

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

My beloved brothers and sisters, one of the most overwhelming mysteries of our Christian Faith, is the fact that the Lord God of Heaven and Earth descended from His Divine Glory in the 2<sup>nd</sup> person of the Blessed Trinity, into the womb of the Virgin Mary. He Who is God, who cannot be enclosed, enwrapped Himself into the womb of Mary, and took His Human Nature from her; in doing so, He enwrapped Her and us into the very mystery of the God Who is love! By doing so, He destroyed the evil plans of the Satan who opposed His Divine Plan out of his jealousy of us, and by Her “yes”, Mary, the woman clothed with the Son of God, enwrapped by God Himself in Her Son, crushed its ugly and evil head!

There are two great mysteries here: the mystery of God becoming a Man in Jesus Christ, becoming one of us, so that He could save us from sin and the death that sin brings into the world. And the second mystery made visible in the “Yes”, the Fiat voluntas tua of Mary; God has employed our cooperation in the mystery of the Incarnation and our Salvation! Indeed, the Second Mystery is no less great than the first: the Omnipotent God of Heaven and Earth, has chosen limit His omnipotence by our cooperation or non-cooperation in our Salvation! By this mystery, God undoes the infinite harm of the disobedience of our First Parents and the great Satan, who said “no” to the Plan of God. They refused to serve, Mary said: “I am the slave of God! Be it done to me according to your will!” She puts the whole of her being at God’s service, and so becomes pregnant with God. In as much as we say: “fiat voluntas tua, your will be done, yes, I will serve,” we too become pregnant with God, and bear Him into the world. We too are enwrapped, overshadowed by the Holy Spirit and become other Christs for the world! Thus the insidious plan of the evil one is undone by our meager “yes”!

God is the architect and the initiator of our salvation and the salvation of the world; but we must cooperate with His plan to effect our salvation. Thus, our Christmas means to commit oneself to being His House of Holy Communion with God the Son in God’s Plan. It is the means of our sanctification and the sanctification of the whole world!