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All of us can work for the glory of God. So really, we have to get to it. But we're proud – well, I speak for myself here –, we're so stupid when it comes to this, we think only about great things that are worthy of people and worthy of the Lord. But, it's the exact opposite! He came down from his glory, he came in human nature! [...]. And that's our glory, it's the gratuity of the Lord. It's that we're 'sorry individuals'. And the more we're 'sorry individuals', the more marvellous it is. Because it gives us humility, it humiliates us, and it's only with humility, as Silouane says, that we can receive the Holy Spirit. That's extraordinary, it's really the Holy Spirit's doing. And Silouane spend his whole life asking the Holy Spirit. And [we ask for it too], because it's the one promise that's sure to be fulfilled, it's the Lord who said this. So, let's try to be humble. As St. Bernadette said I think, you need lots of humiliations for a little humility. And sometimes it's much fewer humiliations and much more humility, it depends on one another, but this is in fact the treasure.

So, for months, the Lord puts us on forced retirement in order to accumulate in us these treasures of the grace of Nazareth, humility, considerate love, making ourselves available. And little by little after this, he'll send us [on mission]! And if you don't welcome these reserves of charity, love, prayer, when you have to take action, you'll sink into activism.

The Lord is truly good for us. If he puts you to rest before even having acted, it's an extraordinary grace; and if we believe it and understand it, it's really the joy of the Community. And then you see, you're praying one for another [...]. We're in communion with each other. We're united; and if you believe in the body we form, well, it's a strength for us, because it's through the Communion of Saints that we're able to lean on one another. Just as we should believe in the glory, we must believe in the power of the body [which we form], and the more you believe in it and pray for it, the more this body will be united and will do great things, and we'll spread out into the whole world.

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