Monday of the Sixth Week of Easter

Gospel text (*Jn* 15:26—16:4): Jesus said to his disciples, "(...). I have told you this so that you may not fall away. They will expel you from the synagogues; in fact, the hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God. They will do this because they have not known either the Father or me (...)."

The fight of the Christian

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Today, the Gospel is almost as applicable as it was in the last years of St. John the Evangelist. In those days, to be a Christian was not in fashion, as nowadays, it is not either: it is to go upstream. It has always been! (even when "everybody" was a Christian).

By abiding by Jesus Christ's law, a Christian is a living witness of what God had planned for all men. Many, though, will not be pleased with this example, very much in the same way as Jesus displeased those who killed Him. The reasons for this refusal may be several, and we have to bear in mind that, at times, our testimony will be taken as an accusation. St. John does not hide the reality of life or the substance of Christian life: to fight. A fight for all concerned.

—The Holy Spirit is our battle partner who fights by our side. The Holy Spirit gives us the necessary strength. The Holy Spirit is the Protector, who delivers us from all danger. With The Holy Spirit by our side we should not be afraid of anything.