02. Martha and Mary

* Short presentaion: My name is sister Maria Mimoza. Christian life is about to live, not survive.
* ***We invite the partecipants to share this question: how in your specific culture/family do you welcome a guest?***
* **Lk 10, 38-42:** CONTEXT: Marta has invited Jesus (with 12 of his friends). A lot of work, nervous. Mary sitting to his feet. Marta is looking for attention/to be noticed. She complains.
* **What has happened to Martha? Victime of guest’s syndrom! The culture of welcoming**! *Generosity! The waiting room. The best! For who? For the guest! You have to look well! You have to fit well in the picture.* **Like a photo!** The guest has to look up to you and the guest’s gaze judges you. You have to pass the other’s exam! The house, luxury, the wedding, the limousine, make up (from the baptism/first comunion...) the restaurant you choose, dress..
* **You have started very early to learn this:** *how many sacrifices to be accepted. Love with condition. You have to put masks to be liked by others. To have a good gossip on you. Here is the daughter of...*
* **To be liked by others has a hight price,** but you cannot live without...
* **Martha,** in the end is having the experience of **lack of love** and this is for all of us. All of us have the **experience of being apreciated or refused**. A certain fear, we can not talk about problems or about us being week.
* **We have a whole/void/emptiness within us.** In front of others we try to stand always up/winner
* **This is Martha: she is dead after her image**.
* **The worse thing:**  also God is the same. Also his love has a price. Also He looks at you judjing you.
* **You have to pay also God. *Commitment!*   *And Jesus?***
* **Mary understood that today in her house a different GUEST has entered.** He doesn’t ask nothing and he gives everything. God doesn’t need anything.
* **Many things you do because you must: few things you do because you choose and you like. Things for duty and things for love.**
* **To be catholic is to pass from your fear to be refused to the joy of being loved.**
* Today in your house Jesus wants to enter for you not for your mask. He does not ask nothing from you. But he wants to give you everything. **My experience**: I was baptised old. I didn’t change my character... I am the same but I FEEL LOVED. I have done little for God and He has done everything for me. A have a debt that I won’t never pay.
* **Mary choose the best part, no one can steel from her.** No one can steel it from you, nor people, nor time, nor your limits, failours...no one. The best part
* **How to choose the best part?** ONE THING: you have to decide if you want to know the answer. **“**do not throw your pearls to pigs**” (Mt 7, 6).**
* **Maybe you are not ready, maybe you have more important things in your mind. I/we have to let you free**.
* If you decide to go ahead see you next week

Prayer: when I want to give up

Jesus, when I’m bored you say, “Follow me, and I’ll make you fishers of men”

When I have given up you say, “Cast your nets on the other side”.

When I’m confused about the future you say: “Come and see”

When my plans don’t work you say: “Trust in God, trust in me”.