

“IS THERE HOPE? THE FASCINATION OF THE DISCOVERY”

27. “The leap”

“The sign that the promise has been fulfilled is the leap of your heart, the repercussion provoked by the event. This is what happened to Elizabeth. ‘When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb.’ (Lk 1:41) It is the same leap of the heart felt by John and Andrew when, after they came upon Jesus and spent the afternoon with Him, they told everyone ‘We have met the Messiah!’ [...] The leap of the heart is the sign that this event is happening again.

Therefore, I can recognize the divine present in certain presences, as Elizabeth recognized Jesus in Mary’s womb, through the correspondence to my heart, to my humanity, that I experience in the encounter with them and that manifests itself in the ‘leap of the heart.’ And the verification of this encounter is its capacity to introduce me to the totality of reality, to make me face every situation and to challenge any circumstance. ‘Christ brought all newness by bringing Himself,’ said Saint Irenaeus. He brought the newness of each thing. What experience must the first Christians have had to describe Christ in such a way!”

(J. Carrón, *Is There Hope? The Fascination of the Discovery*, HAB, Tampa & Denver 2021, pp. 84–85)

We suggest reading Agnese’s testimony: [Rimini: “The indelible mark”](#), *clonline.org*

In view of the meeting with the Pope, we suggest reading this short contribution:

“The reason why I chose to accept the Pope’s invitation to Rome comes from the starting place of this invitation, the community made up of people I trust and who have never let me down or betrayed me so far.

Since I feel comfortable in this place, there must be something real.

I wish to go to the deep of this attraction, this interest in a place so dear to me.

In his text *Il senso di Dio e l’uomo moderno* [The meaning of God and modern man], Father Giussani introduced the figure of the Pope as ‘guarantor’ on Earth of the Christian fact.

Now, if the experience I have encountered is real, I want to go deep into it, and I see the Pope’s invitation as an opportunity to do so. I have the feeling that the meaning of the experience I’m having in GS is even greater than the small part I’m going through. The Pope has addressed this invitation to many young people and we will meet young people from all over Italy who share our question and the same reality we are experiencing.

An experience like this helps me to broaden my horizon, reminding me of its universal reach.”

Signed letter

What facts, what examples can you share with all your friends with regard to the promise being fulfilled?

We remind you that it is possible to send questions and witnesses to the website <http://eventi.comunioneliberazione.org/gscontributi/>