

The spirituality of Padre Pio

Many times I was requested to write something on Padre Pio. I send you a speech that Don Pierino Galeone addressed to a prayers group, with a clear reference to the institute of the suffering servants that Padre Pio founded through him, Don Pierino. He couldn't do it personally because he was a monk therefore wasn't free to carry out a secular institute in the universal church. Today it is extended in different part of the world. The institute of suffering servants: Padre Pio wanted to give to his secular institute the same spirituality that he himself lived, and that he experimented in the prayer groups, he wanted to give the same title to the clinic that he constructed: House relieve of suffering. I transmit to all who requested a speech of Don Pierino on a theme: "Padre Pio and the prayer groups". You know that Padre Pio founded prayer groups, which as to be the continuation of his spirituality. We can say that in life as in death, the spirituality of Padre Pio is summarize in two words: Jesus and Mary. You know very well that Padre Pio in the first hour of his death, he always repeated until exhaustion those two words: Jesus and Mary. The crucifix which was the printing and the rosary was in a way emblematic the real representation the most fascinating in front of the catholic world, it was a rosary alive of Padre Pio. The crucifix and the rosary, Jesus and Mary, The Eucharist and of the life and deeds of Padre Pio. Jesus brother in an exceptional way; however be a brother and son summarized in his paternity. He generated children to the Father, to Mary, to the church, he was on the side of brother Jesus: the children, the poor, Pio expressed the Divine and gave it to us human been in this earth. He made them feel the power of God, the love of God, the tenderness, the maternity of God but all of this not only he wanted to live it but he made live it to others especially to his favourite children, to prayer groups, to the house relieve of suffering he entrusted the treatment of the sick, to the groups of prayer he gave the custody to be to the groups of prayers, because he'll continue to pray with Jesus and Mary. Jesus is always interpellandum pro nobis <intercede for us> in front of the heavenly Father, and with Jesus and Mary father Pio in heaven continue to pray the heavenly father for the church for the whole world the prayer group had been founded by him just for that purpose for united with him first on the earth and now in heaven to pray for a new world, for the conversion of sinners, for the relieve of the suffering, for peace in the hearts of families, whole nations, people of the earth, John Paul the 2nd said about Padre Pio: Athlete of peace of a contemporary world, but I think also to the future century, because the crucifix was the one who reconciled God with men, men with God, men with men and men with the creation. His the one who made peace, reconciled all in God is Padre Pio, who was on the cross for 58 years, 8 years in invisible way; crucified in a visible way 50 years, he there on the cross did, in a particular way, did this service of suffering, of the reconciliation of all and won everyone to God and of God to all creature. How many people alternated not only to him. How many people knocked on his heart always opened because the gash that he had from the mysterious.

Individual the 20th of September 1918 remained opened and continue to stay opened because all the requests, and crying of plea of so many people, not only the contemporary world, but the future century, will find a welcome loving paternal, maternal full of great sensitivity effectiveness fulfilment. We this evening want to open more and more the heart of Padre Pio whom the Church by this time raised to the honour of the altar also with the title of blessed, but of course not belong he will be canonize that is declaring saint, we this evening want, in front of Padre Pio, make a promise to be really his representation towards our brothers in the love of Jesus crucified and to our Lady by means the adoration of Jesus Eucharist, by means of communion and then by means of the rosary, in the S. mass with the adoration of the Eucharis, with the communion we will be assimilate always to our Padre Pio, and with him for him to the raised crucifix; and by means with the rosary we'll

come closer to the S.virgin, to our Mother for whom we receive the Christian education that she with her divine wisdom did administered to her son Jesus during his earthly life. When our Lady cared with her perspicacity all that was necessary so that Jesus would be raised in age, wisdom and grace. She of course knows what the behaviour of the real sons of God should be because she stayed near the natural son of God Jesus Christ he was even her son as a man, and obviously if she knows exactly that kind of behaviour of the children of God, who more then her can stay near us for competence, wisdom, with her attention, maternal tenderness which she's not lacking, either for the gift of God, or her maternal mission, in which Jesus entered her thoroughly into a role under the Cross. She's near us and she helps in educating us in the same manner of Jesus and Padre Pio, she's the teacher of Christian education, she's the mother who educate all children so that they can be ready to live together with the heavenly Father in the blessed heaven for eternity. Therefore the Crucifix is living in the Eucharist. Padre Pio said: When you want search for me go in front of the sacramented Jesus because I am forever there. He was very humble to say that because in reality is not only at the foot of the altar, but since he was intimately to the Eucharistic Jesus, Jesus is present in body, blood soul and Divinity in the Eucharist, however with Jesus of course there are all saints and Angels from heaven, first of all his Mother. There are present, in a mysterious way we are not aware, but of course they're present there, that's way Padre Pio used to say: When you want to search for me you'll find me always in front of the Eucharistic Jesus. The Eucharist has to be lived by us with the listening of the mass, with the s. communion, with the Eucharist adoration, in which he very much kepted and many times in the evening when he used to do the blessing of the Eucharist, reading the prayer to the Sacramental Jesus he always cried, I was at his side, I was half a meter of distance, many times I put the omeral veil upon him, during the blessing of the Eucharist he always cried in front of Jesus, especially in several occasion and a several moments of some espression his heart was moved in front of the Eucharist. My children, you of prayer groups if you want to be worthy of this great gift to be part of prayer group of Padre Pio, you cannot leave out of consideration from this reality: Jesus and Mary, the Eucharist, the mass, the communion, the Eucharist adoration and the s. rosary, so hand in hand with Jesus and Mary walked Padre Pio, and he made many children walked in this path of earthly life. So we have to walk by giving real exemplary testimony, transparent. Jesus and Mary do not have to be a point of reference an inmost. The love of Jesus and our Lady, the love to our brother and mother does not have to make us forget the love of Jesus brothers and others children of our heavenly Mother we have to be carryers of Jesus love and Mary also to other brothers; in the family, in places were we're working. Never we have to grow weary to always be carryers of those messages that Padre Pio wanted to entrust to the world. Contemporary in and excellent way. I should say unique in the history of the church. Love to the crucifix Jesus, love to the Eucharist, love to our Lady. Do not feel ashame if in the car or in your home you recite the s. rosary. Keep the rosary in your pockets, don't ever get tired to go, when you have free time, in the church to attend mass, and take communion, mother Mary said: that the great moment of satan for young people, for workers and also for those who are working as house keepers, is a free time when, they do not know what to do, they're reading bad magazines, watch bad programs on television, easely walking out from the right path, talking, criticize, grumbling, it is to much of the world. In free time, instead, when you have some free times, get the rosary and pray. When you have half an hour more and you know that there's a mass in that hour don't waste, yourselves in front of the television or chatting with friends, go to church, get the communion, Padre Pio is waiting for you. come on!. Don Pierino.

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