

Catanzaro – Squillace: erected inside the experience of the Apostolic Movement The secular Institute “Mary Redemption Mother”

A new page has been written in the history of the Apostolic Movement: on the latest 26th of February in the parish church "Mary Mother of the Church" at St. Janni of Catanzaro, with the solemn Eucharistic Concelebration presided by the Archbishop Antonio Ciliberti, the opening of the Secular Institute "Mary Redemption Mother", constituted and erected with a diocesan character, was made public.

Mons. Antonio Cantisani, emeritus Archbishop of Catanzaro – Squillace, and Mons. Vincenzo Rimedio, emeritus Bishop of Lamezia, priests, deacons, monks and nuns, the choral "Mater Redemptionis", directed by father Biagio Maimone, responsible for the diocesan office of sacred music; and numerous people come from the diocesan realities where the Apostolic Movement operates, were also present.

The first members of the Secular Institute "Mary Redemption Mother" are five: the founder and inspirer of the Apostolic Movement, Maria Marino; Anna Consoli; Francesca Mazza; Paola Scutifero and Graziella Marcellino. Called by their names in front of the Archbishop the five women expressed, in their own freedom, to be willing to consecrate themselves to the Lord by devoting themselves mainly to the listening of God's Word and to its announcement by means of the evangelization and of the catechesis. A kind of living more intensely, therefore, the same charisma that for many years has characterized the spirituality of the Apostolic Movement.

During his homely, Mons. Ciliberti, in greeting the founder and inspirer, the Bishops, the central ecclesiastical Assistant, Mons. Costantino Di Bruno, the numerous priests who are "a visible sign of the love of God towards His Church", and all the present people; reminded the figure of Mons. Armando Fares, who, as the Bishop of Catanzaro, together with the auxiliary Bishop Mons. Serafino Sprovieri, in 1979, diligent to the action of the Spirit of God, recognized the Apostolic Movement as a gift of the Holy Spirit.

"Every person – said Archbishop Ciliberti -, in the specificity of his own vocation, is called to fulfil in history a particular mission. A mission – he added – which will never be able to be carried out by others. Something, then, which solicits everybody to rediscover his own role and to operate inside mankind with responsibility".

"And in the name of the ecclesial community – the Bishop firmly confirmed – I can express with certainty that this particular consecration replies to the call by which God spoke to our sisters".

Souls, who even though staying in the daily society, are called to live their consecrated lives by engaging themselves to mature a positive perception of the secular values, as the theological realities where to realize and witness salvation. "The world and the Church – Mons. Ciliberti prosecuted – cannot forgo your presence, because such consecration characterizes the non-replaceable aspect of the pastoral action of the Church. A consecration – the Bishop said besides – which replies to the ineffable plan of God, who calls you to be united to His Fatherly love, by placing yourselves into the depth of his mystery".

Therefore, the votes of poverty, chastity and obedience, the sacramental Eucharist, the listening of the Word, the assiduous prayer and the exercise of charity will feed the mission of these consecrated sisters, called in the world to be a visible sign of the love of God among people.

A wish that also the Archbishop addressed, exhorting the candidates to correspond to the nuptial love of God, by becoming before mankind "the living letter of Christ".

"Only this way – Mons. Ciliberti concluded – you will be able to build a more beautiful Church and a fairer and truer world, according to the plan of God and the expectations and the hopes of mankind".