

In the 5<sup>th</sup> Joyful Mystery, we read and we meditate undisturbed:

A SYSTEMATIC CARD for the  
**METHOD of PRAYER- SLC**  
( By care of the Little Friars and Sisters V.V. of Jesus and Mary )

( E3 – Fr. G.M.G.-J. )

# ***“Jesus found amongst the teachers in the Temple ”...***

## **FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - LUKE -:**

*“Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy remained behind in Jerusalem, without his parents knowing it... they began searching for him amongst parents and friends; not having found him, they returned in search for him at Jerusalem. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting amongst the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions...”*  
(Cf. Lk 2,41-50)

## **MEDITATIONS ON THE MYSTERY:**

*“But today, are we sure that “we haven’t lost” that true ideal of Christian life, that we’d presented (with much love) to you some time ago? If so, don’t make us go search for Him amongst friends and relatives who don’t search for the Will of God, but rather make us search for Him in the opposite direction; into that Sacred Temple. Yes, make that we search attentively and with intelligence amongst those pleasant Priests, Bishops or etc. of the Sacred Temple of the Holy Roman Catholic and Apostolic Church!” ... ( Friar Volantino V., in SLC, pg. 223 )*

## **FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE ( Catholic ) CHURCH :**

*- And in regards to not losing the Spirit of Christ, like so says St. Ambrose: “It’s from the Holy Church that you must learn to retain Christ... and you will retain the love of the soul.” ( St. Ambrose, Office of Read. 13. December )*

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## **FREE AND PERSONAL MEDITATION**

*( for a personal contribution to give to those who listen ) :*

- How F.V. answered the man who asked him pungently: “If you demonstrate to me with the Word of God why I have to go into Church, I’ll go”...

*Then follows...*

- 1 Our Father...
- 5 Hail Mary’s ...
- 1 Glory Be to the Father... (Sung)

- Oh my Jesus, forgive us ...
- Mary, Queen of Peace ...

- Then, a possible “flash” song coordinated to the mystery / or one says singing: “ Ave....., Ave....., Ave Maria ....”

*Then one goes on to the next Mystery that (as this one) for when possible must not take more than 5-7 minutes ...*

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N.B. Given that these meditations were born in Italian, don't stop so much at the translation that includes some limits, but stop yourselves rather on what the Spirit proposes! ... The major part of the Scriptural quotations found on these sheets have been translated from the (4<sup>th</sup> edition) Italian version Bible of Jerusalem (approved by the Italian Episcopal Conference - CEI -).