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The fall of a tree always makes more noise than a forest that grows!

Dear friends of FIAT,

The newspaper 'La Libre Belgique' of October 9, 2018, published an article in the hand of Father Philippe Mawet 'The Church is sick ... Heal it!'

We read: (...) *"that we must not deny the crisis but it should not either prevent us from seeing the beauty of what is happening locally and universally and all the seeds and signs of hope that bloom everywhere ... Of course, 'the fall of a tree always makes more noise than a forest that grows.' At the same time, we must dare to see the reality with clarity and a lot of humility "*.

Also in his introduction, and rightly so, Father Mawet says *"that the Church is not a goal in itself! However, even to the heart of turmoil, it remains a privileged way to give the Christian life its framework and bearings "*.

Faith teaches us responsible citizenship

For some years, Cardinal De Kesel has emphasized that *"we Christians recognize that from a religious society we have evolved into a secularized society, where religion is not absent but no longer occupies the central place. in the construction of culture religious conviction is a free and personal decision of each citizen, and society is pluralistic and 'multi-religious'. Christians are present, but Christianity no longer has the status of a 'cultural religion'.*

Indeed, the Christian faith is no longer the first option of culture. It is a personal option of the person who is free to believe or not to believe.

Modern culture does not mean the end of religion. On the contrary it provides a framework that allows us to live together respecting the freedom of each. However, modernity and its secular nature is not the body that gives meaning to our lives and our commitments.



*"Even today, Jesus is born of
Mary and the Holy Spirit".*

+ L.J. Cardinal Suenens



What commitment gives meaning to my life?

It is the grandeur of modern culture to be able to guarantee the freedom of the person. Modern culture tells me that I am free, but it does not tell me what to do. To this question it sends us back to ourselves each time saying: do what you want. But what? Among other things, religious traditions give meaning to these commitments. One must be blind - continues Cardinal De Kesel - not to see how the Gospel is a source of true humanity. The Christian who engages in the world does so not only as a citizen but also as a Christian. Or better yet, it is faith that teaches a person responsible citizenship. This is the fundamental argument against the thesis of the privatization of religion."

For the editorial team

Roger

"Whatever the gift that you're willing to present to God, do not forget to entrust it to Mary, because grace goes back to the donor through the same channel that brought it. "

(St Bernard, 12th century)

The whole FIAT apostolate is based on voluntary work. However the running of the international secretarial office requires some funding. We are very often invited to offer reductions on costs for sending rosaries and various evangelization tools to economically weak countries. We are grateful for financial support.

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