

In the Father of Life

So many, too many signs of non-life are besieging us. On all sides.

And not only if we look at the senseless and tragic destruction of wars that are raging or spreading in various regions of the world, at the hunger for peace and justice and light and joy that is tormenting countless brothers and sisters, at the silent and anguished groaning that is rising from the earth and the creatures that populate it. But we can also see it if we look at the Church, which is engaged in an event of epochal proportions as is the synodal process, and yet it is troubled, wounded and fragile... and if we look at the Work of Mary that came to life to offer a specific contribution of prophecy to Jesus' dream - never so relevant - "that all may be one", and which in many of us, seems to be uncertain, weakened, doubtful...

There is need for Life: for that Life that Jesus brought: "I came that they may have Life and have it to the full" (Jn 10:10); because, "As the Father is the source of Life, so he also made the Son the source of Life." (Jn 5:26).

Therefore: to be in Jesus, and through him to draw from the source of Life that is the Father.

Isn't this what Chiara and Foco and the 'little group' who were with them, experienced in the pact of unity, that 16 July 1949? Isn't this what we who walk in that same 'little group' experience today, every time that - by the miracle of this gift we have received - we become what we are, the living pact?

It is not a luxury, it is not an optional extra. It is a grace. At great cost, certainly. And it is a talent, meant for all. And it is a responsibility.

It is drawing today from the source of Life: the Life of the Father, in Jesus, for his sons and daughters, men and women and all creatures.

The Life. The Life that has already been completely given by the Father. In Jesus Forsaken. The Life that emanates ever new from him, victorious over every death - and every division and misunderstanding and indifference and resignation.

Wherever he is. And he is... each of us knows where: when we recognise him because we become one with him, in ourselves and in every other brother and sister and creature and circumstance and challenge and trial and suffering.

There and then Life ignites, and blossoms into the unity that is the freedom and surprise and joy of diversity. A Rainbow of Light that unites Heaven and earth and on everyone and everything, it embroiders designs of peace, justice, forgiveness, fraternity.



Chiara - with Foco and the 'little group' that followed them, and in which we are - lived this. And she believed in it. Right to the end.

And today, 16th July 2023, Chiara says it again to us. With that “saying” that - in the Father - means “giving”, when we believe in it by offering all of ourselves in the 'yes!' of Mary, which echoes again today from the bottom of our hearts:

"... one must have the courage to disregard other means ..."

We need to bring God back to life in us, keep him alive and overflow him onto others like streams of Life that revive the dead.

And we need to keep him alive among us by loving one another (and to love each other there is no need to make a noise: love means death to ourselves - and death is silence - and Life in God - and God is silence that speaks).

Then everything changes: politics and art, school and religion, private life and recreation. Everything.

God ... is alive in us - if we let him live – and he gives order to every human and divine law, for everything comes from him. And he, from within speaks and teaches - he is the eternal teacher - the eternal and the temporal and he gives value to everything.

But we can understand this only if we let him live in us by living in others, because Life is love and if it does not circulate it does not live."¹

Thank you! ... and best wishes for New Life!

Piero Coda

¹ C. Lubich, *Resurrezione di Roma*, in Studi della Scuola Abbà, a cura di H. Blaumeiser e A.M. Rossi, Città Nuova, Roma, 2017, p. 21-22.