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Talking

Juan Adolfo Moguel Ortiz
President



Dear brothers and sisters:

Receive my greetings along with prayers and wishes for personal, family and community well-being. On this occasion we left room for the shocking message of Pope Francis, who called us to an empty square where we were all united in prayer, with indescribable emotions and a longing for this pandemic to end.

"The world will be very different after this." This phrase pierces my heart since we began to experience this unexpected storm and I share it so that from our quarantine, we convert that time to pray for others, to take care of ourselves, to help others from home.

This time is a great opportunity to reflect and renew our habits, our thoughts, our actions as apostles that with courage and hope in the Lord, we ask you to listen to our prayer.

Our destiny is only known by God, our life is in his hands, our way is to always be close, communicated and united in prayer and solidary purpose.

Saint Paul the Apostle, Pray for us.

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Reflecting

Mons. Faustino Armendáriz Jiménez
Archbishop of Durango and OMCC Advisor



His Holiness Pope Francis calls us to remain together with Him, as disciples who know their own identity. If we are truly his disciples, we persevere in his Word that never passes, that never disappoints, that is always there.

Again I call you to a permanent Day of Prayer, and through social networks, the Internet and the OMCC Page, to be close to the Eucharist, to the Prayer of the Holy Rosary and to personal and family prayer.

In this unique moment that we have to live, with pain, priests and laity experience, in this historical time, Holy Communion, but the Lord will know how to strengthen ourselves to wait, with patience and devotion, for the moment when we receive it again.

As Pope Francis said: "We are all in this boat. As those disciples, who speak with one voice and with anguish say: "we perish" (cf. v. 38), we too discovered that we cannot follow each one on our own, but only together. It is easy to identify with this story, the difficult thing is to understand the attitude of Jesus. "

Receive my blessing and let us put into the hands of God and our Blessed Mother, this human storm and the projects that have inspired us to be the faithful custodians to safeguard our beloved Movement.

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NEWS



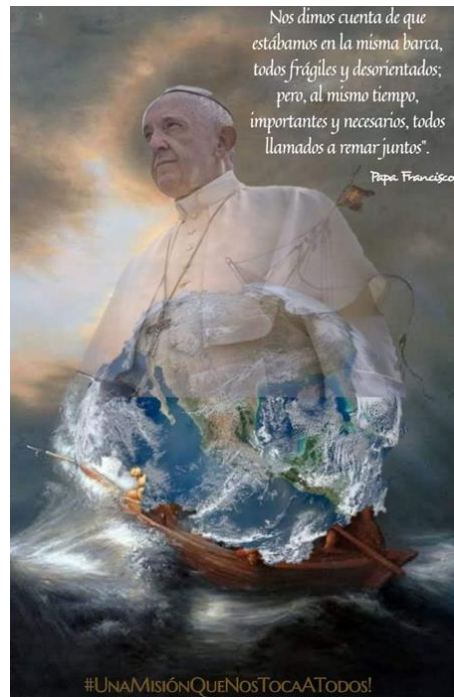
Vatican City, March 27, 2020.- Meditation of Pope Francis in Urbi et Orbi blessing, St. Peter's Square empty to ask for the end of the coronavirus or COVID19 epidemic

"At dusk" (Mk 4.35). Thus begins the Gospel that we have heard. For a few weeks now it seems that everything has darkened. Dense darkness has covered our squares, streets and cities; they took over our lives, filling everything with a deafening silence and a desolate emptiness that paralyzes everything in its path: it palpates in the air, it feels in the gestures, the eyes say it.

We find ourselves scared and lost. Like the Gospel disciples, we were struck by an unexpected and raging storm. We realized that we were in the same boat, all fragile and disoriented; but, at the same time, important and necessary, all called to row together, all needed to comfort each other.

In this boat, we are all. As those disciples, who speak with one voice and with anguish say: "we perish" (cf. v. 38), we too discovered that we cannot follow each one on our own, but only

together. It is easy to identify with this story, the difficult thing is to understand the attitude of Jesus.



While the disciples, logically, were alarmed and desperate, He remained aft, in the part of the boat that first sinks. And what does it do? Despite the hustle and bustle, he slept peacefully, trusting in the Father — it is the only time in the Gospel that Jesus appears sleeping.

After he was awakened and the wind and waters calmed, he addressed the disciples with a reproachful tone: "Why are you afraid? Still have no faith? (v. 40). Let's try to understand it. What is the lack of faith of the disciples that is opposed to the confidence of Jesus? They had not stopped believing in Him; in fact, they invoked it. But let's see how they invoke it: "Master, don't you care that we perish?" (v. 38).

You don't care: they thought Jesus was disinterested in them, that he wasn't paying attention to them. Among us, in our families, what hurts the most is when we hear people say: "Do you not care?" It is a phrase that hurts and unleashes storms in the heart. It will also shake Jesus, because He cares more than anyone. In fact, once invoked, it saves its distrustful disciples.

The storm unmaskes our vulnerability and exposes those false and superfluous assurances with which we had built our agendas, our projects, routines and priorities. It shows us how we had slept and abandoned what feeds, sustains and gives strength to our life and our community.

The storm uncovers all attempts to box and forget what nourished the soul of our peoples; all those attempts to anesthetize with apparent "saving" routines, incapable of appealing to our roots and evoking the memory of our elders, thus depriving us of the immunity necessary to face adversity.

With the storm, the makeup of those stereotypes with which we disguised our always pretentious egos to want to appear, fell off; and he exposed, once again, that (blessed) common belonging that we cannot and do not want to escape; that membership of brothers.

Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith? Lord, this afternoon your Word challenges us and addresses us all. In our world, which You love more than us, we have advanced rapidly, feeling strong and capable of everything. Greedy for profit, we have allowed ourselves to be absorbed by the material and upset by the rush.

We have not stopped at your calls, we have not awakened to wars and injustices in the world, we have not heard the cry of the poor and our seriously ill planet. We have continued unperturbed, thinking of always staying healthy in a sick world.

Now, while we are in rough seas, we beg you: "Wake up, Lord." Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith? Lord, you are addressing us with a call, a call to faith. That it is not so much to believe that You exist, but to go to you and trust you. In this Lent your urgent call resounds: "Convert yourselves", "return to me with all your heart" (Jl 2,12).

You call us to take this trial time as a time of choice. It is not the time of your judgment, but of our judgment: the time to choose between what really counts and what happens, to separate what is necessary from what is not. It is time to re-establish the course of life towards you, Lord, and towards others.

And we can look at so many traveling companions who are exemplary, because, in fear, they have reacted giving their own lives. It is the operating force of the Spirit poured out and reflected in brave and generous deliveries. It is the life of the Spirit capable of rescuing, valuing, and showing how our lives are woven and supported by ordinary people —currently forgotten— who do not appear on the covers of newspapers and magazines, nor on the great catwalks of the last show but, without place doubts, the decisive events in our history are writing today: doctors, nurses and nurses, those in charge of replenishing products in supermarkets, cleaners, caregivers, transporters, security forces, volunteers, priests, religious and many, many others who understood that no one saves himself.

Faced with suffering, where the true development of our peoples is measured, we discover and experience the priestly prayer of Jesus: "May they all be one" (Jn 17:21). How many people every day show patience and instill hope, taking care not to sow panic but stewardship. How many fathers, mothers, grandfathers and grandmothers, teachers show our children, with small and daily gestures, how to face and go through a crisis readapting routines, raising glances and promoting prayer. How many people pray, offer and intercede for the good of all. Prayer and silent service are our overcoming weapons.

Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith? The beginning of faith is knowing that we need salvation. We are not self-sufficient; alone we sink. We need the Lord like the ancient sailors the stars. Let's invite Jesus to the boat of our life. Let us deliver our fears to him, that he may overcome them.

Like the disciples, we will experience that, with Him on board, he does not sink. Because this is the strength of God: turning everything that happens to us, even the bad, into something

good. He brings serenity in our storms, because with God life never dies. The Lord challenges us and, in the midst of our storm, invites us to awaken and activate that solidarity and hope capable of giving solidity, containment and meaning to these hours where everything seems to be shipwrecked.

The Lord wakes up to awaken and revive our paschal faith. We have an anchor: on his Cross we have been saved. We have a rudder: on his Cross we have been rescued. We have hope: on his Cross we have been healed and embraced so that no one or nothing separates us from his redeeming love. In the middle of the isolation where we are suffering the lack of affections and encounters, experiencing the lack of so many things, let us listen once again to the announcement that saves us: he has risen and lives by our side.

The Lord challenges us from his Cross to rediscover the life that awaits us, to look at those who claim us, to empower, recognize and encourage the grace that inhabits us. Let us not extinguish the smoking flame (cf. Is 42,3), which never becomes ill, and let hope reignite.

Embracing your Cross is daring to embrace all the setbacks of the present time, abandoning for a moment our desire for omnipotence and possession to give space to creativity that only the Spirit is capable of arousing. It is encouraging to motivate spaces where everyone can feel called and allow new forms of hospitality, fraternity and solidarity.

On her Cross we have been saved to host hope and let her be the one who strengthens and sustains all possible measures and paths that help us to take care of ourselves. Embrace the Lord to embrace hope. This is the force of faith, which frees fear and gives hope.

Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith? Dear brothers and sisters: From this place, which narrates the stony faith of Peter, this afternoon I would like to entrust you all to the Lord, through the intercession of the Virgin, health of her people, star of the stormy sea. From this colonnade that embraces Rome and the world, the blessing of God descend upon you, like a comforting embrace.

Lord, bless the world, give health to bodies and comfort hearts. You ask us not to be afraid. But our faith is weak Lord and we are afraid. But you, Lord, do not abandon us at the mercy of the storm. You repeat again: «Do not be afraid» (Mt 28.5). And we, together with Peter, "unload on you all our burden, because we know that You take care of us" (cf. 1 P 5,7).

OMCC Official Site



We invite you to be part of our virtual community.

That all the International Groups, National Secretariats and Dioceses of the world participate, that they open the digital windows to be connected in this networked world.

How to be part of this community?

1. Personal registration on the page.
2. Dissemination among trainees from their dioceses, countries and International Groups.
3. Send information to the OMCC President to learn about their events and workshop activities.

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“Learn more, to better serve Christ”



OMCC continues with this service aimed at supporting the training and study of our leaders, through the online mode, supported by the Moodle Platform.

We ask you to pray to continue giving this service that thanks to technology we are able to reach those who are interested in distance learning.

Prayer

Send your e mail: palancas-omcc@cursillosdecristiandad.net

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbria & San Pietro M. Raianni.

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge,

O Holy Mother of God.

In our needs, despise not our petitions,

but deliver us always from all dangers,

O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

KNIGHTS OF  COLUMBUS

Cursillista prayer before this unexpected storm COVID-19

Our Father who are in heaven, I thank you for having been chosen and called to your service in the Cursillos (of) in Christianity Movement and for the help you offer me in this mission, in which despite my limitations you trust in my humble service.

You, who are the God of tenderness and always celebrate a party when a child returns home, help me in this unexpected storm that has me fearful, scared, helpless and at the mercy of confusion and helplessness. I tell you from my heart: here I am Lord to do your will.

I feel weak and fragile without you, but you who are the God of closeness and proximity listen to my plea to (row) grow with you through prayer. With this confidence, I know that you will save me because You are the Captain of this ship, of my ship called life, but my little faith can make me fall into confusion and fear. Have mercy on me.

You call those of us who are thirsty to drink. Help me to know how to communicate to the world your love, with which You love us with so much tenderness and so much mercy. Renew in me my first love for you and my commitment to the Church and the Cursillos in Christianity Movement. Help me to bear witness to the Christian life and that Your voice be heard to offer hope in the face of this storm.

Holy Spirit and our Mother Mary: encourage me to a new impulse and renewed enthusiasm to evangelize in environments and people, especially those who are far away. I ask you for Pope Francis, for (the) priests, for those who have passed away, for those who suffer from hunger, loneliness, sadness, physical and emotional illness, for the leaders of each nation, for the authorities, for the unemployed, for the doctors and hospital staff, who as true servants, are the army of science that is working to save lives.

As Pope Francis said: "Now, while we are in rough seas," Wake up, Lord we beg you "and you answer us Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith? Lord, you are addressing us with a call, a call to faith ... »(Jl 2,12). As a disciple I remain in You Lord, give me courage and hope. Listen to my prayer.

Amen.

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Pray an Our Father and Hail Mary.

Prayer at the beginning of the day