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Easter Octave - Saturday: “He came to reveal the universal love of God to us”

Christ ascended the Cross with his arms wide open, with the all embracing gesture of the Eternal Priest. Now he counts on us - who are nothing! - to bring the fruits of his Redemption to all men. (The Forge, 4)

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Let's apply this lesson to everyday life, to our own life. For the ordinary life of a man among his fellows is not something dull and uninteresting. It is there that the Lord wants the vast majority of his children to achieve sanctity.

It is important to keep reminding ourselves that Jesus did not address himself to a privileged set of people; he came to reveal the *universal* love of God to us. God loves all men, and he wants all to love him — everyone, whatever his personal situation, his social position, his work. Ordinary life is something of great value. All the ways of the earth can be an opportunity to meet Christ, who calls us to identify ourselves with him and carry out his divine mission — right where he finds us.

God calls us through what happens during our day: through the suffering and happiness of the

people we live with, through the human interests of our colleagues and the things that make up our family life. He also calls us through the great problems, conflicts and challenges of each period of history, which attract the effort and idealism of a large part of mankind. (Christ is passing by, 110)

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