



Conversion

The warning of Jesus: “Unless you repent, you will all perish as they did” (Lk. 13:3, 5) incites us to reaffirm the authenticity of our journey of faith by striving for holiness with renewed vigor. It also triggers in us an urgent desire for conversion in view of the renewal of the Church—a renewal that “is also achieved

through the witness offered by the lives of believers: by their very existence in the world, Christians are called to radiate the word of truth that the Lord Jesus has left us” (Benedict XVI, *Porta Fidei*, 6). When we hear the word “conversion,” we spontaneously think that it concerns changing bad habits and incorrect behavior, but it is necessary to change our way of thinking before we can change our way of acting. Today we have a problem seeing things clearly. We frequently justify our behavior, saying, “What’s wrong about it? Everyone’s doing it!” How can we change our way of thinking? How can we be renewed? A true change of mentality involves recognizing as valid and trustworthy a truth that perfects and completes the certitudes on which we base our life. Only a truth that is not imposed but that is lovingly offered will be welcomed as a new way of thinking that can prompt us to adopt a new style of life.

Christ presents himself as the Truth who proposes life and, once this proposal is accepted, lovingly and patiently waits for it to bear fruit (cf. Lk. 13:6-9). His attitude underscores that changing our way of thinking does not yield instant results; it is a gradual process in which docility and perseverance play key roles. It is a basic attitude that springs from a love that we accept, correspond to, and nourish every day through listening and adoration. Are we ready to be converted? Are we ready to change our way of thinking?

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Signs of Faith

1st Sunday

Adoration

«Worship the Lord your God and serve only him.»

(Lk. 4:8)

2nd Sunday

Listening

«This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.»

(Lk. 9:35)

3rd Sunday

Conversion

«Unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.»

(Lk. 13:3)

4th Sunday

Welcome

«Your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.»

(Lk. 15:32)

5th Sunday

Newness of Life

«Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.»

(Jn. 8:11)

Prayer

God, our infinitely compassionate Father, you are always ready to forgive us.

Give us the joy of experiencing every day the beauty of your merciful love so that we will not fall into spiritual apathy but always seek what is pleasing to you.

Lord Jesus, loving Truth, enlighten our minds so that we will be able to discern what is truly good according to your Word and allow ourselves to be shaped by you.



Holy Spirit, consoling Love, give us a thirst for the truth so that our feelings will be those of Christ and our will the Father’s will. Amen.

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