Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Gospel text (*Mt* 10:26-33): Jesus said to the Twelve: "... Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows..."

The only "reliable" hope

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Today, Jesus Christ calls us to keep a "reliable" hope, a target so big that allows us to confront our strenuous present. This true hope, the great hope that stands firm despite all disappointments, can only be God, Who loves us to the extreme. He who does not know God, even though he may have multiple expectations, deep inside has no hope.

History has proven it: what recreates man is not science, or political-economic actions, but love. When there is absolute love with absolute certainty, then —only then— man is redeemed. Thanks to Jesus Christ, we can be sure of God's love (Who is not a remote "first cause"), because of the incarnation of His only begotten Son and His total capitulation for us.

—Jesus, your love gives me the possibility to persevere —day after day— in the middle of the natural imperfection of this world. Your kingdom is not a beyond we can imagine, but it is there, where You are beloved.