

NEVER SEPARATED

Source text: MR 4,28.23

“When Jesus was present on the altar through the consecration of the bread and wine, I heard a sweet, loving voice which said to me:

–Do not doubt, I am here.

–Who are you?

–Christ in the Church, and the Church in Christ and with Christ.

–Are you here? Oh, holy Church!

–Yes, it is I; I am who is speaking to you. Do you doubt? Do you believe?

–Yes, I believe in you.

–If you believe in me, never look at the Head separated from the Body, because if this separation existed in the real world, there would be divorce between Christ and His spouse which is against the faith. Yes, yes, in truth there is no such separation, split or division; wherever the Head is, there is the whole Body morally, and where the Body is, there is the Head. When Christ my head is sacramentally present on the altar under the appearances of bread and wine, there is my Body, morally, united by love; and were I have my Head and Body, there am I”

“Because Christ as man is the Head, and those who by loving me are united with Him, are his members”

Those, who by loving the Church, are united with Christ, are his members. We are members of the Church, parts of his body. And the same that any part can be separated from a body, we remain united with him in this body, that is the Church. As Saint Paul expressed: “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rm 8:35-39).

Canon:

Could a head be separated from a body?

Could a spouse be separated from his love?

Could there be anything you could imagine

That would separate you from being a member of the Church?

Invitation for silence: There are moments in our lives when we feel alone, separated from others and from God. Sometimes because we committed sin and separated ourselves from the body. Sometimes because we feel unworthy and it seems impossible that anyone may love us. But for Church there is no hindrance in loving us. There can be no divorce between its members. Can you feel this mysterious communion?