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# HAVE NO ANXIETY ABOUT ANYTHING! PHIL 4:6

## INTERIOR PEACE AS THE WILL OF GOD



In the letter he addresses to the Colossians, Saint Paul wishes them the gift of peace (Col 3:15), this being not only Paul's wish, but the wish of God the Father Himself. In fact, the greatest struggle we can face in our Christian life is not only the struggle against sin, but the struggle against sadness, anguish, grief, and restlessness.

We live in a time in which man is invited to drown in pessimism, in the habit of thinking that "I can't" or "I am not able." It is deceptive to think that we will never be able to overcome the difficulties that arise in life. When we find ourselves in such a condition we settle into a mediocre and sad life.

One of the main jobs of the enemy is to become our accuser, which leads us to discouragement. This is how Holy Scripture defines it in the Book of Revelation: "Now have the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ, been established; for the **accuser** of our brothers is cast out, who accused them before our God day and night" (Rev 12:10).



Many times, we think that it is God who **accuses** us, who is waiting to judge us for any defect or fall we have; but it's not like that. How wrong we are since it is Satan himself who wants to see us sink into discouragement.

We must truly ask the Holy Spirit to give us the gift of His peace, that peace that, despite temptations, problems and difficulties, fills our hearts.

Imagine the sea, which is often tumultuous and roiled on the surface, but deep down it is always at peace. In the same way, the gift of peace, provided by the Holy Spirit, gives us that deep inner peace, that serenity that does not go away, even in the midst of trials.

God really wants to see us happy (fulfilling His Will, obviously!) but happily. "Do not deprive yourself of spending a happy day" (Sirach 14, 14)

"Rejoice in the Lord always, I say it again: rejoice! The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:4-7)

Joy is normal for those who live the Beatitudes: “Blessed are those who...” (cf. Mt 5:3-12). And for that blessed person there is no room for worry. Why do we worry? Our Heavenly Father knows what we need (cf. Mt 6:32).

Heaven is not only a future reality. God wants us to be able to taste heaven now, which, though it will never be exempt from the Cross, will always taste of the Resurrection.

It is the great struggle! Let us not allow the devil to plunge us into sadness, let us strive to be happy even in the midst of our weaknesses and sins. “That is why I rejoice in my weaknesses because, when I am weak, then I am strong.” (2 Cor 12:10)





*Our Movement was born  
in a very simple way,  
without great promises, but  
only the promise of the  
Cross.*



FR. GIOVANNI SALERNO



# THE CHARISM OF THE MSP

## *Obedience makes us Church*

Our Movement is not a body. It is the Church, it is an ecclesial Movement and, as such, it fully accepts the Church in its divine-human truth. It accepts, respects, and obeys the Hierarchy in everything, discovering through it the will of God. It accepts the Magisterium, listens to it and follows it, faithfully applying its directives in the concrete life of each day, and in a special way follows the voice of the Pope, complies with the liturgical norms and with the discipline expressed in the Code of Canon Law, makes the message of supernatural salvation that the Church preaches its own. Everything in the Church is accepted, everything in the Church is loved, because we are not strangers to the Church, but, on the contrary, we exist in the Church. We are the Church.

This means being servants in the Church. We well know that we are servants of the poor only when we are servants of the Church, since only the Church discovers in the poor the face of Jesus Christ her Bridegroom, whom she loves and serves with boundless abandon.

To do this, we need to practice two fundamental virtues: humility and obedience.

With them we are servants of Christ, servants of the Church, servants of the poor. These two virtues will make us discover in the Church a kind Mother who continually treats us with love and tenderness. In fact, only in the Church do we receive the life that God the Father has given us in His Son.

The Church, and only the Church, unites us to Christ. The Church, and only the Church, truly serves the poor. And if it is true that in the humanity of the poor we discover deficiencies, our attitude as loving servants must be one of giving them our love, our prayer, our sacrifices and, above all, our effort at conversion, because sin (including our own) is what distorts the face of the Church.

Therefore, let there never be among us a hostile, rebellious attitude of destructive criticism towards the Church and its teachings. The Movement, as has been repeated countless times, was born following the call of the Pope, as a response to his desire to be present among the poorest, so that the entire Church is present through selfless service according to the charity of Christ. Let us go to the poor as the Church, sent by the Church, with all the riches of love and grace that she possesses for each man, in absolute fidelity and humble obedience to her.

To be continued...

Fr. Giovanni Salerno



*"Let us go to the poor as a Church, with all the riches of love and grace that She possesses."*



# NEWS FROM OUR HOUSES

## *Spiritual retreats. A commitment of the MSP*

Both the men's and women's branches of the MSP have committed this year to providing varied spiritual retreats to as many people as have a sincere desire to know and unite themselves more with God.

Therefore, we are offering constant spiritual retreats to our collaborators, young people, boys, girls, and anyone in general who wishes to access them.

We ask you to keep an eye on our website and our various social networks, so that you can be informed of when the next one will be held.

## *Turning towards the poor*

In our Divine Mercy Aid Center this year, with God's blessing, we have served 19 children with tutoring, singing, dance, and sewing workshops, and by offering snacks and lunch. We also help families in need by bringing them various supplies that are donated to us and provide them with dairy products and vegetables brought by our MSP Priests from the City of Boys in Andahuayllillas.

Through our catechetical efforts we have instilled love for Jesus in the Eucharist by short visits to the Blessed Sacrament, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, and the practice of works of mercy.





# S.O.S

## TO YOUNG PEOPLE

If you are a young man or woman or married couple, or if you wish to form a support group or be an oblate in your own country, God is calling you. Don't let the flame go out and say Yes to Christ.

contact us!



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