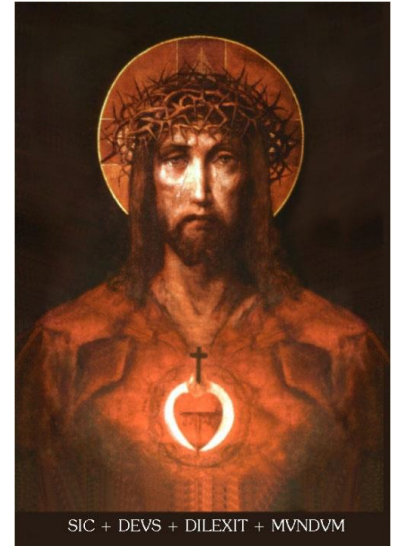


Jesus Christ, His Love, My Perfection

2017 Traditional Lenten Mission by Fr. Michael Rodríguez

Theme of Mission: We can never sufficiently contemplate the eternal, perfect and infinite love that Jesus Christ has for us. The more we meditate upon this profound reality, the more we will seek to *be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect.*

Summary: Charity consists in that God has *first* loved us and in that He has *so* greatly loved us. It is the love of God, particularly expressed through Jesus Christ, that enables us to even have the ability *to love.* Without knowing the love of God, man cannot love God, his neighbor, or even himself. Yet in order to have charity, one must first come to know Jesus Christ. This can only be done by "seeing" Him through *Faith.* As disciples of Christ, we must focus on His Person (*The Word-made-flesh*). Privileged means of coming to know Christ are the Gospels, the Mysteries of His life, the lives of the Saints, and the Church and her Sacraments. If we wish to profit spiritually from these means, then we must be guided by the Holy Ghost (authentic Church doctrine) and strive to be *clean of heart.* The charity of Christ will then in turn impel us to seek Christian perfection. In this mission we consider eight paths and eight obstacles to Christian Perfection. The path Christ trod is best expressed in the Beatitudes. It was by living according to those principles of perfection that every saint in fact became a saint.



If you strive to live according to the foundational Christian principles presented herein, you WILL become a saint.



CD#1 – Introductory Sermons

- 00 Introduction
- 01S Opening Sermon
- 02S Mission Outline
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CD#2 – The Love of Christ Impels Us

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- 11 We Must Be Clean of Heart
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CD#3 – Four Ways to Grow in Christ's Love

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- 19 Jesus, Model of Perfection
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- 21 Christ in His Mysteries

CD#4 – Seek Christian Perfection

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- 23 Christian Perfection
- 24 Jesus' More Intense Presence
- 25 Desire Christian Perfection
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- 27 Reasons to Pray
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CD#5 – Eight Means to Christian Perfection

- 30S Mary on the Way to Calvary
- 31 That All Might Know His Love
- 32 Pledge of Love
- 33 Spiritual Reading
- 34 Meditation
- 35 Daily Examination
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- 37 Holy Communion
- 38 Closing Prayers
- 39S Jesus on the Way to Calvary

CD#6 – Eight Obstacles to Christian Perfection

- 40 An Act of Desire
- 41 Devotion to Mary and Saints
- 42 Fight Christian Soldier
- 43 Mortification
- 44 Obstacles of the Senses
- 45 Obstacles of the World
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