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**CONSECRATED SOUL, LIVE OUT**

**YOUR VOCATION**

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Today I feel the need to expose my point of view on what the living and the heartbeat of the consecrated soul must be, and what her purpose is, so that she may discern this one, which is God, from the means that God Himself hands her over to attain it.

When I say “consecrated soul,” I address equally priests, sisters, and every person who, through an especial vocation, feels called, attracted and predestined to be Christ’s spouse.

And I need to start this topic with a strong and heart-rending cry that may express the divine will: consecrated soul, priest of Christ: God alone...!!

It is necessary that we live on God alone and for God alone, being aware of our calling and knowing what we have been chosen for.

Every soul created by the uncreated God has been fashioned out of nothing, through the mercy of infinite Goodness that manifests itself as good love, for her to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ and to live from His living.

The consecrated soul has been chosen by God, called and predestined to enter into the depths of the infinite communication of His Trinitarian life; to make of her His intimate spouse, His confidant, in whom He may be able to rest in the response of mutual love.

Consecrated soul means made one single thing with that which is Sacred, in order to live from the living of that God she consecrated herself to.

Consecrated soul, predestined, chosen and pampered to be, in the bosom of the Church, salt of life, that, in spiritual motherhood or fatherhood, as a herald of love, may be poured out on other souls...! anointed!: God alone!

If you are virgin, it must be for love; if you suffer, suffer for love. Permeate with love your whole life consecrated to the Infinite Love God is Himself, so that, focusing on your goal, you may find the repose of your consecration in your fulfilled mission.

That is why, when a soul feels the thrust of consecrating herself to God, let her take good care to seek what the purpose of her consecration is, which is to know and to love the Uncreated One; because unfortunately many times we get confused and we turn the means into the end.

Many souls consecrate themselves to God; some to look after children because they feel attracted by them; others, do so elsewhere to seek silence, solitude, apostolate, etc., but considering as their end what are only the means.

When God calls one soul to consecration, that is to make her become one thing with Him, so that she may live from Him alone, so that she may surrender herself totally and unconditionally, unreservedly, to the action of the Holy Spirit, then He places inside of her some movements, desires and aspirations which are the means to attain that end, but, never and in no way, must they become the goal of a consecrated soul, who has been called to become one thing with that which is Sacred, to such an extent that she may cease to be herself in order to be God by participation.

When she will be able to say with Saint Paul: "I live, yet, it is no longer I, but Christ is living in me," then she will be able to be called fully a consecrated soul; because `consecrated` is to participate and to be, through God's grace, sacred by participation, and she will be so insofar as she becomes one unique reality with God.

That is why, illuminated by the light of the Holy Spirit, I say to all my sisters and children in the consecration, with a heart-rending cry of alarm: God alone!

Because if you go to a convent, attracted by the appeal you feel for this or that way of life, on finding out the harsh and true reality of a monotonous and routine life, if you consider your goal only from the perspective of the means God gave you to be

united with Him, you will feel disillusioned that you were wrong, because what you were looking for does not fill your spirit. This is the reason why so many consecrated souls fail!

But if, on consecrating yourself to God, you do so by trying to become one unique reality with Him, by crucifying yourself with Christ in order to know Him, to love Him, and to make Him known and loved, when the means may fail you or be not as you imagined, it will turn out that you will rest calmly and peacefully in the midst of all the abandonments and deceptions, in the eager pursuit of that purpose you especially consecrated yourself for.

Consecrated soul: God alone!

If you consecrate yourself to God, do so above all in order to become one unique reality with Him to glorify Him. Then, come what may, and come hell or high water, the little ship of your soul will rest assured in the will of the divine love that impels you to throw yourself, against all odds, with more or less means at your disposal, into the untiring pursuit of God alone.

And thus, by living on reality and not on reveries, you will finally become one not a distant day, here on earth, one unique reality with the Sacred, and, then, you will be called truly a consecrated soul. Because you consecrated yourself to God and not to this or that convent, or to this or that Institute or Order. It is necessary that this may deeply penetrate our spirits so that we may be able to distinguish the end from the means.

Consecrated soul: God alone!

If living in perfect virginity you devote yourself to children, it is to seek God through them. If you go to solitude, make good use of that means to find God and to become one unique reality with Infinite Love. And whether you suffer trials, temptations, dryness, desolations, abandonments, anguishes and inner tortures of the soul; and whether you are in the divine banquet, gifted by God or savouring Him, take advantage of all of it to live and to die for God alone.

If you suffer, do it for love; if you are virgin, for love; and if you renounce to everything, do it for love! Thus you will feel the need to deny yourself and to lose yourself in a complete oblivion of yourself, for that Love you consecrated yourself to.

Because the consecrated life lies not in suffering or rejoicing; everything lies in loving and in transforming our life and our consecration into love, putting love where it is not present and healing up pain with love.

God, in order to give up Himself to us, lost count, to such an extent that the Uncreated became incarnate. This can be called the madness of Infinite Love. It is necessary to know and to penetrate a little bit what God is in order to know what it means that the Uncreated, the Untouchable, the Inaccessible, becomes man, flesh, earth, and nothingness, for love.

Oh divine Word! You lost count and, in Your madness of love, You ended up being, out of love for God and for Your children: "scorned by everyone, despised

by the people". This is to give up oneself without measure, without expecting any reward, only for love...!

Consecrated soul: God alone!

Consecrate yourself to Love to find Him at all costs, and only and exclusively for that. If the means you had chosen fail, and you are to live in another way you feel not inclined to, or in another place where it seems your soul feels uncomfortable, do not for that reason feel yourself disoriented or live in tension. If that happens to you, it is because you did not seek God alone, because you will find Him wherever His will, becoming manifest through the events, may place you. Since, in order to give Himself to your soul, He does not need of any means, for He fills everything and He is equally in one place or another.

Try to fit-in with that place where, moved by God's will, you felt called to. Yet, if for incidental reasons you cannot accomplish that, do not be troubled, because God abides in the deepest centre of your heart, wherein He unceasingly calls you so that you immerse yourself into Him and may live your consecration in intimacy of love and may cry out, in your whole life and with your whole being: God alone!

I insist that you try to seek the means and that place where God calls you to, with peace and calmness, for, if you do so in order to meet Him, nothing nor anybody will trouble you, because he who seeks God finds Him; and since God is everywhere, in whatever place His will will be made manifest to you, if you only seek His will, you will find Him

Consecrated soul: God alone! that you may not live a monotonous, annoying and maybe disillusioned life, reckoning perhaps that you have failed in your spiritual life.

Spring forth to know and to love God in His bosom, in the Trinitarian mystery of His divine life, that you may be happy here on earth and there on Heaven; since happiness, here as well as there, consists in the fulfilment of the end we have been created for, which is to know and to love God and to make Him known and loved, so that, by fulfilling in this way the divine plan we may glorify Him.

If you do not live on God alone, you will not know the taste of the divine, or the sweetness your consecration enshrines, because its whole secret is enclosed in the gift of your life to God alone, and in the complete void of all which is not He and His glory.

To the extent that you will gradually become one thing with the Infinite, the very love you have for yourself will make you burn with love for souls, and then, living from the living of Christ, you will be able to say: Father, I live to know You, since "this is eternal life: to know You, and the one whom You sent, Jesus Christ"; thus the living of Jesus becomes our living, fulfilling the mission we were called to.

Priest of Christ, consecrated soul, may your whole life be an expressive cry of self-giving and oblivion, which may ever say in a total adherence to the divine will: God alone!

## PUBLISHING NOTE

It has been had recourse to the expressions “*is himself*,” “*to be himself*,” “*being himself*,” etc. -allocating to it a deeper, dense and original sense— in order to translate the expressions “*serse*,” “*se es*,” “*siéndose*,” etc. by means of which Mother Trinidad de la Santa Madre Iglesia expresses the multiple lights she has received from God about his infinite Being.

The explanation that the very Mother Trinidad hid in one of her writings, is transcribed as follows:

“God is himself...! And this phrase, according to my poor understanding, embraces and explains for me all that God is. In such a way that, when I say: God is himself, or God stands in being of himself, or the being himself of God, understand in these phrases all these ideas that I am going to say:

First: I see how God is himself by himself; how all that He is He stands in being of himself; I see the eternal instant of the eternity, in which God *is himself* by himself and in himself; see how He *is himself* so, and why He *is himself* so; and I contemplate Him being himself so in that eternal instant, without time, in which he Being, *being himself One*, is Three divine

Persons who, being a sole Being, in Trinity *is himself*

Second: I see in that same word: the being himself or God is himself, the Father *being himself* Father by himself and in himself as Source; the Word *being himself* Son in himself and by the Father; and the Holy Spirit *being himself* personal Love between both, in himself and by the Father and the Word. And I see in this word: to be himself, the way of being himself so each one of the Persons, and the difference of each Person. So that, for me, this simple word that I use so much, says to me all the glorious mystery of my Trinity and all the hidden and very depth secret of my Unity in its root.”

Similarly Mother Trinidad refers to God the reflexive use of many other verbs, such as “to have,” “to see,” “to love,” “to know,” etc... Following the same option used in the case of the verb “to be,” the Spanish expressions: “se lo tiene,” “se la ve,” “se lo ama,” “se lo sabe,” etc... have been translated into English as follows: He *has himself so*,” “He *sees himself so*,” “He *loves himself so*,” “He *knows himself so*,” etc...

NOTE:

I strongly advise that all that I express by means of my writings, for believing it God's will and for fidelity in all that the very same God has entrusted to me; when in the translation into other languages it is not understood well or a clarification is desired, recourse be had to the authenticity of what I have dictated in the Spanish text; since I have seen that some expressions in the translations are not the most proper to express my thought.

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