



## **GUIDELINES FOR ADORATION**

### **FEAST OF THE GOOD MOTHER**

*23 November 2022*

#### **Introduction**

Let us remember that the aim of our institute is to retrace the four ages of our Lord Jesus Christ: his childhood, his hidden life, his evangelical life, his crucified life, and to spread devotion to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

In this perspective, on the feast day of our Foundress, we are invited during this time of adoration to contemplate the life of Jesus and to discover his imprint on our mission today. In a note to the Good Father the Good Mother said: "The good God made known to me... that he wants an Order destined to adore his Heart, to make reparation for the outrages that he receives, to enter into the interior suffering of the heart and to retrace the four ages of his life...".



Today more than ever, we feel the need to live more deeply our spirituality, so let us be guided by the Master, let us open our hearts to his presence and listen to him.

#### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

#### **Song**

#### **Silence**

#### **Scripture Reading: Lk 2:41-52**

*"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and grace before God and men".*

#### **Silence**



Excerpts from the book: "Traces of Hope" Bertrand Cherrier ssc  
*The four ages of Jesus*

## CHILDHOOD

***"It is no longer necessary to send prophets to announce a new encounter between God and his people: God is doing it himself."***

To remember the childhood of Jesus is to be aware that education is foundational. For a religious of the Sacred Hearts, a commitment to the education of children and the accompaniment of young people is a priority mission. From the very beginning of the Congregation, the sisters and then the brothers opened establishments to welcome poor children. Even today, throughout the world, on every continent, sisters and brothers give themselves to the education of young people. This commitment goes hand in hand with the accompaniment of families whereby each community exercises hospitality and availability in order to support parents in their educational tasks.

In recounting the childhood of Jesus, the Good Mother tells us: We open schools which are free for all poor children .... We also take in boarders of both sexes."

For all the good we have done for each child, for their formation and accompaniment: blessed are you Lord!

For the evil done to children, for our omissions, for our lack of solidarity: Lord, have mercy on us!

**Silence**

## THE HIDDEN LIFE

***"The hidden life of Jesus does not mean that Jesus is alone. It is a hidden life but not a solitary life."***

The hidden life is the "interior" expression of a family life that is both social and external. If we are invited to trace the hidden life of Jesus, it is because it is good and indispensable! At a time when we find ourselves all the time running, going out, engaging social networks, travelling the world and seeking never to be "left out", it is prophetic and beneficial to bear witness to how happiness can sometimes come from remaining alone at home or with those we love or by slowing down to share time with others.

In order to retrace the hidden life of Jesus Christ, the Good Mother shows us that perpetual adoration is our first mission, through reparation for the outrages received by the Heart of Jesus: "we are called to enter into the interior suffering of this Heart".



Adoration prepares and disposes us to go out into the whole world, to witness to this love that repairs and restores life: blessed are you Lord!

Every day we see in the news situations that tear us apart. We are not indifferent to war, hunger and the suffering of so many people: Lord, have mercy on us!

### Song

## THE EVANGELICAL LIFE

*“The evangelical life is the fruit of the hidden life. To better understand the gospel life, we must immerse ourselves in the hidden life of Jesus.”*

Jesus invites us to imagine a different world. He was very sensitive to the sufferings of those he met along the way: those marginalised by society, forgotten by religion or rejected by sectors that considered themselves morally or religiously superior. Jesus knew that God does not discriminate against anyone. He neither rejects nor excommunicates people.

The preaching of the Gospel, solidarity with the poor, the migrants, the excluded, the marginalised, the sick..., the fight against discrimination, against injustices, are real dimensions of our vocation and reparative mission: to restore the dignity of people, to work for justice and to retrace the Evangelical life of the Saviour.

For those of our communities that are struggling against unjust social conditions, blessed are you Lord!

For our brothers and sisters who suffer because of unjust situations or abuses of power, for Christian minorities, for those left behind, Lord, have mercy on us!

### Silence

## THE CRUCIFIED LIFE

*“He who entered the city as a king will end up as a brigand on a cross”.*

Jesus always refused suffering, he always fought it, but he could not avoid it when it came to being faithful to his Father and to his mission as the Son, the "Prince of Peace". Faithful to the word of the prophets, he undergoes torture and death as an "outcast of society". He does not die only for love. He will also die in the name of truth.



The Good Mother loved the Cross of the Lord. She confirmed that the vocation of the Congregation is "to enter into the interior suffering of the Heart of Jesus". "Stretch out your arms generously on the cross, and you will find it less heavy".

Let us walk courageously in the footsteps of a crucified God, and never say: 'less pain, less suffering...' but instead ask for strength, courage, resignation: blessed are you Lord!

The crucified life sends us to those wounded by life and those who are crucified daily: Lord, have mercy on us!

### **Song**

### **Our Father**

### **Prayer for the Beatification of the Good Mother**

*Heavenly Father,  
in your great goodness and mercy,  
you called Henriette to be a witness of your love  
revealed in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.*

*In adoration before the Blessed Sacrament  
she realized the need to contemplate, live and proclaim  
your love to a world shattered by violence and division.*

*Together with Pierre Coudrin, she founded  
the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary  
and of Perpetual Adoration  
to continue this work  
in every time and place.*

*In your kindness, grant that the Church  
may soon recognize in her  
an authentic witness of the Gospel.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ Your Son.  
AMEN.*



**Song:** *Salve Regina*