**04. I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER-SENSE OF HEARING**

**- WE PRAY THE HYMN OF THE TRINITY**

**The graces God has to pour into your soul and existence need receiving places.**

You need regularity. Regularity is the box of grace. Mind you**, rules do not give life, but life has rules!** That is, to follow the thread of life you have to get into some of its natural rules/rites but it is not that rules for themselves solve everything, they are simply an opportunity. So what do I mean by this? The problem is that you will have to get into little things that are punctuated, regular.

How is going the morning reading of the Word of God? Sharing of Matthew 13,1-23 **The parable of the seed**

**HEARING**

**Hearing in the science:** Sruthy

**Hearing in the bible:** Mimi

**Summary**

The ear is the organ of balance. We have a selective hearing (rumours and then the habit to get distracted and to hear what we want to hear)

This sense of hearing is the most important. You will see that of the five senses it is the sense of faith, that is, there is no faith without hearing. *Fides ex auditu* is a term, an expression of St. Paul -- **faith comes from hearing**. The gospel is a word, Jesus Christ is a Word. So, to have this heart that listens, this wise heart - it is fundamental. Our life is a word to be heard.

There is a chapter, chapter four in Mark's gospel and chapter 13 in Matthew's. Jesus has a huge crowd in front of him, and I'll explain right away why he says this parable. They will ask him - **why do you speak in parables? He will say - because they have eyes and do not see, they have ears and do not hear. And why? It's a quote from Isaiah -- so that they do not see with their eyes, understand with their ears and be converted, be saved**. Poor us! Why? And as if Jesus raises a barrier, why? So, you think – there is a big crowd. Are we sure that everyone is listening? No! There is a risk of doing a collective act, that is an act where you do it -- we all do it together, but you don't do it.

**1. the word falls on the road,** the birds come and eat it. It means the word was meant for one, and someone else gets it. The one who was supposed to take it, the ground, does not take it.

What do you do? If someone tells you something and you don't understand it, what do you do? You don't accept it! Do you think you can do that with God? When he talks to you does God always have to tell you only what you understand? Can God tell you something you don't understand? Not only God! Can someone learn something new perfectly when he is told about it. Newness implies a moment of trauma. God cannot always tell you what you understand; in fact, you probably will not understand the greatest things.

Is there anyone who does not understand, but still does not throw out the word? Do you know someone who does that in Scripture? It is the Blessed Virgin Mary! Mary held these words in her heart! If you do not welcome even what you do not understand, you will never grow.

**I believe in God (Trinity) the Father**

**We read the Creed (material already prepared)**

Baptism: Three immersions in the water. 1. Do you believe in God the Father Almighty? I believe. 2. Do you believe in Jesus Christ His only Son…

* **Why is it important for the happiness of the people to believe in God as a Father?**

If God is not father? Instead of a father he is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ chief/boss/manager/oppressor

Father is the name of a relation. He is not a stranger. I have his DNA in me. I am his Image. Who sees me, sees the father (said Jesus). If he is a father I am her son/daughter. If he is a father, we are brothers and sisters. We are family.

I cannot think about the fatherhood without the childhood. In my relation with God there is a relation of origin. **I can not be without you.** I come/exist from you. Because you are father you are a creator and you are the one who reigns in my story, in the story of the world. You have the last word in the pandemic in all my life.

* **When did you have the experience of God as a father?**

**HOW DOES THE LISTENING OF A CHILD OF GOD LOOK LIKE? A** listening of one who trusts the Father! A child does not have to understand everything the Father tells him, he trusts him, he is happy because he is the father. If we do not make ourselves like children, we will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

**WE CONCLUDE WITH THE PRAYER OF OUR FATHER**