



Sermon

of the *Sword-Bishop*

The Holy Name of JESUS Christian Love

My beloved! I wish you all a good and blessed New Year! You have heard the song: „Sing to the LORD a new song!“ We were allowed to start a new year. Yes, sing to the LORD a new song with all our hearts and with all our souls! Times are getting tougher and more insecure. Many people have great worries and deep sorrow. Therefore, it is my wish for the new year that GOD will always be with you. For nowadays true happiness can only be found in and with GOD. If you have GOD, then your heart can be merry despite the greatest misery and pain. GOD is near, He knows, that suffices.

The Holy Name of JESUS

At the beginning of the year we also celebrate the feast of the Holy Name of JESUS. It is written that at the Holy Name of JESUS every knee shall bow of those in Heaven, of those on the earth and of those under the earth. Even Satan has to bend his knee. With this Name you can be victorious provided that GOD agrees. There is no name more beautiful, more powerful than this. If you call on this name, you will have the absolute lifeline.

Instruments for the Love of Neighbour

You may say: „I am a cheerful person and always in a high spirits!“ Well, then I ask you: „Are you cheerful just for yourself or do you raise the spirits of your fellow human beings with your cheerful nature?“ It is the same with love. „I love GOD more than anything else!“ someone might say. But is your love of GOD such that it also flows to your neighbour? We are there to give – not just religious words. An open heart, cheerfulness, this will do every person good and will make him approachable.

Christian love has all aspects. If st Paul says, as you have heard in the reading: „Correct, rebuke ...“, then the priest could take this in such a way that he will preach nothing else but: „You will go to hell, if ...“ No! We have ‘instruments’ within us which we can use. We can strike some ‘strings’ inside, we have muscles and tendons so that we can change our facial expression. With these ‘instruments’ we can strip the severest rebukes of their harsh tone in such a way that our neighbour will not be shocked, but that it will nevertheless have the desired effect. Try and put yourself in someone else’s situation, empathize. Do not do to others what you would not have them do to you.

„Let Me Be a Pleasure for You!“

Bearing in mind the calling I received from GOD, I ask myself: „LORD, what more can I do?“ And so today at the adoration before the SAVIOUR in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar I said, as I often do in this sense: „LORD, in view of the new year, what more can I tell You than: In Your almighty power let me be a pleasure for You, a pleasure for the FATHER, for the SON, for the HOLY GHOST!“ Amen!

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**Be blessed by GOD TRINITY,
the + FATHER and the + SON
and the + HOLY GHOST. Amen!**

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