

For Easter Time:

SEARCH FOR WHAT IS ON HIGH!

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St. Gaspar Bertoni, when talking about Easter, used to insist very much on the future resurrection, demonstrating that it goes anticipating itself as we go passing from the old to the new life: “When a dissolute man becomes chaste, when a miser becomes merciful, and one who is irritable, calm - there happens in these instances a resurrection which is the beginning of the future one”.

It means that, each time we come to new birth, through the changes that continually happen in our lives; each step is earned in the search for the self-improvement; each obstacle is surpassed; each barrier is overcome in the last analysis, each time we put on “New One”, we direct our steps ahead in the direction of the glorious life assumed by Christ in the resurrection: “If we want that the resurrection be true and perfect in ourselves too, it becomes necessary that we transform ourselves toward that new life...”

However, to reach the new life we need to die to the sin (Rm 6:3-4). And, in this challenge, Fr. Bertoni was most rigorous. Ponder these words: “A deceased does not talk about anyone, does not heap injuries or violence on anyone, does not slander anyone, does not oppress anyone; does not envy the good people, does not insult the bad; does not give in to the luxury of the flesh, does not burn in the flames of hatred; does not yearn for the riches and the power of this world; he is not affected by an anxious curiosity, does not look for the applause of the world around him, he is not worried about accruing honors and neither does he suffer due to his injuries or the arrogance leveled against him; he does not become conceited; ambition does not distress him; boasting does not disturb him; the fragile beauty of a face does not drag him down”.

Dear friends: being dead to sin, let us live intensively this Easter time. Searching for what is on high, may we affirm someday: “It is no longer I who live, but it is the Christ who lives in me” (Gal 2:20).

HAPPY EASTER!

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