

We often forget that Christ loved to be silent. He set out for the desert, not to go into exile, but to encounter God. And at the most crucial moment in his life, when there was screaming on all sides, covering him with all sorts of lies and calumnies, when the high priest asked him: “Have you no answer to make?” Jesus preferred silence.

It is a case of true amnesia: Catholics no longer know that silence is sacred because it is God’s dwelling place. How can we rediscover the sense of silence as the manifestation of God? This is the tragedy of the modern world: man separates himself from God because he no longer believes in the value of silence.

Without silence, God disappears in the noise. And this noise becomes all the more obsessive because God is absent. Unless we rediscover silence, we are lost. We are rushed into nothingness, without silence.

Time before the Blessed Sacrament. (Not recorded on Activity Reports.) This is more prevalent on some, who in my opinion need to sit with Jesus and discern their future more closely. The diaconate and ordination is not a prize to be won or a personal goal to be achieved. It’s not about authority, it’s about abandonment.

Robert Cardinal Sarah’s book, *“The Power of Silence”* had only one aim, which is summed up in this thought: “Silence is difficult, but it makes man able to allow himself to be led by God. Silence is more important than any other human work. For it expresses God.” What virtue can be expected from this silence? Humility.

Rafael Cardinal Merry del Val when he retired from being the Secretary of State of Saint Pius X had composed a beautiful “Litany of Humility”, which he recited every day after celebrating Mass.

