*The Mission*

Dialogue

82:00

Father Gabriel is translation a dialogue between Bishop Altamirano and the Guaraní Chiefs

**Gabriel**: They want you to be clear about what you would like them to do.

**Altamirano**: They must leave the Mission

**Gabriel**: They say they don’t want to leave the Mission. The Mission is their home.

Altamirano: They must learn to submit to the Will of God.

Gabriel: It was the Will of God, they came out of the jungle and build a Mission. They don’t understand why God has changed its mind.

Altamirano: I cannot hope to understand God’s reasons.

Gabriel: How does he know you know God’s Will. *He doesn’t think you speak for God. He thinks you speak for the Portuguese.*

Altamirano: I do not personally speak for God, but I do speak for the Church, which is God’s instrument on earth.

Gabriel: He said why don’t you speak to the King of Portugal.

Altamirano: I spoke to the King of Portugal. He will not listen.

Gabriel: He is also a King. He also will not listen. They were wrong ever to have trusted us. They are going to fight.

Altamirano: Well then, you must persuade them not to fight.

Gabriel: I failed to make you fight on their behalf.

Altamirano: If they do fight, it is absolutely imperative that none of you would have seemed to have encouraged them to do so. Therefore, all of you will return with me to Asunción tomorrow. If anyone should disobey this, you will be excommunicated, cut off, cast out.

Why must they fight, why must they not return to the jungle.

Altamirano: If the Jesuits resist the Portuguese, then the Jesuit Order will be expelled from Portugal, then Spain, France, Italy, who knows

First questioning about “who you speak for” by the Guaranis

Not God but the State (the Portuguese) therefore doubts the power of the Church

Disobedience of these Jesuits in the film.

The Jesuits in the Mission within the Order, there is no agreement.

The Mission, the organized Christian space is under attack, the chalice itself is taken down by the Portuguese army.

There is a new world order, so to speak, as Altamirano also notices.