

## “The finding of Jesus in the Temple”...



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

*“After they had completed [the days of the feast],... Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it... After three days they found him in the temple... and his mother said to him,... Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.’ And he said to them, ‘Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must [be about my Father’s business]?’” (Luke 2:43, 46, 48-49)<sup>1</sup>*

### MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Give us the grace to be able to say this, especially to all those parents distressed by the “loss” of their children whom you have called: *“‘Why are you searching for me? Don’t you know that I have to be about my Father’s business?’ If only all were as fortunate as you are!”* (cf. SLC, p. 227)

### FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to religious vocation and family, St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta says: *“Pray for your children, that the calling and the choice of Christ may come upon your family through a vocation to priesthood or religious life, as a gift of God to the family.”* (TERESA DE CALCUTTA, *Con tanto amore. Pensieri*, a cura di D. Stefano Varnavà, EDB, Bologna 1993, p. 91, unpublished translation by pfsgm)

<sup>1</sup> NABRE (USCCB); final phrase from the Italian Jerusalem Bible (CEI) 2008, unpublished translation by pfsgm

### FREE AND PERSONAL MEDITATION

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

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*Then follows ...*

1 Our Father ...  
5 Hail Mary ...  
1 Glory be to the Father ... (Sung)

- Praised be,,,  
- O my Jesus, forgive us...  
- Mary, Queen of Peace ...

- Then, a quick song relevant to the mystery / or one sings : “ Aveeeee, Aveeeee, Ave Maria ....”

*Then one goes on to the next Mystery which (like this one) if possible must not take more than 5-7 minutes ...*