

Star of May: Faith

Faith prepares us to see God. (Pope Francis)

The journey of faith is not alienation, but preparation of one's heart to see the beautiful face of God. This is the thought that Pope Francis expressed in his homily during the Mass celebrated last Friday 26, of March, in the house of Saint Martha .

The whole of Christian life, the Pope said, *"is a work of Jesus, of the Holy Spirit ... to prepare your eyes to see ..."*

In the month of May the People of the Queen of the Lilies meditate on the virtue of Faith.

Let's see how Mother Lillian speaks of this virtue.

Presenting the gigantic faith of the Queen of the Lilies, Mother Lillian of Paradise, first of all, tries to answer the question: where does this incredible faith come from?

Mother Lillian, meditating on the mystery of the Annunciation, addresses to the Heavenly Mother this way:

"Prey of the love of God that disrupts Your humble existence, You believed the words of the angel without the slightest hesitation ...". (M.L.)

"The eyes of faith are able to see the Invisible!" (Benedict XVI)

Now, we can reasonably say, then, that Faith is the result of the 'pure love of God that makes you "see" even here on earth, "in some way", the Invisible. Benedict XVI, Emeritus Pope , at the catechesis given last January 23, 2013, stated, inter alia, that *"The eyes of faith are thus able to see the invisible"*.

In this regard, Mother Lillian thinking about the post-modern culture, asks this question:

"How can the modern mindset not hear the divine heartbeat pulsing in the immensity of creation, and not see the tracks, the presence of Someone who rules over and moves all ?" (M. L.)

Mother Lillian identifies the cause of man's inability to "feel" the presence of God, in the fact that:

"The modern paganism has extinguished every spark of religiosity, has choked even the weakest semblance of good, has enslaved the majority of men, enmeshed in the matter, taking away their freedom of spirit." (M. L.)

The mission of Queen of the Lilies

For this reason Mother Lillian of Paradise implores the intercession of the Queen of the Lilies:

"Come oh White Queen of the Lilies, with the power of your faith with the charm of Thy lily-like beauty, with the tenderness of Your Mother's Heart , to stem the overwhelming tide of heresy and atheism; come towards the human race that is lost in the dark labyrinth of sin and vice, and enkindle in the hearts of many of your children the flaming torch of faith. " (M. L.)

"Without faith it is impossible to please God" (Hebrews 11:6)

Faith is necessary to man because only this virtue can enable you to "pass from this world to the Father", through love to the end. In fact, Mother Lillian making us contemplate the unsurpassed testimony of faith of our Heavenly Mother at the foot of the Cross says:

"... On the top of Calvary, when it seems like a failure all the work of Jesus, in front of that divine body pierced and despised, in front of that scene of blood and shame, where it would collapse any moral fortitude, Your gigantic faith, oh humble Mother of the Crucified, does not waver, but strengthens your spirit with pain, making you stay steadfast and firm, immovable as a rock, at the foot of the Cross. " (M. L.)

The faith of the Pope

In conclusion we would like to make ours the prayer that Mother Lillian addresses to the White Queen of the Lilies in favor of the Pope:

"Protect, O White Queen of the Lilies , the Vicar of Christ, look at him with maternal tenderness: He is Your favorite son ... he is a child who loves you immensely and got on his lips Your sweet name of Mother.

Infuse in his heart of Supreme Pastor of the Church that strength and that love that only You can give. In this way the Holy Father will be able to hold high the torch of faith, as a trophy of victory, as a symbol of peace and unity in the sky of the world, turning it with Thee, Queen of faith, in Your Name and under Your flag, into a sea of fire, into an ocean of flame for You and Your beloved Jesus. "(M. L.) Amen!

Dear Friends we are still in the Easter season and before I leave you, I want to wish you once again the Protection and Blessing of the Risen Lord!

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