

Friday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (Mt 10,16-23): Jesus said to his disciples, «Look, I send you out like sheep among wolves. You must be clever as snakes and innocent as doves».



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Today the Lord anticipates us that the apostle's path is not a "path of roses". The example and the word of the apostle awaken the consciences. But the "lazy ones" and the "shameless" (those who criticize the religion while they live by "cheating") usually bounce. Simple souls listen and thank; others, on the other hand, react against the apostle.

- If Jesus suffered it, why may not it happen to us?" Therefore, be careful not to cause fires (avoid arguments); let us be simple to put out fires (the joy that disarms). But in any case, "do not worry" because Jesus is not far.