Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Gospel text (*Jn* 4:43-54): Jesus left Samaria for Galilee (…). There was a royal official whose son was ill in Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, who was near death. Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe." The royal official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." Jesus said to him, "You may go; your son will live." The man believed what Jesus said to him and left (…).

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Today, the knowledge of science is not enough on its own. We do not only need bread, we need love, meaning and hope, a sound foundation. Faith gives us precisely this: it is a confident entrustment to a "You", who is God, who gives me a different certitude, but no less solid than that which comes from precise calculation or from science.

Faith is not a mere intellectual assent of the human person to specific truths about God; it is an act with which I entrust myself freely to a God who is Father and who loves me; it is adherence to a "You" who gives me hope and trust.

—God has revealed that his love for man, for each one of us, is boundless: on the Cross, Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God made man, shows us in the clearest possible way how far this love reaches, even to the gift of himself, even to the supreme sacrifice.