Thursday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (*Mk* 9:41-50): Jesus said to his disciples: “Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea (...). Keep salt in yourselves and you will have peace with one another.”

Spiritual myopia and moral shallowness

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Today, perhaps as few times in our history, this badly wounded society waits a new coming of the Lord. It awaits the healing and reconciling appearance of the One who is the Way, Truth and Life. His passage and His saving presence have been a constant in our history.

It is not exaggerated to say that we are in a time of "spiritual myopia and moral shallowness", which is trying to impose as normal upon us a "culture of the low", where there seems to be no place for transcendence and hope. But still there beats in man a desire for God! Given the pride and arrogance of the new invasive Goliaths who, from some media and even government offices, are trying to update prejudices and altruistic ideologies, it is necessary, now more than ever before, the tranquil confidence of David defending our inheritance from the plain.

—Today, more than ever, you can discover a search of the Absolute that, at times, takes the form of the painful cry of an outraged humanity: "We want to see Jesus" (Jn 12:21).