



To deepen the sources of the Charism, to motivate and become "Family going forth", as Pope Francis invites us.

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SECOND WEEK OF LENT



The Synoptic Gospels - Matthew, Mark and Luke - include a scene that may seem enigmatic: Jesus climbs a mountain with three of his disciples, transforms his appearance before them, interacts with two Old Testament characters, a cloud covers the mountain, a voice speaks from the cloud and then everything returns to normal (see Mt 17:1-9, Mk 9:2-10, Lk 9:28-36).

Without a doubt, the transfiguration is a surprising scene, which leads to three statements:

- 1. Jesus is the Son of God: the transfiguration confirms that Jesus is nothing more and nothing less than the Son of God.**
- 2. Jesus is the Messiah: the transfiguration not only confirms the identity of Jesus, but also gives us specific information about the reason for his coming, that is, his mission.**
- 3. Jesus will be glorified and we with him: the glory of Jesus anticipated in the transfiguration is not only for Jesus. Through the mercy and sublime grace of God, we who have placed our faith in Christ will also be glorified.**

The Gospel of the Transfiguration teaches us to recognize ourselves as disciples of Jesus, participants in his mission and called to be glorified together with him.

This week we are invited to live the experience of the transfiguration from the dimension: **"ACI Family, Gift of the Spirit... Family for the world" Jesus invites us to go out of ourselves and to climb the mountain with Him**".

"Looking at the reality of our world, the situation of human mobility, of which more than 68 million people are victims, wounds us deep in our hearts. We wish to become involved in this reality and to complicate our lives in order to do the little we can, but as much as we can...like the Good Samaritan.

We want our way of being in the world to be from below, from the perspective of the victims, letting them be the protagonists of their lives.

Letting ourselves be affected from within, opening our sensitivity to the pain of others.

Let us be close, put ourselves at the side of those who suffer, accompanying their lives. With others and in these others, the members of the ACI Family have a main place. We wish to take new steps in the mission we share.

This Assembly takes up the motto of the two previous Assemblies: "ACI Family, gift of the Spirit...Family for the world" and makes them concrete through the motto: "ACI Family going forth in two ways: Caring for the common home and caring for the most disadvantaged".

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Going forth is to be willing
to live the experience of
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Warmest regards,

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