

**CHRISTMAS**  
**THE GREATEST EVENT OF HUMANITY**  
**IN THE EYES OF HOLINESS**

**WHAT IS CHRISTMAS?**

How does the world contemplate Christmas, today?

The celebration of Christmas for humans is no stranger to the pollution that invades everything. People no longer wish you a “Merry Christmas”, they wish us Happy “Holidays”, or “winter parties”, “social parties”, or “gastronomic parties” ... specifically without a predetermined protagonist, without Jesus.

Everything that men touch, we contaminate and so Christmas is commercialized. It loses its original and religious meaning, and we live without God's passion for the world and men. We have all contaminated the Christmas of Jesus with the superficiality of our rickety ideas, our sentimental rites, our empty congratulations, and our trees full of lights without a place for a manger, AND FOCUSED THE WHOLE WORLD ON A SOLUTION FOR THIS VIRUS

My fellow Christians, those that are gathered here, those of us who have not yet lost our memory, that have passed from the war of a contaminated Christmas, a world full of fears and insecurities, uncertainties, doubts, for what will happen later; we focus on the Christmas of Jesus.

It is the mystery of the Incarnation. He became flesh, ours, and was born of Mary. God needed and wanted to have a body. God wanted to show us that being human, with all the limitations that it entails, well thought out is not so bad.

By sharing our lives, whether we know it or not, like it or not, he introduced a new spirit, a new program into the world. A NEW SOLUTION TO THE CHAOS THAT THE WORLD IS LIVING TODAY

God, with us, in this Christmas of crisis, not so much because of the corona virus, but because of the doubts and fears that they are instilling in our hearts, invites us to live the religion of Jesus, his Year of Grace, his amnesty from all our debts.

Today is the night and the day to remember, to welcome and meditate on the only words spoken by God from the beginning: Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ, who comes to save us, who comes to put in our hearts the joy of knowing that we are not alone in the midst of so much confusion.

**IN THE EYES OF THE SAINTS**

Pope John XXIII in his Christmas homily in 1962 said:

*“This mass on the night of the Lord's Christmas sanctifies the most beautiful interiorities of the soul, which tend to what is the living essence of union with Christ: sincere religion, a well-understood liturgy, and a longing for Christian perfection. We notice it in this moment of quiet recollection, under the gaze of the Divine Infant. In reality, the great problems of social and individual life are They approach the*

*cradle of Bethlehem, while the angels invite us to give glory to God, glory to Christ the redeemer and savior, and to joyfully excite good wills for the celebration of universal peace. "*

Saint John XXIII invites us to see that the great problems of our society approach the cradle of Bethlehem, in order to find answers to this situation that we find that God is in our midst, the Immanuel, he is the one who can certainly help to this society with all its fears.

Saint John Paul II in his Christmas homily in 2000 at the beginning of this millennium precisely invites us to look with eyes of faith.

"Long awaited, the light of the new Day finally breaks. The Messiah has been born, the Immanuel, God is with us! The One who was foretold by the prophets and constantly invoked by those who "dwelt in the lands of shadows" has been born. In the silence and darkness of the night, the light becomes a word and message of hope.

But does not this certainty of faith perhaps contrast with the historical reality in which we live? If we listen to the sad news of the chronicles, these words of light and hope seem to speak of dreams. But here lies precisely the challenge of faith, which makes this announcement consoling and, at the same time, demanding. Faith makes us feel surrounded by the tender love of God, at the same time that it commits us to effective love for God and for our brothers and sisters.

Come, peoples of the earth and open the doors of your history! Come to adore the Son of the Virgin Mary, who has come among us on this night prepared for centuries. Night of joy and light. "

Faced with these words of how a saint sees reality since CHRISTMAS, there is nothing left for me but to contemplate the Glory and greatness of the one who has been given to us as a remedy among so many lies, and heartbreak among men, immersed in the pain of this virus deceived by a society that neither believes nor cares about God or men.

The saint also Paul VI in an address that he made on Christmas Day to the diplomatic corps said these words, highlighting the true event that will save humanity from the fears in which today there is a vaccine that today I have not yet heard nor to politicians or to the church itself, perhaps this is the great confusion Paul VI says;

Here is your heart. We know each other, we believe that an unprecedented, exceptional and decisive event has been fulfilled in the immense and confused course of the history of humanity: God - we say to ourselves: God, the Word of God - has become man. Infinite love has been inserted into the fabric of human life. The heavens opened; divine transcendence has been almost exposed; a will of salvation has descended on earth; an infinite goodness has approached us, the deep and ineffable Word of God has expressed itself with human words, it has become the Gospel, a message of joy, hope and peace.

We, we would never finish talking about this fundamental event; just mentioning it exalts and confuses us. It is like that; and our spirit overflows with joy and strength. "

To conclude this Christmas homily I want to go to the grotto of Belen with someone who was there for 40 years translating the word of God to understand it and this happened:

## CONCLUSION

The God Child said:

"Geronimo, what are you going to give me on my birthday?"

He answered:

"Lord, I give you my health, my fame, my honor, so that you can have everything as you see fit"

The God Child added:

"And you don't give me anything else anymore?"

"Oh my beloved Savior", exclaimed the old man, "...for You, I have already distributed my goods among the poor. For You I have dedicated my time to study the Holy Scriptures ... what else can I give you? If you wanted, I would give you my body so that You will burn it in a bonfire and thus be able to wear everything out for You."

The Boy said:

"Geronimo: give me your sins so I can forgive them"

Hearing this, the saint began to cry with emotion and exclaimed:

"You must be crazy in love when you ask me for this!"

And he realized that what God most wanted in his incarnation is that we offer sins to him, to save ourselves,

THIS IS GOD WITH US,

THIS IS CHRISTMAS.