

(English translation)

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Like Mary

And when the disciples were reunited together *with Mary*, the Holy Spirit vehemently invested them and they spoke words of life with an incredible strength and convinced thousands of people to follow Jesus. And they baptized and built up the Church.

With Mary... it was the presence of love, of a new love.

If we loved one another among Christians, as though Mary, our Mother, were among us, I think we would have a greater understanding of the Word of God preached to us by the followers of the Apostles, and it would penetrate in us, as in others, so strongly as to set off the Christian revolution around us...; while, we might as well say it, we snooze and camp out too much, and we amuse ourselves in a thousand vanities, passing off as Christians, while the revolution of hate invades the world.

Chiara Lubich

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