

In the 5th 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)

(E4 – Friar V.V.)

“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. When he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom, (but) after they had completed its days... the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, without his parents knowing it... After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions... When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, ‘Son, why have you done this to us?’ Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.’ And he answered them: ‘Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I have to deal with the things of my Father?’ But they did not understand his words.” (Lk 2,41-50)

MEDITATIONS ON THE MYSTERY:

“GIVE US THE GRACE TO BE ABLE TO SAY, ESPECIALLY TO ALL THOSE ANXIOUS PARENTS, FOR THE LOSS OF THEIR CHILDREN WHO HAVE DISCOVERED THEIR VOCATION AND TO WHOM YOU’VE CALLED : ‘Why were you looking for me ? Did you not know that I must deal with the things of my Father ? ‘...Therefore Reflect, only if all were as fortunate you ! Yes, Lord... give us the Grace to be able to make all those children Called, yet trapped by their parents who persistently try to divert them from Your Will, to say: ‘Why do you try to divert me ? Did you not know that I have to deal with the things of my Father ? ‘ Or have you already forgotten what the Lord has already demonstrated in a certain way to you even before I was born ? Don’t be persistent (Cf. Ps 31, 9). Reflect, and if you can understand, understand, since it’s written: ‘Take care not to find yourselves fighting against God !’”. (Cf. Ac 5, 39 B)
(Friar Volantino V. , in the S.L.C. pg. 227)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE (Catholic) CHURCH :

- Like so says Saint Augustine, Bishop of Hippo: “Honour ones father and mother: it’s precisely a precept of God. The young man in the Gospel wanted to obey God and bury his own father. But there are times, places and things that must be subordinate to other matters, to other times, to other places. One must honour their father but one must Obey God. One must love their parents but one must prefer the Creator. Establish the measure and give to each what be their due, do not place things that are superior below those that are inferior !”. (Cf. SAINT AUGUSTINE, Sermons 100, 1-2)...

- And even more, in regards to such : Like so says Pope Emeritus Benedict the XVIth: “The love for parents in fact is a sacred commandment, but to be lived in an authentic way it can never be put before the love of God and Christ !” (B.XVIth Angelus, 19 August 2007)

FREE AND PERSONAL MEDITATION

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

- **A BAD EXAMPLE** of the father of Saint Francis of Assisi, who stubbornly refused the Calling of his son ...
- **A BEAUTIFUL EXAMPLE** of the father of Sr. Veronica M.D. who wanted to throw himself to the ground for the joy that God had called his daughter ...

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 (4th edition) Italian version Bible of Jerusalem (approved by the Italian Episcopal Conference - CEI -).