

IF YOU LOVE ME, YOU WILL KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS...

We are approaching the end of this Easter season, which leads us to the solemn feast of Pentecost, the feast of the Holy Spirit. Today, the Gospel of St John speaks to us of these two realities: the Holy Spirit, who is Jesus' promise to each of us, and also how love is expressed in keeping his commandments.

But why does Jesus now speak of commandments, when at the Last Supper he only spoke of one commandment, which is love?

Jesus tells us that the sign that they love him is that they will keep his commandments. To understand this text, we will use the term "expressions of love."

And speaking of the day we are celebrating, Mother's Day, let's take an example from this feast:

A mother loves her child when she kisses him, hugs him, feeds him, etc. There are many daily expressions of a mother's love for her child. It is one single love, but they are different expressions.

The same is true in our faith. The commandment is one—the commandment of love—but Jesus invites us to manifest that love with different expressions: charity, empathy, solidarity, listening, and so on.

When we love someone, we seek their good. The commandments are expressions of the love with which God has loved us.

That is why Jesus, so that we may remain in love, wants to send us the Holy Spirit, not to leave us alone; because the Holy Spirit is the very love between the Father and the Son, and with this love we can love others.

Therefore, today we want to offer a tribute of gratitude to God, because He has loved us in His Son Jesus Christ.

But we also want to extend this tribute to all the mothers present, and to those mothers who already enjoy the presence of God. Today we recognize the vital and essential role of a mother in the life of the family and society.

We can summarize that a mother is a blessing from God to the world, to her children.

Today we want to say, thank you, Mom, for your love.

We ask our Mother in Heaven, Mother of Love, to continue accompanying us and leading us by the hand to her Son so that we may live in love. Amen.