and death. But, suddenly, the Love can open a gap inside this broken heart. Just a word to shake the intimate structure of this woman. Jesus called her "Mary." It is much more than a word: it is a love relationship, because the name indicates the person. It is the experience of Mary Magdalene with the Risen Christ: "Isaw the Lord!" From that moment Mary acquires the "eyes" of Jesus and sees everything differently. Our life changes radically when we fix our eyes in the Risen One.

#### John from 20.1 to 18

In the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been away from the tomb. 2 She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and told them: "They have taken the Lord from the tomb and we do not know where they have laid him." 3 So Peter went out with the other disciple, and came to the tomb. 4 They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not enter. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying, 7 and the cloth that had covered his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then went in also that other disciple, who reached the tomb first, and he saw and believed. 9 they did not yet understand the scripture that he must raise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples went back home again. 11 But Mary stood outside the tomb crying. While she wept, she bent down into the tomb 12 and saw two angels in white sitting, the one at the head and the other foot, where he had placed the body of Jesus 13 And they said, "Woman, Why are you crying? ". Said to them: "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they laid him." 14 That said she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, and knew not that it was Jesus 15 Jesus said to her: "Woman, why are you crying? Whom do you seek? ". She thought it was the gardener, said: "Lord, if you have carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him." 16 Jesus said unto her, Mary. " She turned toward him, told him in Hebrew, "Rabbi," which means Master 17 Jesus said, "Do not hold me, I have not yet ascended to my Father: but go 'from my brothers and tell them,' I am ascending to my Father and your Father, my God and your God." 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to his disciples: "I saw the Lord" and also what he had said.

## Wednesday, April 27

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: <u>Luke 24,13to35;</u>
The other readings are: Acts 3:1to10; Psalm 104 (105);
"THERE WAS BURNING WHEN I EXPLAIN PERHAPS THE HEART"

Today the liturgy presents to us the wonderful song of the disciples of Emmaus. It repeats the experience of Mary Magdalene: "their eyes wander unable to see him." Worse still, with great cowardice, these disciples fled from Jerusalem, sad, disappointed, scared, with no faith. But Jesus, with a lot of patience and forgiveness we can approach them and brings back the MAGIC in their hearts, rekindle the old flame. Write in your notebook, as were the feelings of these two disciples meet Jesus before and after. Their eyes were opened when Jesus broke the bread: the Holy Eucharist. Let us today, we too personal contact with Jesus, by the adoration shown in the diary, we also do worship together (in two or three) in the chapel.

#### Luke 24,13-35

13 Now that same day, two of them were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, 14 and talking about everything that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said unto them, what is this conversation that you are doing together as you walk along? ". They stood still, looking sad, 18 one of them, named Cleopas, asked him: "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know what is happening these days?". 19 asked: "What?". They said, 'Everything about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 as

the chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death and then they crucified. 21 We had hoped it was going to redeem Israel, with all that is now the third day since these things has happened. 22 But some of our women amazed us, who arrived in the morning to the tomb 23 and did not find his body, they came and told us they had seen a vision of angels who dedared he was alive. 24 Some of our friends went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but he did not see. "25 And he said unto them, O foolish and slow of heart to believe all the prophets have spoken! 26 not necessary that the Christ should suffer and enter into his glory? ". 27 And beginning with Moses and the prophets he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning him. 28 As they approached the village where they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us because it is evening and the day is almost over." He went to stay with them. 30 When he was at table with them, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. But he vanished from their sight. 32 And they said one to another, "There is perhaps his heart was burning in the chest while he talked with us on the road, when the scriptures to us?" 33 And they went with haste, and returned to Jerusalem, where they found the eleven gathered together and the others who were with them, 34 who said: "Truly the Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." 35 Then they told what had happened on the way and how he was known in the breaking of bread.

# Thursday, April 28

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: <u>Luke 24,35to48</u>; Other readings: Acts 3,11to26, Psalm 8; "HF WFNT'"

The Resurrection is an event so remote from human reasoning, and raises difficult to believe "dread," "fear," along with "joy" and "euphoria." Despite having lived three years with Jesus, with Jesus, day and night, still have a head so small she cannot believe. We too are like that or worse, despite the many blessings we have received, yet we do not believe that you can really rise. Jesus tells us that we must "open spirit," expands our hearts, increase our faith, especially grant us the grace to take the resurrection as the fundamental idea of our lives.

#### Luke 24,35-48

35 Then they told what had happened on the way and how he was known in the breaking of bread. 36 While they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said, "Peace is with you". 37 Amazed and frightened, supposed that they saw a ghost. 38 But he said: "Why are you troubled and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 See my hands and my feet that are me! Touch me and see a ghost has not flesh and bones as you see I have. "40 In saying this, he showed them his hands and feet. 41 But as for the great joy they were still incredulous and amazed, said, "Have you anything here to eat?" 42 gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 he took it and ate it before them. 44 Then he said: "These are the words that I said when I was still with you that must be fulfilled everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures and said: 46 "Thus it is written that the Christ should suffer and rise from the dead on the third day 47 and in his name be preached to all nations' repentance and forgiveness of sins; beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses.

# Friday, April 29

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: <u>John from 21,1 to 14;</u>
The other readings are: 4,1 to 12 Acts, Psalm 117 (118);
"... GOING FISHING"

For three years Simon Peter had left his boat and his nets to follow the master, and now, rising again on the shores of that lake where Jesus had called him, sees the boat and he is tempted, "I'm going fishing ... I think it was just a dream ... I want to return to my simple life before .... " And this temptation, drag the others. But Peter does not know that he is no longer the same. The Master has changed its nature: a fisherman's fish fishers of men. This return to the past is a failure "did not catch anything!" There is no possibility for those who are called, to go back. And Jesus is so powerful, in his love, which overturns everything, causes a "miraculous fishing" and makes it a symbol of the Church: a network that is bursting with fish, but does not

break. Turn the fish into a symbol of Evangelism and Peter understands: I AM Fishers of Men, and my boat is the Church! After this, Jesus asks Peter three times: "do you love me?" Asks Peter a new, strong, firm 'YES'. "And, the last meeting between Jesus and Peter, it is concluded in the same manner as the first, when it all began: "Come follow me." That's what we do, without getting tired, his whole life, starting a follow Jesus in every moment, go to the love that He shows us the high seas, without fear, fishing in a "different" as he taught us.

#### John from 21,1 to 14

1 After these things Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples on the Tiberia's Sea. And it happened like this: two were together Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two other disciples. 3 Simon Peter said: "I'm going fishing." They said: 'We'll come with you. "They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4 When was already breaking, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus 5 Jesus said to them, "Children, you have nothing to eat?" They said, 'No'. 6 So he said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat and you will find." The cast and could not haul it in because of the quantity of fish. 7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he encircled the hips, for he was stripped, and jumped into the sea. 8 The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish they were not far from shore, only a hundred meters. 9 When they landed, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. 10 Jesus said "Bring some 'of the fish you just caught." 11 Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty large fish. Even though there were many, the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them: 'Come and eat. "None of the disciples dared ask, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. 13 Then Jesus came, he took bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. 14 This was the third time that Jesus revealed to his disciples after rising from the dead.

## Saturday, April 30

For the Spiritual Diary ponders: <u>John 20, 19to23;</u> Other readings: Acts 4,13-21, Psalm 117 (118); "RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT"

"IF YOU FORGIVE THE SINS OF WHO DO NOT REDUCE THEM, ARE RETAINED"  $\,$ 

With this appearance on the evening of Easter day, Jesus creates the sacrament of confession. No doubt, there is only "confess directly to God, "you must receive the blessing of an Apostle or his successors. Forgiveness of an Apostle or a father is God's forgiveness. The Holy Spirit makes us capable of doing this miracle every time a father raises his hand to bless. Let us, therefore, today, to make a good confession, or at least, to prepare for this. In this way our hearts are completely open to the grace of the Risen One.

#### John 20,19to23

19 The evening of that day, the first of the week, the doors were locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peaœ be with you ". 20 Having said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiæd when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peaæ is with you! As the Father has sent me, I send you. "22 Having said this, he breathed on them, and said, "Reæive the Holy Spirit; 23 if you forgive the sins are forgiven and who does not forgive them, are retained."