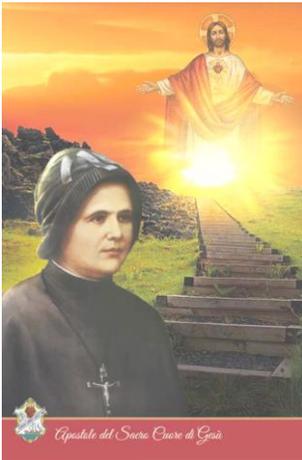




GFASC Holiness Reflection 11

Mother Clelia and Reparation



The word “reparation” is derived from the Latin term “*reparare*,” meaning “to make ready again.” It indicates the way we make ourselves and our world ready for healing. When we make reparation to God, we are making our souls and the world ready again, disposed once again to receive His grace.

Through Baptism, Christians are reborn as new creatures in Christ and become part of Him—He lives in us and we live in Him. He is our head and we are his Body, as Saint Paul affirms so eloquently.

Since we all are united in the same Mystical Body, our actions influence others on the spiritual level, for good or for evil. My sins wound not only myself but the whole Body.

The spirit of reparation in the life of Mother Clelia

The spirit of reparation permeated every aspect of Mother Clelia’s life: her acceptance of suffering, her prayer, her relationships with her sisters and all whom she met. Contemplating the Heart of Christ, she drew from the fountain of his love and was ready to witness to that Love everywhere with her words and with her life. Mother Clelia implicitly understood reparation as a response of love to the One Who loves us and loved us to the last drop of His Blood and with His last breath. He gave His all, until there was nothing more to give.

Mother Clelia’s response is clear: Pray in place of those who do not pray, love God in their place, adore and glorify God in their place. Repair the loving Heart of God by offering to Him all His beloved. He wants them close to Him; He wants them united with Him.

Mother Clelia exhorted her Sisters to visit the Blessed Sacrament often during the day, telling them that these visits were to make up for the negligence of others in this regard. She exhorted them to pray for everyone... and to console the Heart of Jesus, repairing the ingratitude, indifference, and the blasphemies of those who are far from God.

Mother Clelia recognized in her mistreatment from her own Sisters and from the Church an opportunity to forgive and to extend mercy as an act of reparation. When the administrator of her father's patrimony, "Father X,"(she refused to defame his reputation by divulging his name) used the money of the Congregation for his own purposes, leaving Mother Clelia and her Sisters bankrupt, when the Church removed her from leadership in the Congregation she had founded, and even when the actions of her own Sisters forced her into exile, Mother Clelia responded with tender love. She did not misrepresent the truth of what happened, ready as she was to be the first to admit her failings and, consequently, to repent and seek to repair them. She was likewise no less ready to pardon those who caused her so much suffering, in particular the priest who squandered her inheritance. Mother Clelia's love for the Sacred Heart sharpened her ability to focus on God alone, ignoring the distractions of blame, heart was wounded by the ones she loved, she serenely turned to Jesus and united her suffering to His, finding in Him a support, a defense, and a comfort.

"Pray, daughters, for so many of your brothers who never pray!....Praise, bless, thank and love the Lord even for those who do not know and love Him!" (cf. catechesis, *Reparation in the Life of Mother Clelia Merloni*, April 2018)

Word of God - 1 Corinthians 12: 12-22

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or

free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," nor again the head to the feet, "I do not need you." Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary.

A Call to Eucharistic Adoration

Let us rediscover Eucharistic Adoration of reparation. In our churches is a very precious treasure: the Tabernacle, in which we find silently waiting for us Jesus Himself, God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, Jesus the Lord and Savior, King of the universe, the Risen One. I invite you to commit yourself to one half hour a week of adoration, above all to repair all the offenses, irreverence, sacrileges, profanations that Jesus has received in the Eucharist from the time of its institution until now.

Let us remember as well the two invocations that the Angel taught to the three shepherd children of Fatima, in reparation for profanations of the Eucharist: "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I ask pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You!"

"Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly, and I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference with which He Himself is offended. And, through the infinite merits of His most

Sacred Heart, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners.” (Piergiorgio Cesario)

PLEDGE

- I will dedicate some time to prayer of reparation, and I will perform all my actions during the day, especially on the first Friday of the month, in the spirit of reparation.
- I will prayer the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the conversion of sinners.

Praying with Mother Clelia

My God, I adore you, I love you with all my heart, with all my soul. My God, I bless you for all you do and want to do. My God, I give you my heart, my life, my future, my whole self. . . forever. My God, I praise you and want to praise you with my lips, in my actions, by my suffering. My God, I submit to you in everything. Oh! How wise, how good is your divine will. I unite myself to your angels, to your saints, to my poor daughters who love you and like them, I too want to love you! Amen.

*“I bless you with 100 hearts
and enclose you with a double lock
in the Heart of Jesus!” (Mother Clelia)*

