

# *Love for the Cross*

*May 3*



### *III. The Characteristics of Faith The freedom of faith*

*“For He bore witness to the truth but refused to use force to impose it on those who spoke against it. His Kingdom . . . grows by the Love with which Christ, lifted up on the Cross, draws men to Himself.”<sup>41</sup>*

*Matthew 10:38*

*And he that taketh not up his cross, and followeth Me, is not worthy of Me.*

### *From the Book of Heaven*

***V6 - February 8, 1905** - Continuing in my poor state of privation and of unspeakable bitterness – at the most, He makes Himself seen in silence – this morning He told me: “My daughter, Luisa, the characteristics of My children are: Love for the Cross, Love for the Glory of God, and Love for the Glory of the Church - to the point of laying down their lives. One who does not have these characteristics, in vain calls himself My son; one who dares to say it, is a liar and a traitor who betrays God and himself. Take a look into yourself, to see whether you have them.” And He disappeared.*

**V8 - October 4, 1907** - *"Daughter, Luisa, 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!***