



RECONCILIATION

"Lay Saletenses - Called and sent - The joy of Reconciliation"

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Good morning my brothers and sisters. Greetings to all in our La Salette spirit

First an apology: The beginning of the International Rosary has been changed to January 29th this year. The first date released – 01.08.2022 – was very close and there was not enough time to have ready all the measures.

In the next few days, we will disclose the entire schedule.



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At the beginning of the year, it is good to take time to reflect on our mission: about being agents of reconciliation. We often confuse remorse with regret. I think that remorse binds us to error, to sin, while repentance frees us from that error and brings us closer to God.

For this to happen, it is necessary that we return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation in which God's forgiveness manifests all its creative power. Forgiveness, granted by the priest in the name of God, does not eliminate our faults but makes us, more and more, children of an immensely merciful Father, who is all love.

The Gospel text – **Luke 15, 11-32** (the Prodigal Son) – helps us to reflect a great deal on reconciliation and forgiveness.

Many of us – fervent Catholics – have some issues with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, sometimes we tend to think that there is a simpler way to express our regrets, and we believe that it is enough to confess to God alone. I don't know how God treats these "confessions." In this model of confession, we don't even notice if we have been forgiven.

A good reconciliation happens when we put ourselves in the place of the Prodigal Son, who approaches the Father, totally stripped of his pride, his possessions, helpless and hungry, kneels down and repents. And the Father gives him fine clothes, a ring, and shoes, and prepares a feast for him. With our repentance, we receive the forgiveness that brings us closer to the feast prepared by the Father.

It is necessary that we reconcile with God, with ourselves, with our neighbor, and with our Common Home. Fraternal hugs,

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