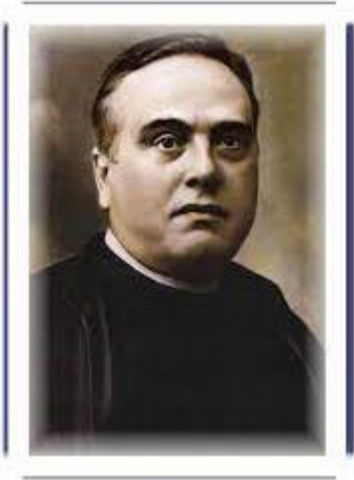


¡THANK YOU, P. JUAN BUJ!



Setting:

On September 26th, 1935, Father Juan Buj dies. He did not rely on the principle "it has always been done in this way", he was a great apostle, a great propagator of the Eucharist, an apostle of daily communion, at times when it was not carried out he was director and professor of the Teruel and Zaragoza Seminary, a tireless speaker, distinguished sociologist, pioneer in Zaragoza's Catholic social action and magnanimous writer.

For 39 years he was spiritual director of the Novices of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Anne, assigned by the Archbishop of Zaragoza, who said to the Sisters when he was appointed: "I give you the best priest I have in the Diocese."

Sr. Flor Godoy said of him: "Before he was a great orator, journalist, writer and sociologist, he was a priest. His activities were inspired by his priesthood, to draw everyone to the love of God".

Today we are grateful for his life and all that he did in the extension of the "Kingdom of God", the title of one of his books dedicated to the Congregation.

Meditative song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B10ryeYEXqQ>

Gospel: Lk. 22,25-27

Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as the one who serves”.

Silence:

As Pope Francis invites us in the *Evangelii Gaudium*, Juan Buj was fearless and creative in the task of rethinking the evangelizing objectives, structures, style and methods.

Let’s pray with the poetry that was read in the evening of his death organized by the Catholic Action founded by him, the author is Mr. Enrique Pérez Pardo:

"You depart from us, but you live and encourage
in your works ... your spirit is fixed on them.
Our souls that fly to your thirsty example
in the yearn-for homeland they have already sensed you.

Your life was like a luminous trail
that radiates its brilliance in the closed night ...
Although it is hidden it will always perfume the rose,
your life has spread the good smell of Christ ...

As divine love inflames your chest,
how your being burned in a boiling volcano
such apostle work in half a century done,
your works are numbered in heaven.

Faithful and prudent servant, never idle worker,
You worked the vineyard for your Lord till the end ...
of his doctrine you were the high lampstand,
you didn't hide the torch inside the bushel.

With the light of grace and girded
with holy obedience you flew without ceasing;
when your master came he found you forewarned
and today the divine delicacy is serving you at his Table.

The Eucharist was your sublime craziness
and at the same time the secret of your inner life,
in it you satiated your cares with plenty,
and your soul in love melted to the heat of it.

Living example of Christ your heart burned
in the master of the poor, anxious for his good
and looking yearning for social harmony
"Misereor super turbam" you said too.

You fought the divine battles with determination
your soldier's chest never sheltered fear ...
With your five talents you earned another five
and thus you entered the blessed joy of your Lord.

With a white garment, bearing a golden palm,
You ascended to the regions of uncreated light...
Today before Christ sing in the mystical choir
companion in his glory as yesterday on his Cross.

In the inheritance of the Father you already brief the ears,
and you harvest the lives of the immortal Zion:
Ya already found eternal rest from all fatigue
in the infinite Good your restless heart.

Take us by the hand down the hard path
of daily duty that goes to glory.
Prepare the place for us, because you reached first,
Pray to God for us you who have already triumphed.

Petitions of Intercession: we pray for all the suffering people, for all those who had an important place in the heart of Juan Buj.

Thanks giving Song:

Final prayer: Thank you Lord for the life of Fr. Juan Buj, as a lover of the Eucharist, he was involved in the social problems of his time. He knew how to make the Eucharist life and approached where evil and injustice were present. We ask you Lord to open our hearts and our understanding to live close to those who suffer, to be daring and humble in the world in which we live and continue to manifest God's love and mercy, wherever we are. AMEN

“I AM AMONG YOU AS THE ONE WHO SERVES”. (LK 22,27)

