

MOTHER TRINIDAD
DE LA SANTA MADRE IGLESIA
AND HER WORK OF THE CHURCH

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Mother Trinidad de la Santa Madre Iglesia taken when spontaneously, in family company, rejoices joyfully with her children (1975).

Reflections of the Infinite Home

For Mother Trinidad, “God is the Divine Family, the Home of fullness and infinite happiness who has in Himself his joy and perfection in coeternal all-embracing of trinitarian communication”. (11)

And «the Church is the great home of the children of God, where we all take a seat at the Father’s table to satiate ourselves in an abundance of divine life». (736)



His Holiness John Paul II, the 15th of December 1996, in a pastoral visit to the Parish Our Lady of Valme in Rome, entrusted to The Work of the Church.

She wanted to give expression to her Work of the Church in the image of the Church, which is family because it contains in its bosom the Eternal Family communicating itself to men.

Everyone in The Work of the Church participates of one same life, with one same spirit and with one same apostolic mission, that each one lives in his own manner according to his vocation inside the same Work.

This family stamp that The Work of the Church has printed in itself, is made specific and is made obvious with more strength in the life of the three branches of “Responsibles”.

The priests and laymen live together in “Homes”, completely independent of those of the feminine Branch.

The family life that the Responsible members live in the “Homes” of The Work of the Church gives them an original aspect, new and attracting, at the same time that makes happy those who dwell in them.

The Responsible members live in groups of 7 to 12 persons. As in a family, they live together, united, old people, adults, youth and youngsters.

Each one has his position in the family and his specific task in it. His apostolic work is irreplaceable; from the “Aspirant” who has just entered with the illusion of his 17 years of age and works with the children in the “youth Homes” to the old priest with his experience, his goodness and the example of a life spent in the service of the Church and The Work.

In the feminine Branch, members alternate with joy and simplicity in the chores at home, and the apostolic work with all sorts of persons and social categories; the simple and monotonous jobs, together with those of greater responsibility in the parishes and other places.

Inside the lay masculine Branch, the diversification of responsibilities will never be a barrier that may render difficult the community life of simple equality and familiarity between the engineer and the student, the professor and the simple manual labourer.

Priests will find, in the living together with lay men, a constant call to know how to listen and learn from those who are so much in contact with the world, and an invitation to carry on their own responsibilities, allowing all to develop their talents to the utmost and their desire to serve the Church. Together with this, in the light of Mother Trinidad’s doctrine, they will be able to discover the depth without limits of the mystery of priesthood and the immense field of their apostolic action.

To all, the community life and the mutual collaboration will help them seek, with sincerity and selflessness, the full realization of their own vocation.



The arrival of the Holy Father to the house of The Work of the Church "Saint Peter Apostle" to visit Mother Trinidad.

The love of God is a stronger bond than those of body and blood, and, when it is spread in the hearts of men, it makes them mutually rejoice in the fruits that the Apostle assigns to charity, which "is patient, is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things". (1 Cor 13, 4-7)

Many times Mother Trinidad has asked her children to read and meditate that passage of Saint Paul, so that they may not forget that the love of God is also the one that has to overcome with joy the human deficiencies and the one that straightens and elevates the distortions of our weak nature.



Mother Trinidad with deep emotion receives the blessing of the Holy Father John Paul II, who wanted to visit her in her own room while she was ill. (15th of December 1996)

This way, scattered throughout towns and cities in small groups of persons, living in any flat of any block in different districts, the “Responsible members” of The Work of the Church live happily. And from the peace, silence, happiness and familiar intimacy of their “Homes” men or women go out each morning to their places of work to fill their secular duties in the world, and to irradiate among their work or university companions the fullness that they live in their hearts.

This sense of family life is so strong among the Responsible members that it conditions and shapes even the economic organization of The Work of the Church, whose aim is that its members may have all their necessities equally taken care of, that they may live poverty in a uniform way and that no differences may exist in this aspect between the different homes.

Moreover, even the external style, the decoration, the architecture of the Houses of the Work is aimed at “*creating a home and familiar ambience among the members who live in them*”.

And this is also made extensive to the Houses dedicated to the apostolate, «so that all who may come to do the “Plan of God in the Church”, “Days of retreat on the mystery of God in the Church”, “Personal experiences of the Church”, retreats, etc., may find in them a home-loving ambience of joy and well-being».

Also the Adherents and Militants, in their living in relation to the Work, share in that “family” reality that shapes it.

In it are integrated with their particular characteristics, contributing with their peculiar richness and collaboration; and with the three Branches of Responsible members form a harmonic and articulated whole.

Inside their Group, the Militants brightly express the evangelic fraternity between the distinguished ones and the simple people, rich and poor, learned and less learned. Equality that is based on a foundation that is higher than all differences: the dignity of being all children of God and members one of the other inside the Mystical Body of Christ.



An audience of His Holiness John Paul II with The Work of the Church, the 7th of march 1998, being grateful for the pontifical approval.

Those who are more favoured in life know “that the scene of this world passes away” and there is no other option than to be small so that the mysteries of the Kingdom may be communicated to them. The most humble understand that, in it, they possess a great richness, as they do not need to leave, take away, nor give away much to encounter God.

In this way takes place the admirable spectacle of seeing all united as brothers in the meetings of formation, in the feasts of the Work, in the familiar relations or in the apostolic activity, the titled woman with the wife of a bricklayer, the university professor with a bus driver, the lawyer of the supreme court with a municipal gardener.

And they organize among themselves to help each other also in their material and spiritual needs.

All those who approach The Work of the Church feel attracted by its simpleness and openness, its friendly atmosphere and for that unexplainable “something” that spreads as the “sweet odour of Christ”.

There is also a group of “Collaborators” of all nations and places where The Work of the Church arrives, to shed over men the affluent of divine life that God has placed in the very rich arsenal of the variety of writings and talks of Mother Trinidad de la Santa Madre Iglesia.

The Collaborators keep a frequent contact with The Work of the Church, trying to live of her ecclesial richness, for their enrichment and to communicate it by being witnesses throughout their life and word of what to be Church is, given the specific vocation of each one



The Cardinal Archbishop of Madrid, His Eminence Most Reverend Antonio Rouco Varela, presides the eucharistic concelebration in an encounter with The Work of the Church. (30th of March 1998)

of them; collaborating in this way with the Work in the mission that the Lord has entrusted to it in all the extent of the word, through its expression in loving wisdom of the mystery of God, of Christ and of Mary, resting in the bosom of the Holy Mother Church, to present her as she is, replete and saturated with Divinity, in such a way that, when looking at her, men may see the Face of God in her.

And for this they nourish themselves with the writings and talks of Mother Trinidad, with a view to collaborate with their life and word to the presentation of the true Face of the Church; helping, united with the members of the Work, the Pope and the Bishops in carrying out the essential mission that Christ entrusted to them.

At the same time, The Work of the Church, like the members who belong to it in one or another way, will allow them, according to its possibilities, to participate of the spiritual richness that it possesses, helping them with all that, to this end, God has given and entrusted to it; making itself as close as possible to all and specially to those far away from its Centres.

Collaborators can be all kinds of persons: Lord Bishops, priests and men and women consecrated to God –who for their condition and dignity receive the title of “qualified Collaborators”–; and also married couples, laymen, laywomen and youth, who inside the People of God, always sheltered under the See of Peter, want to live their Christianity and manifest it in the loving wisdom with which The Work of the Church realizes it, for the fulfilment of God’s will in any place or condition where they may be. Trying within the charisma of each one’s vocation, to help efficaciously The Work of the Church in the ecclesial mission that, through the infinite design of God, has been entrusted to it.

And in this way, each one inside The Work of the Church feels happy in his position, because he knows that “the Christian’s perfection is not to occupy one or other position in society, but in living happily there where the divine will places him”. (1975)

Fruit of that fulfilled will of God is the peace that only the Holy Spirit can give:

MY PEACE

Peace is like the breeze of the sea
on a quiet day,
in the resonating of its serene waves
that come and go
without disclosing their doing,
because they are peaceful
in their being and in their doing,
as they are.

Peace is something profound, secret,
that is contained in the depth of the chest
and is lived in the mystery
of quiet silence.
And, in its coming and going breeze,
its flavours impregnate of joy,
in its being and in its doing,
as sweet nourishment.

Peace is a living
of such soft accents,
that, in divine and eternal flavours,
one feels He who Is, without knowing it.

Peace is such a secure motive,
that leaves, in its centre, replete,
he who lives well established
and is founded
in the known taste
that encircles the Immense One.

He who lives of God,
seeking only to keep Him content,
without wanting anything other than that,
encounters the secret
that peace encloses
in its being and in its doing,

which is God Himself,
living in his centre.
Since peace is to know oneself knowing
what it has to be
and having it owned,
and, even more, possessed deep inside.

Peace is like the sea
with its calm waves,
on serene days,
that, even though they come and go,
nothing disturbs the peace
of the sweet mission
that was entrusted to them.

It is like silent breeze
the peace in my chest,
in rumours of Glory
and in silence of Heaven,
in sublime sweetness,
as an infinite kiss
of God in my centre.

God Himself is the Peace
mysterious, divine and secret,
that impregnates my being with his breathe;
it is God Himself who kisses my soul
with the silent breeze
of the volcano that has Him enclosed
in his concealment.

It is God Himself,
who, being infinite sweetness,
rocks me with the soft glow of his flight.

It is God Himself
the sweetness of infinite peace
that I feel!

(N. 162)