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Holy Thursday: *it's the first day of the Easter Triduum ; we celebrate the Last Supper of Our Lord, the institution of the Eucharist and of the Priesthood. Jesus wanted to remain with us, in the simplicity of bread and wine, to accompany us, to strengthen us and to nourish us with His Body and His Blood. Mystery of Love and Surrender, which saves us and gives us true Life.*

“Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to the disciples: “Take it and eat”, He said, “this is my body”. Then He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He handed it to them saying, “Drink from this, all of you, for this is My blood, the blood of the Covenant, poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”(Mt, 26, 26-28)

He also left us another gesture: the washing of the feet. Through it, Jesus teaches us that love manifests itself in humble service to others and invites us to follow his example:“If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet,, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ”. (Jo 13, 14- 15)

Lord, with your example You invite us to make of service our own lifestyle, "washing the feet and serving others", caring for the needy, welcoming migrants, relieving the sick, accompanying those who are alone, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, being attentive to the needs of our world and acting upon it. We ask You for your strength and fortitude so as not to give up, we need Your help, Lord, and the help of so many brothers and sisters, who walk with us: alone we are powerless.

Saint Raphaela gave us the essence of this Day, through the Eucharistic - Reparatory Charism: she found in the Eucharist the center of her life and mission. She encourages us to follow her on this path. The Lord, Creator of all things, wanted to stay with us in the Eucharist to nourish us, to keep us at the center, to transform our Hearts and to inspire us to serve Him in our brothers and sisters: "The Lord is mission and encouragement to all those who seek meaning in Him."

Warm regards,

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