

Spiritual Reflection - February, 2015

Trust in God's Providence

I haven't experienced Mother Frances myself, but from what I have heard and read about her is fascinating. Her faith and trust in the providence of God was great and is still an example for our times.

Trusting in God's Providence doesn't mean to let things go and do nothing. It is difficult to describe, but to me it means that I need to do my part as far as I am able while at the same time putting my trust in God as if I hadn't done anything. This would be the right approach and that's what I have always found with Mother Frances. She wrote to Father Jordan: "...then, my Father, human wisdom ends; then we must accept the foolishness of the Cross and become a child of God's Providence who sees in God his Father, his Leader and his All. We must raise our eyes of faith above and become deaf to human reasoning" (Letter 90.3). That's exactly what has me spellbound. Only when I trust in God does he have the chance to do something with me as I let him have the freedom to act. Trust gives me a feeling of serenity and openness towards God and others. A feeling of thankfulness fills my heart and makes me happy.

All people that have a relationship with God often have engaged themselves in God's Providence. For this, they have prepared themselves for sacrifices and have made it possible for God's love to be experienced within their environment. They are able to bring fuller life to the people. In places where they live and work people feel quiet, peace, and being accepted as they are.

Now we are challenged to reflect about our lives and ask ourselves: How much room do I give God's Providence in my life? By whom or from what do I allow myself to be influenced? God's Providence will show us ways to a fruitful life, that's my conviction.

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