Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter

Gospel text (*Jn* 14:27-31a): Jesus said to his disciples, «Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you (…)».

The peace of Christ

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Today, Jesus speaks to us indirectly of the cross: He will give us the peace, but at the cost of His painful "departure" from this world. Today, we read those words He said before the sacrifice on the Cross but that were written after His Resurrection. With His death on the Cross, He defeats both death and fear. He gives peace but not as the world gives peace, inasmuch as He does it by going through the most excruciating pain and humiliation: this is how He proved His merciful love for man.

From the moment sin entered the world, suffering in our lives has been unavoidable. But God in His infinite love has given us the remedy to have peace amidst the pain: He accepted "to leave" this world with a painful "departure" surrounded by serenity.

—Jesus Christ, You quietly suffered to please the Heavenly Father with an act of costly obedience, through which You willingly offered Yourself for our salvation.