



## GOING OUT TO MEET MY NEIGHBOUR: THE PATH TO HOLINESS

Every time we talk or think about “holiness” we usually think of a consecrated person or a Church figure with great virtues. While this is true, they are not the only ones, since on a daily basis we relate to many people who make us more human and who, as Pope Francis says, “are luminous reflections of God in history”.

One thing that makes me fall in love when I look at Jesus is to see his ability to give and give himself by going out to meet others. This movement generates self-knowledge, solidarity and mutual love; it restores dignity and reintegrates people into society, in short, it produces a bond of “holiness”. In this way, Jesus is faithfully fulfilling the inheritance of his Father-Mother God, who has been meeting humanity since its origin.

From Palau’s point of view, we are presented with the “Beloved”, the Church, who goes forth to encounter Francisco Palau, as we can read in one of his books called My Relations 22:17: “I found you because you came out to meet me. I found you because you

made yourself known.” The Church also comes forth to encounter us, and moves us to listen to others, to build bridges, to be a “mission” in the Palautian style, in building relationships of life, bonds of humanity and of holiness for “... Christ’s love urges us on” (2 Cor. 5:14).

I conclude with number 148 of Aparecida (2007): In sharing this mission the disciples journey toward holiness. Living it in mission leads them into the heart of the world. Hence, holiness is not a flight toward self-absorption or toward religious individualism, nor does it mean abandoning the urgent reality of the enormous economic, social, and political problems of Latin America and the world, let alone a flight from reality toward an exclusively spiritual world.

To remember: “Holiness is not made up of a few heroic acts, but of much daily love.” (Pope Francis)



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