Friday of the Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (*Lk* 6:39-42): Jesus told his disciples a parable: “Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? ..."

The "blindness" of relativism

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Today, the description made by Saint Paul about “nonage” in the faith seems to be current: to be tossed back-and-forth by the waves and being blown here and there by every wind of teaching. How many "winds" of doctrine have we known these recent decades! From Marxism to Liberalism, even to Libertinism; from collectivism to radical individualism; from atheism to a vague religious mysticism... and so forth. This is the worst blindness, because one does not know to which place one is going or where should one go.

Having a clear Faith, based on the Creed of the Church, is often labeled today as fundamentalism. Whereas, relativism —the "blindness" of thinking according to "what is in fashion"— looks like the only attitude acceptable to today’s standards. We are moving towards a dictatorship of relativism which does not recognize anything as certain and which has as its highest goal one’s own ego and one’s own desires.

—Our friendship with you, O Jesus, is our "measure": the measure of true humanism. Your friendship gives us the criterion to discern between veracity and falsehood, between deception and truth...