

Monday 12th in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (Mt 7,1-5): Jesus said to his disciples, «Do not judge and you will not be judged. In the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and the measure you use for others will be used for you (...)».

Fraternity: "judging" with Christ's gaze

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Today, Jesus Christ, as our Master, is asking us to help others, and to do it humbly, by providing good example and avoiding the "critical judgment". Time and again, we "do acknowledge" others' failings, but we "do not recognize" our own weaknesses; or we demand from others what we are not willing to do. The Lord warns us against the danger of hypocrisy and expects us to be sincere to ourselves.

To love somebody is to wish him/her the best of everything, his/her progress. For that reason, we must often see, judge and evaluate. But, how can I do it in a positive manner? It is a twofold secret. One, by being a good example, which will encourage those around us. Two, through judging with Christ's gaze: with the Truth above all else and joined by our mercy. This is what we call fraternity.

—Jesus, I wish to take care of my own people as you do with all of us. I see you accepting and exculpating Mary of Magdala; I see you gathering and taking Dimas, the good thief, to Heaven. Help me to help!