



Footprints of Beauty

"I see you, oh Church, always new. The more I gaze upon you, the more beautiful I find you, the more I love you." MR 9,35



Third Day October 3

We let these words of Father Palau echo within us:

"I have allowed myself to be seen by you, and you have seen me in the way that is possible in your human condition, so that you may reveal my beauty to the children of men." MR 8,38

"Oh my Spouse, you are beautiful, you are loveable! And are you my Beloved, the object who ravishes my heart? You are worthy of love! Happy the one who comes to know you! Happy, oh Holy Church, the one who becomes united to you in faith, hope and love! In faith, happy the one who believes in you, because he sees you and knows you!" MR 18,4

Scripture Text: Rev. 21: 2-5

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,[c]

and God himself will be with them;[d]

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Often beauty is presented to us in well-worn stereotypes, on fashionable catwalks. In the passage from Palau in *Mis Relaciones* which we have just shared, we see a man who admires beauty, who rejoices in a Beauty that is reflected in you, in me, in all of Creation. This beauty is given us in promise and hope in the words of the Book of Revelation, we are assured that they are "trustworthy and true."

For further reflection: How can I be a reflection of that well-loved Beauty that Palau tells us about?



**Let us call to our
mind and heart:
Human trafficking.**

We pray together:

"I always see you [the Church] anew, and the more I look at you the more beautiful I find you, the more I love you, the lovelier and more loveable I see you, for me you are so new that every day seems to me as if it is the first day that I see, love and possess you." MR 9,35

- We present you, Lord, all of us who are making this novena, help us so that, in imitation of Blessed Francisco Palau, we may always live in newness of life, showing forth in our lives the beauty of the Church in the mission and task that you have entrusted to us. **We pray to the Lord.**
- We present to you, Lord, so many women who experience marginalization, exploitation, abuse, physical, verbal, and psychological violence. Lord, allow governments and institutions to develop laws and programs that protect and promote their dignity. **We pray to the Lord.**
- For all CMT communities: that by living the motto of our Fr. Founder "I want all of you to be one heart animated by one and the same spirit" Letter 7,2 we show forth that universal brotherhood is possible. **We pray to the Lord.**

Today we continue to present the communities and works of the Francisco Palau Province and to pray for them: Tarragona Community & School Mare de Déu del Carme, Torrevieja: Community & School La Purísima, Valls Community, Residence & Day Centre Sta Teresa, Zaragoza Community Ntra Sra del Pilar, Italia - Pisa Community San Giuseppe, Polonia - Sopot Community Ntra. Sra. de Czesochowa, Portugal - Viseu Community Ntra Sra de Fátima; Philippines - Manila Community P. Francisco Palau, Lucena Community Queen of Carmel, Pangantungan Community Our Lady of Virtues, Vietnam - Ho Chi Minh Community Our Lady of la Vang.



3. Quiero ser Belleza

During this day of the novena, let us ask for the intercession of Francisco Palau so that we may be women and men who walk synodically, having experienced Beauty in our lives, let it be that same Beauty that we proclaim day by day.

Father Palau Prayer

Almighty and merciful God and Father: we thank and bless you for instilling in the heart of Blessed Francisco Palau a singular love for the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, be revealing to him her beauty as illustrated in Mary, and inspiring him to serve her through prayer and apostolic activity. Grant us his prompt canonization in the Church and the special grace we are asking through his intercession. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

