Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent (C)

Gospel text (*Jn* 8:12-20): Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (...).

Relativism. Subjectivism. Individualism

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Today, contemporary culture, deeply marked by subjectivism that often leads to extreme individualism or relativism, spurs men to make themselves their only measure, losing sight of other objectives that are not those centered on the ego, which has become his only criterion.

Thus, man tends to withdraw even deeper into himself, to enclose himself in an asphyxiating existential microcosm, in which there is no longer room for great ideals, open to transcendence and to God. On the other hand, the man who does not get fenced into the narrow field of his own selfishness is capable of an authentic look at others and at creation.

—With that look, man becomes aware of his essential characteristic as a constantly developing creature, called to harmonious growth in every dimension, by starting precisely with his own inner most being, to get to the full realization of the project the Creator has recorded in his deepest self.