

Meditation



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THE WORLD IS OUR HOME

Ambiance

Sit comfortably, close your eyes and take a trip around the world...

Record in your mind or (if possible) on paper: what did you do? (drama, joy, suffering, signs of hope...)

Reflection

The world is in continuous construction, change. This construction and change is done by concrete people, men and women, by you, by me. What balance do you make at what time? Around you... and further away...

For the world and everything that inhabits it, God always had a project of love, of harmony... This project was being overshadowed by Man. And God sent Jesus...

If you look at Jesus, you can understand the commitment he made to the people of his time, giving priority to the sick, the least, the disadvantaged... this challenge continues in our time, don't you think?

God'Word

"I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one (...) Sanctify them by Your Truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world". (John, 17,15-18).

Reflection

So that's it: in the world we live in, Jesus wants us to be with Him, to do as He did, to continue collaborating so that the world is as God dreamed it: for everyone, by everyone, in harmony and peace.

We, the members of Secular Institutes, feel this particular appeal and, living the same reality as any ordinary citizen, we feel the same difficulties, the same risks, the same joys. But... we also feel that our vocation is to be bearers of God's love, to be channels of hope, a bridge between God and people.

Pope Francis confirms our task/vocation with the following words:

The mission that the members of Secular Institutes carry out is peculiar, and leads you to be among people, to know and understand what goes on in the

hearts of men and women of today, to rejoice with them, with the style of closeness, which is God's way.

You are called to experience all the precariousness of the provisional and all the beauty of the absolute in everyday life, on the streets that everyone travels, where fatigue and pain are stronger, where rights are weakened, where war divides peoples, where dignity is denied. It is there, as Jesus showed us that God continues to give us his salvation. And you are called to be there, to testify to God's goodness and tenderness with daily acts of love. Never tire of bringing to the world the proclamation of a new life, of universal fraternity and lasting peace.

This is the mission that Jesus entrusted to Secular Institutes and that Pope Francis updates in today's context. This is our way of interpreting Jesus' invitation to remain in the midst of the world, to give it that light, that breath of life that gives each person the strength to seek true happiness. Aware that we will only be truly happy to the extent that we contribute to the happiness and dignity of others. This is the Universal fraternity that Jesus points out and that it is up to everyone to build!

Conclusion

After this trip accompanied around the world, you realized:

The world is either the place where you make the most of it for yourself, for your personal interests, for yours; or an opportunity in which you give your all, so that everyone can live in it with dignity, with equal opportunities, with a fraternal sense, in the way of Jesus.

How do you think you're in it?

What are you thinking of doing for him?

I end this moment

Write a short thought in which you describe your feelings at this moment and in which you thank Jesus for these brief moments that you spent together as good friends.

