THE FEAR OF GOD AS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM

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Dear faithful, on the Second Sunday after Epiphany we become witnesses of the first miracle of Our Lord Jesus Christ, when He changes water into excellent wine. In this way He shows His divine power. He shows His apostles, all the guests invited to the wedding, that He is the Lord of heaven and earth, that He has power over all the things that are here in the world, that He can change one thing into something entirely different without any difficulty. This first miracle of Our Lord Jesus Christ in a way completes the mystery of the Epiphany with its content: God who comes into this world and reveals Himself to all.

The holy Church cries out in the Introit of today's Holy Mass: "Let the whole world bow down before You, O God, and sing, and pay homage to Your name, O Most High." Having seen this miracle of Our Lord Jesus Christ, after we came to know Him, we acknowledged God in Him together with the three kings; then, having met the true God, we long to share this joy that flows from knowing the truth with the whole world, to share it with our loved ones, our relatives, our friends. In the Offertory of today's Holy Mass the Church prays: *Jubilate Deo universa terra*: "Praise God, all the earth, sing a psalm, give glory to His name. Come and hear, and I will tell you, all you who fear God, what God has done for my soul."

THE LOVE OF DARKNESS

This Offertory of today's Holy Mass makes us realise why so many people are indifferent. "Come and hear, and I will tell you, all you who fear God." The lack of the fear of God, my dear brethren, which marks modern man, is [?] in St. John: "But men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." This is the source, my dear brethren, and the reason why modern man, 99,999 people in your surroundings, are completely uninterested in coming to know the true God and in giving Him worship.

I read in Holy Scripture: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." He who does not have wisdom, the fear of God, is a plain fool, an idiot, a moron, even if he had ten diplomas and the title of professor. He who does not have the fear of God is not interested in the true God, and what matters most in life does not interest him. He who does not have the fear of God prefers to live in falsehood and in darkness rather than in truth and in light. The light has come into this world. God gives everyone enough grace to save his soul, but men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. People flee from the light because in the light everything is visible, and they would have to see what they really look like, they would have to acknowledge their wretchedness, they would see their evil, they would see that without God they are dust, they are nothing.

Dear faithful, on the Second Sunday after Epiphany let us therefore ask that the fear of God be preserved in us, respect for what is holy, respect for what is most holy. As long as there is the fear of God in our lives, so long will we be able to count ourselves among the wise, among those who desire to discover [...].

PEOPLE WITHOUT FEAR OF GOD

My dear brethren, also for so many poor people in whom the fear of God is absent today. With horror we watch these unfortunate people, flailing about in life, chasing after something, they themselves do not know what. One house after another, cars, trips to the ends of the earth do not give them happiness. This chase goes on and will go on to the end of their lives, and it will be a chase without end, and worse still without sense, because without a goal. You try to talk with your loved ones, with your friends, you try to show them the truth about the modern world, to show them the true God, but they are not interested

in it, because they do not have the fear of God. Where there is no fear of God, there is no wisdom, and so man remains in foolishness, in darkness, in sin.

How many souls, my dear brethren, need our prayer today, so that [?], in order to enlighten every man. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.