Hello Antonio,

I have had arguments with my boyfriend on the word "sacrifice" that by means doing something that obligation and do not want to sacrifice longer if I do because I want to. For example when I say I've been doing the sacrifice of getting up early every morning to go to Mass, he says, and that is sacrifice? do not want to do? I say yes, then answer me then I stop being sacrifice and I put an example for the sacrifice Jesus made by dying for us on the cross, he did because he wanted to do and so was Vaun sacrifice. I understand the sacrifice and stop doing something I want to offer it to God and I do because I want to do or provide something I'm doing to harness and forced to become a sacrifice to God.

I si podes clarify the concept of sacrifice and do not know if I am wrong in saying that when we do something necessary, something that does not want to do it again suffering would become if I offer sacrifice to God, otherwise stay in suffering.

also for example in a chess game sometimes sacrifice some pawns to gain advantage. There, I contradict myself in my concept of sacrifice because it is being offered to God is nothing but a game in which to get an advantage. I want to be clear about the concept to explain it, if you help me will be grateful.

Regards, Zulma

The first idea is that if you want, you do. And if you want, you do not. We do things we want: sometimes out of obligation to obey sometimes, sometimes for love, others by fear of punishment. But we do what we want, because we can freely.

Some of the things we do "we like" and other "no one feels." Then a sacrifice is to do something that "you do not want." But of course, want to. Because if she wanted would not.

When the sacrifice is offered to God, done for love, takes on a much higher value than a mere human action. Because we can unite this small sacrifice to the sacrifice of the Cross of Christ and thus acquires a redemptive value (cooperates with the redemption of mankind).So St. Paul said: "I meet in my flesh what is lacking in the Passion of Christ, for the benefit of his Church."

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I hope I clarified. If you remain in doubt, keep asking.
Antonio.