



Kingdom of Christ is the glory of saints

The communion of saints gives foretaste of Kingdom of heaven and inspires us to build it in the world

On Sunday, 25 November, in St Peter's Basilica, the Holy Father canonized three religious and a bishop, presenting them as models for the Church of the new millennium in what they said and did.

St Joseph Marello, apostle of youth and those on the margins of society, told his congregation, "Be extraordinary in ordinary things".

The Pope mentioned St Paula Montal Fornés whose

educational charism of promoting women and the family "is a source of inspiration in the formation of the generations of the third Christian millennium".

St Leonie Aviat who also dedicated herself to the education of young women is a call to "to go against the current of egotism and easy pleasures, and to open ourselves to the social and spiritual needs of our time".

The Pope highlighted St Maria Crescenzia Höss, of the Third Order Regular of St Francis, who lived an intensely mystical life for 40 years and was even adviser to the Archbishop of Cologne. "She endured the intrigues of her own community, without ever doubting her own vocation". Here is a translation of the Holy Father's homily given in Italian, Spanish, French and German.

1. "There was an inscription over his head, 'This is the King of the Jews' (Lk 23,38).

That inscription, which Pilate had placed on the cross (cf. Jn 19,19), contains the motive of the condemnation and the truth about the person of Christ. *Jesus is king ... he affirmed it ... but his kingdom is not of this world* (cf. Jn 18,36-37). Before him humanity is divided into two parts: those who reject him on account of his apparent failure, and those who recognize him as the Christ, "the image of the invisible God, begotten before all creation" (Col 1,15), according to the expression of the Apostle Paul in the Letter to the Colossians, that we have heard.

Before the Cross of Christ, the great scene of the world is opened up and the drama of our personal and collective history takes place. Under the gaze of God, who in his Only begotten Son imolated for us, has become the measure of every person, institution, and civilization, each one is called to decide for or against Christ.

2. Those who were just proclaimed saints: Joseph Marello, Paula Montal Fornés de San José de Calasanz, Leonie Frances de Sales Aviat and Maria Crescenzia Höss come before the crucified divine king. Each of them entrusted himself/herself to his mysterious kingship, proclaiming with their entire life: "Jesus, remember me when you enter into your kingdom" (Lk 23,42). And in an absolutely personal way, each received the reply from the immortal King: "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise" (Lk 23,43).

Today! That "today" belongs to the time of God, to the plan of salvation, of which St Paul speaks in the Letter to the Romans: "Those whom he foreknew he also predestined ... he also called ... justified ... glorified" (Rom 8,29-20). That "today" contains the historical moment of today's canonization, in which



Banners of saints decorate St Peter's facade. Holy Father receives monstration from Bernadette McKenzie and Sr Ann Elizabeth, Oblate Sister. Holy Father gives the host to Isil cured by St Marelo



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SUNDAY ANGELUS: 25 NOVEMBER, SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Pray for peace, for projects I announced last Sunday

On Sunday, 25 November, the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Holy Father prayed the Angelus with thousands of pilgrims who had come for the canonization of four new saints: Sts Joseph Marello, Leonie Aviat, Paula Montal and Maria Crescenzia Höss. The Pope said: "Their witness

shows that the Crucified One truly 'lives and reigns for ever and ever'. He also brought Christ's kingship to the fore, "his is the power of love and service that requires the gratuitous gift of self and a consistent witness to the truth". Here is a translation of his reflection in Italian.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
On this last Sunday of the liturgical year we are celebrating the Solemnity of Christ the King and the Church invites

us to contemplate the kingship of the Redeemer that emerges very forcefully from the lives of the saints. This morning, in St Peter's Basilica, I had the joy

of proclaiming four new saints: Bishop Joseph Marello of Acqui, founder of the Congregation of the Oblates of St Joseph, and three consecrated virgins: Paula Montal Fornés of Calasanz, Leonie Frances de Sales Aviat and Maria Crescenzia Höss.

Four saints experienced the power of love and service with Christ

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