



## THE WORD IS THE QUEEN OF THE WORLD (AUT. 449)

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord", and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Lk 2: 22-40

FEBRUARY 2 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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Word of God is the primary  
of our spirituality  
(Sourcebook 37)

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A COMMENTARY TO THE SUNDAY  
GOSPEL FOR AND FROM  
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## REFLECTIONS TO FEED OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD



This scene of Jesus' childhood presents us with simple and humble characters: Mary and Joseph, a young couple with their baby; The old Simeon, a just and pious man; And to the prophetess Anna, the widow, who served God night and day with fasting and prayers. Mary and Joseph take the child Jesus to the temple to fulfill the requirements of the Law of Moses: "... the time of purification and the consecration of the firstborn ..."; Simeon and Anna do not depart from the temple because they await the deliverance and comfort of Israel; However, it is the Lord who has preceded them, "has risen" because they all go to the temple "moved by the Holy Spirit." Mary and Joseph, Simeon and Anne, in the midst of the "thickness of the real" are able to discover in the face of a baby the presence of the Savior, who is "the light of the nations and the glory of His people Israel"

IT'S THE WORD OF GOD (AUT. 450)

## REFLECTIONS TO FEED OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD



These very different characters have made me reflect on the Claretian Family as a charismatic family in the Church, formed by different Branches or institutions that we want to walk together, because we are united by the same charismatic root that the Lord has given us. Our Claretian charism should be the perspective from which we contemplate the whole Gospel, and thus, our Family will become a "charismatic-evangelical family", presenting to the Church and to the world a Gospel face that underlines some attitudes and features of Jesus, and that emphasizes certain values of the Kingdom. The Branches of the Claretian Family incarnate in different existential or vocational projects - consecrated or lay life - our charismatic root, which is a common source of identity, a place of fraternal encounter in diversity, inspiration and zeal for shared mission ...

IT IS THE WORD OF LIFE (AUT. 450)

## PRAYER FROM THE WORD

In this feast of the Presentation and Day of Consecrated Life we want to pray: "Blessed are you, Lord, because by your Spirit you have called men and women who, consecrated to you, are in the Church a living manifestation of the following of Jesus Christ, virgin, poor and obedient. Holy Mary, under the maternal protection of your Immaculate Heart, we want to live fully the faithful following of your Son Jesus Christ, to be witnesses of His Love, men and women of hope and always joyful in their service. Amen."

