First evening

Presentation and unanswered catechesis on the right nets.

**01. Summary**

- Personal experience

- Brief introduction to the figure of Peter, Reading Jn 21:1-12

- "I go fishing." Failure, emptiness, return to the old. (examples)

"The nets". The means you use to fish for life, happiness, to exist. (examples)

- "But that night they caught nothing." Dissatisfaction, this fishing doesn't work.

- "Little boys, you didn't catch anything, did you?" Actualization in concrete life, recognizing oneself as a failure, poor, courage to recognize the truth by taking off the mask.

- "Cast your nets on the right side of the boat and you will find." Absurdities:

A - The fish are only on the right side

B - A stranger teaches you your trade

C - The net on the right is an unnatural gesture (because you have to pull it with your left hand)

- What is the right = faith, God's part. 153 big fish, the fullness of life.

- The question about the nets on the right, with the answer POSTPONED

There is a problem, we are so many, this thing here, I guess you were brought by someone, stay here "where I was brought!", " a priest! "; relax, nothing happens, but there is a problem, being many is a problem, I don't like massive, big things, where you can't get to know each other well, it's sure that there is someone here who is already disturbed, now already is annoyed, who are all these people, I don't know anyone, what are we doing here, it's not going to be a mass hallucination, here, I'm also embarrassed, I mean let's accept this.

Since this experience that you have come to view tonight, it is an experience that others have had before you, probably the ones who dragged you here, then this thing is expanding, consider that this is the 12th time we are starting this experience.

I always start, since I can't get to know you to you, with me introducing myself to you, that is, I tell you a little bit about what animal you have in front of you. Which is this thing here.

Precisely my name is Fabio and I'm 36 years old, I wasn't born a priest, it's not that I was born with a collar, I was an atheist, I come from rejection of the Catholic Church, when I came to grips with my problems I realized that the best interpretation of the matter was that my oppressive, Catholic, self-righteous, taboo-filled upbringing had reduced me to that stuck-up I found myself to be at the age of fourteen.

So I said, out of the box priests and nuns and the like, I started to mind my own business.

I think I was never a very superficial guy, in the sense that I was looking for other things, I was looking for the reality of things, it seemed to me that life was strange, I was born to be well, how come it didn't work, how come it seems to you that life is on you like a badly cut dress, like a tight pair of shoes, you're sick with tight shoes, with your thumb throbbing, let's say so, so many times life seems to you these tight shoes, and I was saying why? and slowly I started to do what I could to survive; I was a musician, my family is a family of musicians and I studied music, I played the cello, if you are a musician you set a tone like that and I tried to live, like let's say, using of my intelligence, using of things, or the fact that I could tell jokes. I was trying to get attention, to create friendships like that, I was trying to feel good but I always found myself empty. I also started to feel that not only I was feeling bad but also the people around me, I felt like they were feeling bad too, I felt like people were settling

WHO IS PETER?

So to begin with we're going to take a word from the Gospel, it's clear not from the Koran, and I don't have to apologize because I'm going to read a word from the Gospel, which talks about a character who is going to be with us this evening.

This word talks about a guy who is Peter, a very well known character, I guess you have seen the "movie," a guy who had a 'terrific experience, they went around Galilee, they went around places, they did that, then the story ended badly, a mess happened, they went to Jerusalem and they didn't understand anything, look he is a good person, nothing, dead. Then Peter has an amazing experience, the resurrection experience, he talks to this guy who came out of the tomb, went to talk to him who had betrayed him because at a given moment Peter found out that he was a wimp, that he had denied him, the whole rooster thing. And this guy comes out of the grave and goes right to him. So we find Peter in this word that is the last chapter of John's gospel.

**READING from Jn 21:1-12**

So let's understand this story a little bit. It says here that Peter at a given moment stood together with six others, there are seven in all, of those who were among the twelve, whom Jesus had chosen, who had had the most direct experience, at a given moment Peter says " I go fishing."

Pay attention because you will find, if you will, that there is nothing in the Word of God that is not important: here every comma has weight, every comma is important.

Then I go fishing. This is not just any sentence, "aò you go fishing, I go play cards," the problem is that this is Peter, and so let's see a little bit: who was Peter before he met the guy above? He was a fisherman, his trade was fisherman, then one day a guy had come by. This guy, Jesus of Nazareth said to him, "come I will make you fishers of men," and Peter stopped fishing, got behind Jesus of Nazareth, and made another life, so it strikes him that he says "I go fishing" what does that mean? It's kind of like me playing the cello meeting Roberto and saying "look I'm going to go play the cello" what does Roberto understand? That I'm going back to my old life, I'm in crisis, I'm letting it go, that the thing doesn't work anymore, I don't find taste in it anymore, I'm going back to my old things.

When Peter says, I go fishing, it means he is going back to his old things, he is going back to his old experiences. And he goes and fishes; but on that night they caught nothing.

So what does this mean: look there are many who are in this same condition.

You came here, I don't know, probably to you as a kid they forced you to go to church, they made you do catechism, you did the scout, you did some other thing, the group aficionados Padre Pio, rosary forever, you had this kind of experience where you started to, you had a meeting, maybe even nice, or maybe not, you didn't make it nice this meeting, anyway the majority of you passed by a parish, and some of you hadn't even had a bad time. Then what? Then simply came the experience of life, things no? And Peter is like this, we went around for three years, that one died and rose again, so many very interesting things, to remember: but mò come se mangna? mò ce sta la vita concreta, okay, nice things, we had a good time, but now we have to eat, it's a problem. So you know what I do?

I go back to my old things, or rather, I take my nets and I go fishing, I go to provide for my life.