



THE WORD IS THE QUEEN OF THE WORLD (AUT. 449)

There were some Greeks who had come up to Jerusalem to worship during the feast. They approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went to Andrew and the two of them told Jesus. Then Jesus said, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, I say to you, unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Those who love their life destroy it, and those who despise their life in this world keep it for everlasting life. Whoever wants to serve me, let him follow me and wherever I am, there shall my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. Now my soul is in distress. Shall I say: 'Father, save me from this hour'? But, I have come to this hour to face all this. Father, glorify your Name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and I will glorify it again." People standing there heard something and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel was speaking to him." Then Jesus declared, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours; now sentence is being passed on this world; now the ruler of this world is to be cast down. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all to myself." With these words Jesus referred to the kind of death he was to die.

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Word of God is the primary
of our spirituality
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A COMMENTARY TO THE SUNDAY
GOSPEL FOR AND FROM
LAY CLARETIANS



REFLECTIONS TO FEED OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD



The Lay Claretian, in his daily life, has the concept of service very present. As our Sourcebook says: "it is part of our secular vocation to live fully embedded in the world, that is, in the ordinary conditions of life marital, family and social; exercising, with the greatest possible competence, secular professions and engaging in matters of domestic, social, economic, political and cultural order. We are and we feel part of the people and, as citizens, we participate in all responsibilities." Jesus reminds us in this gospel what this service entails: losing life, dying a little every day; but with a clear objective, to give life, to produce fruit. When we put ourselves at the service of God, we place ourselves next to Him, on his side, and that should mark our relationship with God: "He who wants to be at my service, follows me, and where I am there will also be my servant".

IT'S THE WORD OF GOD (AUT. 450)



REFLECTIONS TO FEED OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD

Jesus announces to some foreigners that his message is not only for the Jewish people, but is universal: "I will draw all of them to me". That universality touches us completely to the Lay Claretians, who pretend to live the faith in the style of Father Claret, Universal Missionary. Saint Anthony Mary Claret, throughout her life, took every opportunity, at any time, to bring the light of the Gospel to all the people she encountered. We must follow that evangelizing model, but our universality does not have to be confined to "foreigners", literally speaking. For us, a foreigner can be a co-worker who does not believe in God because no one has adequately presented the love that God has to all his children and from which flows our love for the brothers. It can also be someone close to us, from our family, to which we have been abandoned or far from our priorities. The universality of the saving message of Jesus Christ makes us have a field of work that is also universal, and that we must take advantage of in order to reconcile our faith, our mission, with our life fully inserted in the world.

IT IS THE WORD OF LIFE (AUT. 450)

PRAYER FROM THE WORD

In the light of the gospel, today is a perfect day to pray with the Apostolic Prayer of San Antonio Maria Claret:
"Lord and my Father, may I know you and makes you know; may I love you and makes you love. May it serve you and make you serve. May I let you praise you and make you praise by all creatures."

