Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Gospel text (*Mt* 13:1-23): On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear..."

Parable of the sower

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Today, Jesus starts introducing us into the mysteries of the Kingdom, in that particular way that He likes to use by means of "parables". The seeds are the Word proclaimed and the sower is He. He is not trying to sow in the best possible soil to produce an excellent crop. He has come so that "they may have life, and have it to the full".

Thus, the seeds so generously sown produce the expected yield the “toponymic” possibilities allow. Depending on the depth of the faith, such will be the fruits the crop will bear. Though, these fruits, somehow, are guaranteed by the vital power of the Word-seed, our responsibility in the attentive listening to the Word is no less important. This is why "if you have ears, then hear!".

—I ask the Lord the prophet’s yearning: «When I found your words, I devoured them; they became my joy and the happiness of my heart.