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Beloved,

After the completion of the Easter season and the contemplation of the Trinitarian mystery, I take a pause to think how the feast of Corpus Christi (now close as I prepare these few lines), binds our attention to the concreteness of the Eucharistic event, “*Body and Blood*” of the Lord. The celebration assumes characters of a further ‘*meditation*’, almost a contemplative pause around a mystery that is at the very heart of the Church’s life. It is in this direction that the initial prayer seems to guide us: «*O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood ...*». Body and blood that say the whole mystery of the incarnation, all our humanity, weak and frail, fully assumed by the Lord Jesus. Body and blood assumed and given to the last «*for us men and for our salvation*», as the Creed states. Also, this reality is deeply linked to the devotion and spirituality of the Founders as well as that of our Fraternity (article 3 of our statute, paragraph c, it states that it is the commitment of every associate to “***nourish the hidden life with Christ in God (Col. 3:3), fervently caring for sacramental practice and reserving a special space for the Eucharist-the heart and center of Christian life***”. «*Bread and wine*» are gifts that refer to one of man's basic and vital needs: the satisfaction of his hunger. We know that man is essentially a being that has hunger, and not just for food. His hunger goes far beyond the piece of bread that can momentarily and partially fill him. It dwells deep in his heart as a desire, conscious or unconscious, for something that can come from God alone. Singular, from this point of view, the conclusion of Luke’s account of the multiplication of bread: «*All ate and were filled...*» (v. 17). A satiated hunger: this is what the story wants to communicate to us. God has no other will than to satisfy our hunger. With this consoling certainty we can also look forward to the upcoming occasion of our convocation in July, thinking of it as the opportunity given to us to respond to our desire for renewal, especially in the sphere of relationships that binds us to one another and - all together - to the beloved Congregation of the Schools of Charity.

## **From the first letter of saint Paul apostle to the Corinthians (1Cor. 11, 23-26)**

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## **From the "Unpublished Writings of Fr. Anthony Cavanis for the Spiritual Exercises", vol. I Rome 2008 (p. 60).**

The Mass is the miracle of miracles for what is reproduced in it. Such is the efficacy of the priest's words that if Jesus were not in the world, those words would produce it. With the body of the Redeemer, by natural connection, there is also placed his most blessed soul with all its virtues and gifts, and strengthened by all its merits; the union with the person of the divine Word is placed, and by intimate conjunction with it the Person of the Word, here also intervene the other two Divine Persons. Therefore, if Saint Lisabeth said: *Unde hoc mihi hoc veniat ...* (Lk. 1:43), what must the priest say that makes Christ descend on the altar? By the manner in which so much prodigy is worked, through a priest, in every hour, without fatigue in every place, with few syllables, *quis loquetur potentias Domini?* (Ps. 105,2). In comparison, it would be nothing to transfer the mountains, to dry the seas, to turn the skies.

### **Note:**

In this month of July, we will have the great joy of 4 priestly ordinations. The deacon Jérémie will be ordained on the 2<sup>nd</sup> in Cavaso del Tomba (Treviso); on the 16<sup>th</sup> the deacon Ademar will be ordained in São Paulo in Brazil; and in Ecuador, the deacon Julio; while on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, in Kinshasa, the deacon Moïse. Let us praise and bless the Lord!

