



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

JESUS:

the Lord saves



Contemplating the Incarnation, as proposed in the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius, undoubtedly transformed Sophie profoundly throughout her life. We can imagine her reflecting on the events of her time, the violence and the upheavals, but also the signs of hope. In her heart, the desire grew “to rekindle the torch of faith and the sacred fire of love” (Abridged Plan of the Institute, I). Following in her footsteps and as members of the People of God, we continue the mission of Jesus, who was sent to reveal the Love that saves and liberates.

With Sophie

...And I saw hundreds, thousands of Adorers there before a universal monsternce, high above the Church. “That is it”, I said to myself, as I was praying before a lonely tabernacle: we must dedicate ourselves to the education of youth, renew in hearts the solid foundation of a living faith ... and there fight the traces of Jansenism, which led to such impiety. With the revelations of Jesus Christ to Blessed Margaret Mary concerning the devotion of reparation...to the Heart of Jesus... we will raise up a multitude of adorers from all the nations, to the very ends of the earth.”

(P. Perdrau, Les loisirs de l'abbaye, (Recreational activities in the Abbey), p. 423-424)

*"Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."
(Mt 1: 20-21)*

Today in the Church

It is only by starting from the heart that our communities will succeed in uniting and reconciling differing minds and wills, so that the Spirit can guide us in unity as brothers and sisters. Reconciliation and peace are also born of the heart. The heart of Christ is "ecstasy", openness, gift and encounter. In that heart, we learn to relate to one another in wholesome and happy ways, and to build up in this world God's kingdom of love and justice. Our hearts, united with the heart of Christ, are capable of working this social miracle. (Dilexit Nos, 28)



In union with Christ, amid the ruins we have left in this world by our sins, we are called to build a new civilization of love. That is what it means to make reparation, as the Heart of Christ would have us do. Amid the devastation wrought by evil, the Heart of Christ desires that we cooperate with him in restoring goodness and beauty to our world. (Dilexit Nos 182)

Contemplate and Share

Let us reflect on our "blessed and wounded" world and on Jesus choosing to become one of us.

What feelings and emotions are stirred within us?

What does Sophie's vision inspire in us today?

What will be the inspiration for the Feast of Christmas this year?

Hymns:

[Maranatha](#) - Harpa Dei

[Heart to Heart](#) - Cristóbal Fones, SJ & Dom Bulan, SJ

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SOPHIE AND JPIC



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