

Sixth Conversation

'Lord, I gaze on you as you hang on your Cross. A line from the liturgy plays around in my head: *By your holy cross you have redeemed the world*. I don't understand how this can be; but I do not need to understand, only to accept. The pain of today's world is overwhelming to me. How can I help to take even one person down from their cross?

Pope Francis says: **"Food thrown out is stolen from the table of the poor. (50). Purchasing is always a moral act, not simply an economic one. "** (206).

Let me recall the face of the poorest and weakest person I have seen, and ask myself if this choice I am contemplating is going to be any use to them. It's not very heroic to do that, but it connects me with the needy and with yourself, and it stops me from just pleasing myself. Let me in this way share in the passion of others today, in a spirit of love and generosity. Amen.'

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