



Every Child is a Gift!

December 8, 2012 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Dear brothers and sisters:

May the contemplation of the mystery of Christmas illuminate with a singular clarity in this year of Faith, the profound mystery of the dignity of the human person. May the light that flows from the stable of Bethlehem kindle the ardent fire of Faith, Hope, and Charity, in our hearts. Before the manger, may we rediscover the ineffable gift of life with greater intensity and become ardent witnesses and generous apostles to build a new

civilization of love and life.

United as a family through this means of evangelization, we place ourselves before the manger, contemplating the Child Jesus who is the reason for Our Faith, I would like to invite you to reflect on the words that Bl. John Paul II said to us at the beginning of his Encyclical "The Gospel of Life," n. 1: *"The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' message. Lovingly received day after day by the Church, it is to be preached with dauntless fidelity as "good news" to the people of every age and culture. At the dawn of salvation, it is the Birth of a Child which is proclaimed as joyful news: "I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord" (Lk 2:10-11). The source of this "great joy" is the Birth of the Saviour; but Christmas also reveals the full meaning of every human birth, and the joy which accompanies the Birth of the Messiah is thus seen to be the foundation and fulfilment of joy at every child born into the world (cf. Jn 16:21)."*

Yes, the Birth of the Child Jesus makes manifest the profound sense, the profound joy of every human birth...and in light of the birth of God made man, every baby boy, every baby girl should be received with joy and with gratitude. Every baby boy and girl is a gift! Life is a gift...and it is also a great task. Before the great challenges that we face in a historical moment which in many ways tries to impose a culture of death, it is the duty of all of us as Christians to give a coherent, ardent, and concrete testimony that we believe with certainty, with firmness and with responsibility, that every life should be received, celebrated, guarded and given what is necessary so that it reaches its full human and spiritual realization.

The challenges are many, the battles are arduous...but we believe that love is stronger than death (cf. Song of Songs 8) and that evil is only conquered by good, as St. Paul teaches us in his letter to the Romans, 12:21. This past October at our II International Congress in Honor of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, I invited everyone in this historic moment to take our place, to fight the forces of evil doing concrete acts of good. Only love triumphs! Only love is capable of breaking down arguments of selfishness, fear, and comfort. Only love is capable of convincing a world in which many experience the "eclipse of God" and as such, also the "eclipse" of man, of his highest dignity and his greatest vocation. *Only love conquers! Only love overcomes everything! Only love can build a new culture where what is good, beautiful and true prevails. Only love is capable of lighting luminous candles in the darkness of our contemporary world.*

Today more than ever, we must understand that to go out into the deep with the lit flame of Faith, we must give testimony of a pure, right, firm, ardent, and fecund faith being coherent, faithful, and courageous witnesses and apostles. But this ardent testimony of the Faith must be accompanied by concrete gestures of love. It is for this reason that this Christmas in the Year of Faith and before the challenges of a culture that in many sectors, has lost the inestimable value of life, I desire to invite all of you to testify with a small gesture of love and generosity, that life must be received, celebrated, and guarded.

For this reason, I desire to invite you this Christmas that our gift to the Child Jesus be to support - according to your possibilities- those mothers with limited economic resources who will give birth to their babies in this month of December or January. I invite you to surround these mothers and their babies with the items necessary for their birth. May this effort involve many, relatives, friends, co-workers...by donating an item everyone can build "a manger" for these children whose life is a gift and as such must be welcomed with the tenderness, joy, and responsibility that love awakens in the human heart.

In whatever part of the world we find ourselves, let us unite with these gestures of love to help welcome these babies, who are a gift for those mothers who are going through difficult moments. "Every life is a reason for joy." Let us give testimony to the gift of life in all sectors of society (*in our own jobs, neighborhoods, in our parishes or families...*) thus accomplishing together this "gesture of love."

Our Family of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary will be supporting 25 mothers that do not have what is necessary to receive their babies here in Miami, and this gesture of love will be replicated in each part of the world where the Family is found.

Dear brothers and sisters, I exhort you to invite your prayer groups, your friends and relatives to also participate in this beautiful project. I exhort you to invite your prayer groups, your friends and relatives to also participate in this beautiful project. The more hearts that enter into this **wave of love**, the more we will be able to cover the world with its potency.

You can send your photos or comments if you have united to this project so we can share them on our websites: www.corazones.org and www.piercedhearts.org

May we be witnesses of the Incarnation.....God is love and has revealed himself to us with the face of a child!

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"Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good." (Rm 12:21)