



APOSTLESHIP OF THE CROSS
Houston Center

**Priests, and especially Bishops, are called to be Jesus
in the World**

“The Priest who fulfills his mission will be another Me” Life 6, 345-346; CC25,259-265)

“Identified with Me he is another Me, that is, he is then Myself when consecrating, in that mystery of love which is worked at the transubstantiation” (CC 49, 181).

In Jesus’ Confidences to Conchita, we learn that our Lord has been preparing his Church for this moment of purification; it is a time of grace that takes us to the roots of our Priesthood. This moment of great growing in humility for our priests will bring sanctification to many souls. If only the priest would think back, reminiscing on the day of his consecration to God. How and what, Priest, did you sense and experience at that moment? What led you to ignore this personal and intimate experience of unsurpassed grace?

Jesus shares with Conchita:

“I need others on earth, forming only one Me in my Church by their unity of sights, of intentions and of ideals; forming only one mystical Body with Me, only one wish with the will of my Father; only one soul with the Holy Spirit; one unity in the Trinity out of duty, out of justice, out of love.” (CC 50, 102)

“And the goal of the Church in its intrinsic part is to form on earth only one Jesus, Savior of souls; only one Priest in the eternal Priest by their union, resemblance and identification with Him.” (CC 50,126)

“Thus, I in them and they in Me will glorify the Father in only one praise; and with souls, we would form that perfect unity in the Church, which must honor the Trinity.” (CC 50,253)

“The purpose of these confidences has been to unite all priests in the unity of the Trinity, but transformed in Me; they have the goal of making of all of them only one Jesus; I in them; not many Jesus, but one only.” (CC 50, 292)

“I want all my bishops and priests absorbed in the unity of the Trinity so they may be fruitful in souls, so they may engender in the virgin Church souls for heaven.” (CC 50, 4)

“The Father is constantly engendering his Word in Himself and working the Mystery of the Trinity... and is eternally rejoicing in Himself in his unity of the Trinity, He wants to attract everything to the unity; for that He formed his only Church, where all souls must form unity

in the Word, through the Holy Spirit, an the mission of the priest is to bring souls to that unity.” (CC 50,88)

Priests, we want you to know that many of us laymen and women hunger for Holiness, a gift and mission you have been entrusted to fulfill. Teach us how to live in communion with the blessed Trinity. But, in order to accomplish your mission, you, yourself, must live a holy life.

If we desire to have priests that live a holy life, I exhort you to form families that are holy. But this holiness must first be lived by us. A priest who has eternally consecrated his life to God, is the fruit of a family. Neither the priests nor their vows and formation are the direct causes for the serious problems confronted by our Church today. Those are only some of the issues, as having been ordained without fully taking into consideration their personal problems is another aspect. If we take a closer look at what is happening, we will understand to what extent we too are responsible. Yes, we need priests that are holy but for this to happen, we need to form families that are holy. Families with strong ties that are united by a love of God, in other words, a family invaded by the presence of God.

In her later years (1935), Conchita wrote that Jesus asked for the formation of a Chain of Souls who would sacrifice for the glory of the Father, following the spirit of the Apostleship of the Cross.

“It is a union of souls that are pure, who without any personal gain, are sacrificial victims in this world, fulfilling their responsibilities with love and zeal, sacrificing their lives, to give me glory”.

He asks that these souls form a Crusade for the Sanctification of Families and that their mission is to offer up their sacrifices in atonement for divorced couples, who violating God’s law harm many souls, not only those who execute the divorce but of husbands and wives, children, society, etc. He tells her that divorce brings about many sins that no one remembers to atone for. That these sins need reparation and many special graces for those who commit them.

He addresses sins of adultery, of mothers who commit crimes, cold and indifferent mothers who set bad examples and neglect their responsibilities with their children. Jesus talked about these social problems in 1935. What would He say today with countless abortions being performed? Lives are truncated in wombs from the very beginning, as roots being cut from a tree. Violence grows every day and we wonder and still don’t understand what is going on in our planet. Only priests are to blame? Let’s take a closer look at families whose lives are not centered around God. I think we have a clear picture from what we read in the daily news and from what we observe around us.

I ask all of you that, united in one heart, in the image of the Holy Trinity, we offer ourselves as victims in unity with Jesus, for the sanctification of families; therefore, for the sanctification of Priests.

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