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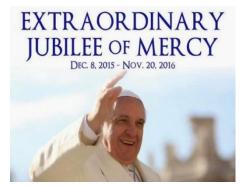
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Misericordiae Vultus

It was on April 11 that the Pope Francisco promulgated the Bull of proclamation of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy with the motto: "Merciful as the Father".

On the December 8, in the Cathedral of St. John Lateran, the Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of Mercy making a an appeal to whole the Christian world to change life putting into practice in the life of each one the works of mercy.



The Holy Door will remain open and, we hope that all of us can keep our hearts open to God serving men with mercy, sanctifying our life with the normalcy of everyday life.

The Holy Year of Mercy will end at November 20, 2016, on the feast of Jesus Christ, King of Universe.



Homework

At the end of the speech that the Holy Father did at the hearing to the *cursilhistas* gathered in Rome on the occasion of the III European Ultreya, the Pope Francis recommended that each do as homework the study of the fourteen works of mercy (corporal and spiritual) and put them into practice in life. To help you know them better, here we leave the list of works of mercy:

Corporal Works

- · To feed the hungry;
- · To give drink to the thirsty,
- · To clothe the naked;
- · To harbour the harbourless;
- · To visit the sick;
- . To ransom the captive;
- · To bury the dead.

Spiritual Works

- · To instruct the ignorant;
- · To counsel the doubtful;
- · To admonish sinners;
- · To bear wrongs patiently,
- · To forgive offences willingly;
- · To comfort the afflicted;
- · To pray for the living and the dead

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Report of the meeting of the Pontifical Council for the laity held in Rome the 23 June 2015

The meeting began with the recitation of Vespers, and continued with the intervention of Cardinal Rilko, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council and especially on promulgation of *Apostolicam Auctuositatem*.

The Cardinal has concentrated all his speech referring to the thought of Saint John Paul II and the Pope Francisco recalling that "*one of the most beautiful fruits of Vatican II, were lay movements*", defined by John Paul II as "*a new Pentecost of the Church*"

The laity are the new Apostles of the third millennium to whom *Apostolicam Auctuositatem* recognizes the right to the universal vocation to holiness and to a specific vocation of lay missionaries. A particular vocation for the fermentation of the Gospel in the temporal order of the human structures.

For that matter, the Pope, Francisco, appealed for respect for the vocation of the lay, avoiding the risk of "*clericlization*", which itself is a grave sin, because it diverts the lay their specific vocation. The "*clericlization*" is a "*sinful complicity*" that bishops, priests and lay people have to avoid. "*A mature laity doesn't need Bishop*".

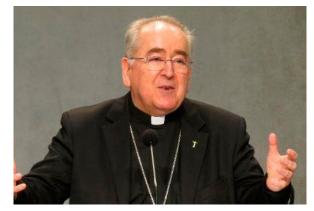
To this purpose, in November 10, 2015, the PLC will provide a study day devoted to the beauty of the lay vocation that will have as its theme **"50 years of Catholic laity, which tells him to you?"**

The Cardinal then announced the publication of the proceedings of the III World Encounter of Movements and New Communities. Considered this meeting as a moment of great unity of the Church, whose findings should be studied and meditate by all movement to verify that they were consistent in their internal and external reality, and especially if it as adherence to two sentences constantly repeated by the Popes since Pope Saint John Paul II:

- 1. All the realities of the movements should be oriented toward the ecclesial maturity, which means an attitude of permanent conversion to build a church of Jesus Christ.
- 2. We must preserve the freshness of the charisms, always renewing as the "first love", that great wonder that we've been given.

Remember that you should not rely solely on the structures, because this could threaten the presence of the Spirit, but always come back to the source in order to not lose the way.

All this impregnated with the spirit of the Jubilee of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francisco. Mercy which becomes concrete in two words: **receive and accompany**.



The task of the movements is to receive and accompany the man of today and promoting the encounter with Christ, especially the young with a specific "*pedagogy of evangelization*". A pedagogy that does not need nor require any replacement for the liberty of the person. Each person has its time and its own pace, and to evangelize we must respect those times and those rhythms. Remembering always that the seal of the Holy Spirit in our action must be the longing for Unity of the Church at all levels. We should all be Church as "*School of communion*", always thinking of the other. All the charisms should be "*decentralized*", so we have to live like "decentralized", because the only Center is Christ.

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This means rejecting all the pride, and any tiredness which causes "petrify the charisma". Pride causes fatigue, a "bad", dangerous, leading to the abandonment of the "first love" and crystallize our own charisma. We should feel fatigue, "good" fatigue that comes from our missionary commitment, that tiredness so dear to Jesus: **"Come to me, you who are weary and I will give you rest."**

The Cardinal finished wishing everyone that, even during the holidays, we can feel this "good tiredness".

The meeting ended with the intervention of Monsignor Clemens who explained the tasks that the PLC is working, especially in the development of the final documents of the III World Conference of Movements and New Communities, which will soon be available.

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