

*The Cross is Part of One's Life*  
*Gospel Reading for September 3, 2017*  
*With Divine Will Truths*  
*Matthew 16: 21-27*

*Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.*

*Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to You."*

*He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."*

*Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with His Angels in His Father's Glory, and then He will repay all according to his conduct."*

**IV. Christian Holiness (CCC)**

**2015** *The way of perfection passes by way of the Cross. There is no holiness without renunciation and spiritual battle.68...*

**From the Book of Heaven**

**V8 - Oct. 4, 1907** - *"Daughter, the cross is part of one's life, and only one who does not love his own life, does not love the cross, because it was with the Cross alone that I grafted the Divinity to lost humanity. Only the cross continues Redemption in the world, grafting anyone who receives it into the Divinity; and if one does not love it, it means he knows nothing of virtues, of perfection, of love of God, and of true life. It happens as to a rich man who has lost his riches, and is presented with the means to reacquire them again - and maybe even more. How much does he not love this means? Does he perhaps not put his own life into this means in order to find life again in his riches? Such is the cross. Man had become so very poor, and the cross is the means not only to save him from misery, but to enrich him with all goods. Therefore, the cross is the richness of the soul." And He disappeared, while I remained more embittered, thinking of what I had lost.*

**FIAT!!!**