

Origins of Sion, Book 5

p. 342: *"...in this world of violence and injustice, we know only too well that the Kingdom has not yet reached its plenitude, hence the supplication that should rise from the center of our being: **Thy Kingdom come!**"*

p. 342 - 343: *"To make tangible the **hope** that should animate us, he gave the Congregation the name SION. 'Mount Sion is the symbol of hope' and our motto: **In Sion firmata sum** is the expression of the firmness of our faith in the fulfillment of the promises. 'Those who have trust in the Lord, says the Psalmist, are as unshakeable as the mountain of Sion. They hope like Abraham against all hope, they triumph through perseverance, they say with the Sacred Scriptures: In Sion firmata sum, I am established in Sion.'"*

p. 343-344: HASTEN THE TIMES (Si. 36:7) *"What must be done to hasten the manifestation of the fulfillment of the promises? We must be entirely apostolic with a heart always attentive to our vocation. 'Father Theodore,' says Francis Delpech, 'commends activity in following Christ,' but it also includes a contemplative aspect both extremely strong and full authentic. 'The sisters must be at once Martha and Mary, i.e., active and contemplative (...); it is perhaps on this that he insists most, the essence of the spirit that he wishes to bequeath to the Congregation."*