SEVEN LOAVES AND THE PROPOSAL FROM LEO XIV'S ENVOYS

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Beloved in Christ the Lord! Today's Gospel presents to us the crowd gathering around the Lord Jesus to listen to His words. At the same time we see how the divine heart of the Saviour is moved at the thought of hunger, the hunger of this people who left their homes, who went out into the desert in search of truth. We see how deeply the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is moved at the thought of hunger that is not only bodily but also spiritual. We hear the Lord Jesus speak these moving words: *Misereor super turbam*. These words have resounded for 2,000 years in the history of the Church. They have resounded for 2,000 years of the wandering of the people of the New Covenant as a witness to divine love for every soul that tears itself away from what is earthly and sets out on the journey towards Him who said of Himself: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but by Me."

Dear faithful, we are listening to the account of yet another miraculous multiplication of bread. What may escape our attention is the number of loaves. Seven loaves of bread, with which the Saviour feeds 4,000 people today. These seven loaves sufficed, and will suffice, for the Saviour to feed not only 4,000 but millions, hundreds of millions of souls through the 2,000 years of the existence of the Catholic Church. The seven loaves described in today's Gospel symbolise the seven holy sacraments, through which the Lord God strengthens us on our journey, in our fighting, whose goal is the winning of the kingdom of heaven.

Seven sacraments, through which God's grace is imparted to the soul. Baptism, through which the soul is washed of original sin, through which it receives sanctifying grace. Confirmation, the sacrament through which the baptised soul becomes a warrior, a knight of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is strengthened with the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Most Blessed Sacrament, which contains within itself the very Giver of grace, our Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour. Divine food, which we consume and by which we ought to be made like Him, made like the Saviour. Holy Confession: through this sacrament the soul, whenever it has the misfortune of losing sanctifying grace, can regain it, washing itself in the blood of the Divine Lamb. Extreme Unction, through which the soul is prepared for the meeting with the Divine Judge, the sacrament through which our temporal human sufferings become for us an occasion for penance, for purification before union with the Divine Saviour. Then the sacrament of Holy Orders, which makes possible the continuance of the Catholic Church, which makes it possible for this miracle, this great miracle, to continue uninterrupted, so that the Lord Jesus, for 2,000 years, and we do not know how much more lies ahead of us, might go on feeding us with His Body and strengthening us with His sacraments. And finally the sacrament of marriage, through which the continuance of the human race and of the Church of God is ensured.

THE DEVIL'S ATTACK

And look: the apostles, before this miracle has been worked, ask a rhetorical question: "Whence could anyone feed these people with bread here in the desert?" This question is at the same time a cry to the Lord Jesus to do something, to work a miracle. The apostles are well aware that with what they have they cannot feed several thousand people. It is far too little.

How tragically this question of the apostles sounds in our times: where shall we get bread to feed them? In this time in which it is so hard, so difficult, to find validly and worthily celebrated holy sacraments. In these times in which we are called to live truly in the desert, in loneliness, so often in the scorching heat of dislike and hatred from other people. How dramatically this apostolic question sounds today, when access to validly and worthily celebrated holy sacraments is so difficult.

The devil hates the Holy Mass and the sacraments, because he knows that through them God's grace is imparted to us. The devil knows that, deprived of God's grace, deprived of support from heaven, we will very, very quickly lose strength in this desert and fall into his claws. That is why he does all he can to cut us off from the source of grace. He does all he can to destroy the sacrifice of the Holy Mass, to destroy the sacraments. For several decades we have been witnesses of an unprecedented attack of the devil on the Church and on the mission of sanctifying and strengthening entrusted to her by Christ Himself.

For several decades now, my dear friends, the so-called new Mass, the Mass of Paul VI, the *Novus Ordo Missae*, has been celebrated in what were once Catholic churches. It is not as many Catholics think, that somewhere around the turn of the 1960s and 70s the Mass was simply translated from Latin into the national language. No, my dear friends, a completely new order of the Mass was created, expressing a new conception of what the Mass is. Cardinals Ottaviani and Bacci, Roman cardinals, in their short critical analysis of the *Novus Ordo Missae*, before the new rite was unlawfully imposed on the Church, warned that the *Novus Ordo Missae*, both as a whole and in its details, represents a departure from the Catholic doctrine of the Holy Mass, and thus is something completely new, expresses a new faith.

Dear faithful, today, within the structures of the post-conciliar church, the celebration of the old Mass, the Mass in the extraordinary form of the Roman rite, is sometimes permitted. Of course this does not come for free: the price is the necessity of accepting the erroneous, heretical teaching of the council, the anti-council, Vatican, and the necessity also of accepting the *Novus Ordo*. In essence we must understand that Paul VI could not forbid, and Benedict XVI could not newly permit, Catholics, priests, to do what is their duty. There is no power in heaven or on earth that could forbid a Catholic priest, Catholics, to fulfil their basic duty, which is to give worship to God, One in the Holy Trinity. This is the fundamental, basic duty of every human being who has ever lived, who lives, who will be on this earth: to give worship to the Lord God, the true God, the living and true God. And not in just any way, not in whatever way, but in a very specific way. The way that was indicated by God Himself, that is, through the sacrifice of the Holy Mass. Here, on the altar, beats the heart of God Himself. Here is the source of all the graces we need, so that we do not lose strength, so that we persevere, so that we do not fall into the claws of Satan. That is why we want to continue our fight, we want to pray, and we look with impatience for that day when the Most Holy Sacrifice will return to all the altars that were erected by our fathers and grandfathers, so that they may be places of the offering, of the celebration of divine worship.

LEO XIV'S ENVOYS

Dear faithful, referring briefly once more to my meeting with the envoys of Leo XIV at the beginning of this month: as you remember, I was offered the regularisation of my canonical status, entry into full communion with the Holy See, but at a very specific price. That is, the making of a declaration of acceptance of the teaching of the Second Vatican Council and of the post-conciliar popes, and I was invited to concelebrate with Leo XIV in order to express communion, recognition. In a word, in the context of what I have said, it is obvious that these conditions are unacceptable.

But what is the fundamental problem in any conversation with the post-conciliar hierarchy? Namely, that they are detached from reality. As long as a sick man does not realise, does not admit to himself, that he is sick, that some illness is consuming him, so long he will not reach for medicine. And that is their problem: they are not able to admit that something was wrong with the council. They are not able to acknowledge that objective reality which we all observe, that the post-conciliar church has for several decades been slowly collapsing, to put it colloquially. Wherever I go, wherever I talk with various priests, religious sisters, they all repeat like a mantra that there are no vocations, no vocations, there are no people, there is no piety, people behave in church as in a pigsty, and so on. But this did not come from nothing. These are the consequences, these are the fruits of departing from the Church of God and beginning to build the church of man. The church of man. But as long as Rome does not acknowledge, does not understand, that they are in error, that they are following heretical teaching, that they are preaching heresy, as

long as they do not reject the error, as long as they do not reject the *Novus Ordo*, so long the illness will deepen. The illness will only and exclusively deepen.

Dear faithful, we do not know what lies ahead of us. We do not know what further oddities, what horrors the smiling Leo XIV may bring us, behind whose smile hides the desire to continue what the Argentinian Jesuit began. One thing is certain: the Lord God will not tolerate blasphemies and sacrileges forever. As Saint Paul the Apostle warns, God is not mocked, and whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. Amen.