

# **Where is justice in the suffering of humanity?**

*Why is humanity inundated with suffering and where is justice in our struggles? How can we transform our pain and sorrow into redemptive suffering? In this highly visual, practical and interactive session, the presenter will base the presentation on both her own experience of struggles and the Lambertian Spirituality of the Cross to help answer the difficult question of why one suffers. In between her talk, she will introduce different activities and games to bring about joy and hope.*

"Centering in the Mystery of the Cross"

## **LAMBERTIAN SPIRITUALITY OF THE CROSS**

Bishop Lambert de la Motte- Founded the Lovers of the Holy Cross in 1670

Spirituality of the Lovers of the Holy Cross is the spiritual path of Bishop Lambert. He lived and pointed it out to those who love the Cross.

**Spirit:** mortification and sacrifice because of love. Love of Jesus Christ Crucified on the Cross and always being ready to receive one's own cross.

This love will:

- \*unite the sisters with the salvific plan of Christ;
- \*promote the spirit of solidarity with the sufferings of others;
- \*fill up in the souls the joy and hope which derived from faith in the mystery of the resurrection.

*Surely, when the soul only focuses on Jesus Christ crucified, the soul is united to God in a very special way. The soul does not fear the limitation of its visions. Let us imitate the Son of God who often thought about death, so we can see all his work here as a preparation for the sacrificial offering which He completed within three hours on the cross. (Bishop's writing, p. 50)*

*Do not think that our love should only be victorious in martyrdom, but also in every struggle we face, whether from the world, the devil, the flesh or from God Himself. God often grants his love to those who try to eliminate a bad habit more when we endure persecution because of the preaching of the gospel. One can say that the Christian life is a continual martyrdom because faithful disciples of Jesus Christ cannot be without dying to their own will and themselves. (Bishop's writing, p. 39)*

*Love Jesus Christ, even in our darkness, suffering, and sacrifice, with the chalice which He gives us to drink, just as when he gives us sweetness of His love. (Bishop's writing, p. 62)*

*During dryness or darkness, the soul must run to her Spouse. He only stops granting His grace in order to urge her soul to seek Him."*

*"He uses souls that he Has chosen, full of His Spirit, which is the spirit of a mediator, to continue His suffering and sacrifices to the end of the world." (Bishop's writing p. 63)*

*The hardship that good people endure in this life is regarded as an extraordinary grace of God, certainly, nothing can keep us away from the attachments of the world and nothing can draw us closer to God more constantly than suffering, which is the means to acquire heaven. If a Christian complains about her crosses, it is to say: that she seems to deny the certain means that God gives to obtain eternal happiness. (Autobiography, page 40)*

*Most importantly, my daughters, you must do everything on behalf of our Lord Jesus Christ; He wants to do it Himself, but he is no longer able to do so. Therefore, He uses souls that he has chosen, full of His Spirit, which is the spirit of a mediator, to continue His suffering and sacrificing to the end of the world. (Bishop's writing, p. 84)*