



The sign and the model of God in our knowledge-based world

God gave a sign first to the shepherds and then to all mankind. "And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

Signs are usually given in danger. We are in danger because we thought that it was possible to create Paradise on earth without God. The world turned dark around us and so did our soul.

To receive a sign in a desperate state of affairs is the greatest gift.

On Christmas Eve the sign was there: God who became a child for us. Hopeless darkness does not exist any longer; this world rests in the lap of the Eternal Light.

God has not abandoned us. God is with us in young people's love, in newborn babies, in our busy everyday life, in the supporting love of families, in the peaceful days of old age.

The secret of Holy Christmas is there in each holy mass as the sign of the Redeeming Love in the holy bread, which is the only choice for Europe born in Christianity instead of man's numerous ways of searching for new ideas.

Keep this in mind when we Hungarians, Christians of Europe and those of the world are preparing for the Eucharistic Congress in 2020.

New ideas are pouring into the world every day, but it turns out, that none of them give answers to the crucial questions of our lives. The answer, the truth was brought into the world by the Son of God. We may ask: what is the truth? The truth is the love of God, God who loves the world and loves mankind.

The truth showed itself in the personal love of Jesus. Jesus came into the world to testify to the truth. He is the "model" of the witness testifying the truth. Jesus himself said: "I am among you as one who serves."

Jesus consecrated service itself, assigning to it the charisma of primacy and raised up high the natural supremacy involved in service.

Service implies a hidden magic that commands respect, gets hearts to worship and convinces us that service involves a power touching our soul and evoking devotion.

This makes us realize that Jesus didn't want us Christians to be the last, he planted the ambition of primacy in our soul, Jesus even encourages us to want to be the first, he shows us the way how to attain primacy. His answer, his example proves – to be the first we should take up a service, the service of love.

This commitment gives the soul royal consciousness, which helps us feel the whole world beneath us, even when it seems to be above us.

Those who at Christmas meet the Baby Jesus and follow Jesus as a true witness will be citizens of the Spiritual Kingdom that emerges from renascent Christianity.

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