



Vatican Secretary of state, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, said that, sooner or later, every human being should be asked a series of fundamental questions and thus overcome the "anesthesia" in which many live today.

Why should we suffer and ultimately die? Why is there evil and contradiction? Is it worth living? Does it still make sense to love, work, sacrifice and strive? Where will my life end and that of the people we never want to lose? What do we do in the world? are some of the important questions that "all are made, young and adult, believers and non-believers."

In a message sent to the name of Pope Francis on the occasion of the 36 ° Meeting of Rimini (Italy) of the Movement of Communion and Liberation that takes place from 20 to 26 August, the Cardinal states that "sooner or later, at least once in life, because of a joyful test or fact, reflecting on the future of the children or on the work, each one should be found with one or more of these questions".

"Even the one who denies them with more force is not able to remove them entirely from their own existence", he says.

The cardinal questions then reflecting on the reality of today's world: "In the face of so many partial answers that offer only false infinities and that produce a strange anesthesia, how to give voice to the questions that all have inside? In the face of insensitivity to life, how to awaken consciousness?"

For the church, explains Cardinal Parolin, "it opens up a fascinating path, as at the beginning of Christianity, when men busy in life without the courage, strength or seriousness of expressing the decisive questions and, as happened with St. Paul in the Areopagus, to speak of God to whom he has reduced, censured or forgotten his whys, is a strangeness that seems far from real life with his dramas and his trials".

The popular Rimini meeting is "What do you lack with this fault, heart, that suddenly you are full of that?" which has been taken from the famous Italian poet of the XX century, Mario Luzi.

In the text sent to the Bishop of Rimini (Italy), Monsignor Francesco Lambiasi, Cardinal Parolin affirms that "today's drama consists in the danger of the denial of the identity and dignity of the human person".

"A troubling ideological colonization reduces the perception of the authentic needs

of the heart to offer limited answers that do not consider the breadth of the search for love, truth, beauty, and justice in each one".

Remembering that the heart of the person is restless, as St. Augustine affirms, the Cardinal assures that "life is not an absurd desire, the emptiness is not the sign that we were born wrong, but on the contrary a sign that warns us that our nature is made for big things "and that the nostalgia of the soul" can only find satisfaction in an infinite reality".

"That is why God, the infinite mystery, has come close to our nothingness sustained by Him and offers the answer that everyone expects even without realizing it, while looking for it in success, money, power, in drugs of any kind, in the affirmation of one's momentaneous desires".

Cardinal Parolin also stresses that "only the initiative of God the Creator could fill the measure of the heart and he has come out to meet us to let us find him as a friend. So we can rest in the midst of a sea of tempests because we are sure of his presence".

The Vatican Secretary of state then recalls that in the interview the director of the Jesuit magazine La Civiltà Cattolica made in September 2013, Pope Francis said that "although a person's life has been a disaster, although the vices , the drug or anything else has it destroyed, God is in his life. Although a person's life is a land full of thorns and weeds, it always houses a space where the good seed can grow. It is necessary to trust God".

In addition, the Cardinal stressed, the Holy Father recalled in his recent visit to a prison in Bolivia in July that Jesus "came to show us, to make visible the love that God has for us. An active, real love. A love that heals, forgives, raises, heals. A love that approaches and returns dignity. A dignity that we can lose in many ways and forms. But Jesus is a stubborn man of this: he gave his life for this, to give us back our lost identity".

The mission of the faithful then is to offer all the good news of the Gospel "especially with life" that responds to the yearning for infinity, as the Holy Father says in the Evangelii Gaudium.