

THE FIRST JOYFUL MYSTERY

THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD



Humility

*Whoever humbles himself like this child, he is
the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*
— Matthew 18:4

Our time calls us, urges us, obliges us to gaze on the Lord and immerse ourselves in humble and devout meditation on the mystery of the supreme power of Christ Himself. (T 88)

There is “the humility of the body” and that “of the heart.” This humility is a necessary condition for man’s interior harmony, for his interior beauty. (T 296)

In the Church of Jesus Christ no one should think himself dispensed from the duty of receiving catechesis ... become humble pupils in the school of the Church, which is at once the great catechist and the great recipient of catechesis. (P80 64)

Nowhere, and least of all in the Church, may “power” be understood and exercised as other than a service. The example of the Master is decisive in this regard. (P80 244)

The consciousness that all are debtors to one another goes hand in hand with the call to fraternal communion which St. Paul is speaking when he urges the faithful to bear *with*

