Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)

Gospel text (*Jn* 14:1-12): Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way..."

Eternity in the Father's House

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Today, Jesus bestows upon us our heart's most important yearning: eternity in the Father's House. Certainly, this Christian hope is an "already given" expectation: God has been incarnated and —each and every day— He "offers" us His redeeming sacrifice through the Eucharist. But our earthly hope is, above all, an expectation for "the beyond" of time: the eternal life.

The fulfillment of our heart's longing, which is love, love that knows what love is like, needs an horizon of eternity. Even more so: without eternity it is not possible to love. Love, in fact, is a fight against death. If there would be no other life but this one, it would be a cruel joke... because authentic love always demands more and must be "endlessly" projected (eternity).

—Jesus, without You, my love is an unattainable promise, for I can only offer finitude. But, with You, this is not a nonsensical promise, for in our human love together with Yours, eternity dwells.