

MAY (A thought for each day)

1. "Next to the adoration of God, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, no one should be as dear to us as the Most Holy Mary."

Meditazioni alle religiose 1902-1934 e 1943-1949, parte 1, in: Scritti, vol. 66, p. 519

2. "Even if only in heaven we will truly see the glory of Mary, we will admire her forever and glorify her greatness, already here on earth, immediately after Jesus, our feelings, pity and trust should be turned to Mary."

Meditazioni alle religiose 1902-1934 e 1943-1949, parte 1, in: Scritti, vol. 66, p. 519

3. "We should live like children in the arms of the Blessed Virgin."

"Venga il tuo Regno", XXVIII (1969)

4. "Do not doubt the most effective, most powerful assistance of this divine Mother over you. She is obliged to you: live for the interests of her divine Son, live also for Her, to make her known, loved, venerated by new children".

Chiamati alla santità, Naples 1977, p. 199

5. "Your vocation is Mary's vocation: to give Jesus to the world and with Jesus every good thing, with Jesus eternal life. You are even more fortunate, you also give Mary to the world."

Chiamati alla santità, Naples 1977, p. 200

6. "If you have the protection of the Mother of God in your favor, who will be against you? And in favor of whom will Mary be if not those who continue the great work of her Son and the propagators of his cult?"

Chiamati alla santità, Naples 1977, p. 200

7. "See the child in his mother's arms, how safe he feels. Let the mother hide, move away, here is the confusion, he cries and if he sees her again, how suddenly he calms down. Why? Because you can't live without your mother".

Meditazioni alle religiose 1902-1934 i 1943-1949, parte. 1, in: *Scritti*, vol. 66, p. 548

8. "The more we become one with Jesus through the Blessed Sacrament, the more we transform ourselves into Jesus, the more intimately we become children of Mary in Jesus and with Jesus."

Meditazioni alle religiose 1902-1934 i 1943-1949, parte. 1, in: *Scritti*, vol. 66, p. 514

9. "By neglecting the spiritual element and allowing the material and external element to prevail, we materialize the holy mystery, which loses its effectiveness and we give rise to an activity that may seem apostolic, but is a surrogate of an inferior nature and of little effectiveness".

Chiamati alla santità, Naples 1977, p. 77

10. "The missionary nun, besides presenting in herself the highest example of her sex, also offers to the (pagan) world that surrounds her the most vivid example and the most suggestive image of two virtues, which that world does not even know by name: virginity and charity".

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 196

11. "Virginity, as a virtue, is a revelation to the pagan world. It sees no other beauty in women than that which the eye feasts on, bringing back an aesthetic impression and the consequent awakening of a vulgar instinct."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 197

12. "What and how much new beauty in this virgin who consecrates herself to an idea, who renounces all intoxication of the senses and keeps herself pure, who gathers herself entirely in the mystery of the soul, where she is pervaded by the breath of a new life, possessed and enraptured in the ecstasy of a divine reality, which transfigures her and is reflected in her eyes and face like the expression of an angelic purity and beauty!"

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 197

13. "To go, to preach, to heal, to respect man. To live to save and sacrifice oneself and souls."
Lettera ai missionari of November 3, 1895, in: *Scritti*, vol. 64 (*Lettere sparse*).

14. When we want to transport a tree from one place to another, we make sure that the roots, trunk and main branches are intact. We do not care about the leaves or flowers, certain that the tree, having settled in the new soil, will draw from it the moisture to grow green and give new flowers and new fruits".

Osservazioni sul metodo moderno di evangelizzazione, Bologna 1979, p. 73

15. We bring the essential, the Catechism, and let it develop and find its place according to the climates and environments of the various countries."

Osservazioni sul metodo moderno di evangelizzazione, Bologna 1979, p. 73

16. "Souls, even today, are converted by the Holy Spirit through prayers, through a penitent and holy life, through the zeal of missionaries. [...] Money-based propaganda clips the wings of the Holy Spirit and reaches where all human means reach, that is, not very far."

"Il Vincolo", I [September 1929], n. 2, p. 12

17. "From the day the Apostles, filled with the Spirit of zeal, left the Upper Room and proclaimed the words of eternal life in Jerusalem, until our own day, the Church has always aimed at her goal with a constancy unknown to human institutions, a shining proof of her heavenly origin."

Operarii autem pauci, Milan 1960, p. 12

18. "The apostolic spirit with which Christian society was filled at its origin has been perpetuated to our day and the Church lives by it."

Operarii autem pauci, Milan 1960, p. 12

19. "Without the divine mission the Church would not exist, or if it existed it would die, just as a tree that no longer sends forth new shoots becomes sterile and dies. A Church that no longer had Apostles would be a finished Church: its days would be numbered and the tolls of its funeral would already be heard."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 20

20. "The mission the Church carries out today is always that of Christ, who promised to be with his apostles and their successors until the end of time."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 18

21. "The missionary, inflamed in prayer by the fire of the Holy Spirit, truly converts souls and makes true Christians, who, inflamed by the same fire, in turn become apostles of the faith embraced among their own compatriots".

Virtù apostoliche, Milan 1944, p. 202

22. "The missionary dedicated to prayer forces the Holy Spirit to work and then the work of true conversions takes place."

Virtù apostoliche, Milan 1944, p. 201

23. "The duty of the Church will be to ensure that nothing is introduced that is contrary to the integrity of the faith and the sanctity of morals."

Osservazioni sul metodo moderno di evangelizzazione, Bologna 1979, p. 73

24. "All the errors, the falls, the predictions of my life come from having forgotten that the service of God is a serious business, the most serious, the only important business."

Chiamati alla santità, Naples 1977, p. 89

25. "The missionary must be the person in love with Jesus Christ to the point of madness. The man who lives only of Jesus Christ, who lives only for Jesus Christ, who finds in Jesus Christ his reason for being, his support, his happiness, can only be a missionary."

Esortazioni e conferenze ai missionari del PIME 1924-1952, in: *Scritti*, vol. 69, p. 101

26. "The great saviors of souls are always found among the great friends of Jesus"

Chiamati alla santità, Naples 1977, p. 76

27. "In heaven it is like this: from the infinite love with which the Son is driven toward the Father and who meets that of the Father, proceeds the Holy Spirit, who is the substantial love of the Father and the Son. This love shines in Jesus in a perfect way: his whole life is summed up in this love".

Chiamati alla santità, Naples 1977, p. 26

28. "Goodness is diffusive by nature. This divine life that the Father communicates to the only Son, and with the Son, to their common Spirit, God decrees to share outside himself with other creatures, raising them from the natural order to the supernatural order of his children."

Chiamati alla santità, Naples 1977, p. 21

29. "The Church has always been actively engaged in winning new peoples to the true faith."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 23

30. "To establish the Kingdom of God in the world, Jesus founded the Church and created the Apostolate. The Apostolate must therefore be a wise, uninterrupted, tireless effort towards the achievement of this great, noble, glorious goal of making God and His Son Jesus Christ reign over all people on earth."

Osservazioni sul metodo moderno di evangelizzazione, Bologna 1979, p. 37

31. "The Church is apostolic because it is the only one that derives directly from the Apostles, through an uninterrupted succession of bishops."

Lettere sparse, in: *Scritti*, vol. 64, p. 298