

Flame of Love Movement

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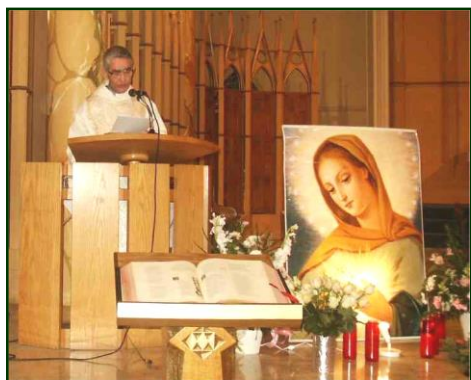
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You invited me, my dear brothers and sisters, because you want to hear me talk about the Flame of Love. One cannot regard the Flame of Love in itself as an isolated event. To understand a little better the message of the Flame of Love, I would like to start with the

message that the Most Blessed Virgin had given at Fatima. For the revelations of the Marian era started in Paris in 1830 with the apparition of the Virgin Mary to Saint Catherine Labouré and continued with La Salette, Lourdes, Fatima, and we believe humbly that by the Flame of Love, they constitute a progressive revelation and each time deeper of the mission of the Mother of God and of the mystery of her Immaculate Heart.

First, let us consider the messages given by the Virgin Mary at Fatima. We find three fundamental ideas:

The Blessed Virgin Mary prayed that we make atonement for our sins, since God has been offended. For sin consists in being contemptuous of the Divine Will, of God Himself; it is disobedience, separation from God, lack of love...

At the time of her first apparition at Fatima, the Virgin asked the children: **“Do you want to offer yourselves to God? Are you ready to accept the sufferings He will send you in reparation for all the sins by which He has been offended?”** They answered: Yes.

“When you make some sacrifice, say: ‘My Jesus, it is for love of You ... for the conversion of sinners’”. This is how the Virgin taught the children to pray. Her last words at Fatima were: **“It is important that men convert and ask forgiveness for their sins. Do not offend God any more, because He is so much offended already.”**

The second great concern of the Virgin Mary at Fatima was: to save souls from damnation and lead them to Heaven, to pray a lot and make sacrifices for the conversion of all sinners... This thought keeps recurring. The Blessed Virgin Mary is not afraid of showing hell to the children. This vision of hell made such a deep impression that the children made countless prayers and sacrifices to prevent the souls of the poor sinners from going to hell. The short prayer we repeat in the Rosary at the end of each decade expresses the same motherly anguish of the Virgin Mary.

How can we offer reparation and help the Mother of God to save souls? – By praying, praying a lot and making sacrifices. (The children of Fatima did so all the way). The Blessed Virgin asked at each apparition that we pray the Rosary daily! This prayer is of such importance to her that she called herself QUEEN OF THE ROSARY. She also told the children: **“Accept the sufferings the Lord will send you and bear them with patience.”**

The third message of Fatima is about the IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY.

“Jesus wants to establish in the world the devotion to my Immaculate Heart”, said the Virgin Mary to Lucia. Why? **“To make me known and loved better”**, said the Virgin. **“My**

Heart will be for you the refuge and the way leading you to God”, said the Virgin Mary to Lucia, but this beautiful promise can be applied to all of us: **“God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart ... to save from hell the souls of all poor sinners.”**

Jacinta, the youngest of the three seers, said to Lucia: *“Tell the whole world that God wants to spread His graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary ... The Heart of Jesus wants us to venerate also with Him the Immaculate Heart of Mary ... God has placed peace in her hands, and it is from the Immaculate Heart that men must seek it.”*

The Virgin Mary also added: **“The grace of God will give you the strength you need ... If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace.”**

We know with what generosity the children of Fatima hastened to fulfill the desires of the Heavenly Mother. Let us end our considerations on Fatima with this beautiful confession from Lucia: *“From that day, indeed, we experienced a more ardent love for the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”*

Let us now go back to The Flame of Love!

For those who have not yet heard of The Flame of Love, I would like to read this beautiful page from the *Spiritual Diary* of Mrs. Elizabeth Kindelmann when the Virgin Mary, for the first time, revealed the Flame of Love which she gave her. (I am reading from the *Spiritual Diary*...).

At first, we are struck by the resemblance between Fatima and The Flame of Love... Could it be that The Flame of Love is an extension, a kind of blossoming of the revelations given by the Virgin Mary at Fatima? The question should be left to people more able than I. Allow me, however, to put forward a few considerations...

At FATIMA, the Blessed Virgin prayed to make reparations for sins.

In HUNGARY, her petitions become more precise and more urgent. She asked to consider two days of the week as special days of grace: Thursdays and Fridays... She wants us to pray the Hour of reparation with the family on one of these days. She suggests doing that by reciting the Rosary and through spiritual readings... The Virgin Mary said, sobbing, that in Hungary, **“There is so much sin in the land! Help me to save souls!”** She said that in 1962. Looking at the world now, what would she say? Satan is doing his utmost to snatch a multitude of souls from God. The Virgin Mary is forced to witness an explosion of sins which is spreading more and more throughout the world. The Virgin Mary wants to STOP that explosion of sins!

She has obtained from the Eternal Father a outpouring of graces by the merits of the Wounds of her Divine Son to save souls... This torrent of graces is called THE FLAME OF LOVE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY.

What is it that incited the Virgin Mary to obtain this flow of graces for us? Here is the answer: She is our Mother in the order of grace. Her Divine Son entrusted us to her motherly love. In Hungary, she said: **“I do not want a single soul to be lost ... Never has such a flow of graces been given since the Word became flesh...”** There has not been, for the past 2000 years in the history of the Church, a powerful flow of graces comparable to The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This Flame will catch fire all over the Earth and it will spread throughout the world.

What can we say about this grace? Where is the source of this flow of grace? In the merciful Heart of the Eternal Father, hoping that all His children will return to the Father's house so that He may embrace them. The Father does not just wait for us: He did send His Son to the earth and during these last two centuries, more than once, through the messages of Mary, the

Mother of His Son, HE WANTS TO LEAD US TO THE FATHER'S HOUSE... The Flame of Love is the love of the Most Holy Trinity intimately united with the motherly love of the Mother of God. This love passes through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Let us try to understand how this Flame of Love operates. The Blessed Virgin Mary says that it is a ray of Light... We know in nature of a highly condensed beam of light that can be used to perform wonderful operations (I am referring to the laser beam). The Flame of Love is a beam of Divine, supernatural light which is out of this world... With this Light, the Virgin Mary wants to inflame our hearts and urges us insistently to accept it and to pass it to others. And when this Fire and this Light of Divine Order will have inflamed the whole world, it will be a blaze and a fire Satan that will be unable to bear. The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will blind Satan. He will be unable to display his malice to lose souls...

This Light exerts its action in two different ways: it illuminates the inside of the souls and makes them aware of the perilous state in which they are ... This Light touches hearts... to lead them to contrition and that makes us go back to the merciful Father. And in the other way: it directs itself against our enemy to face and blind Satan that he may no longer do any evil.

In reading the *Spiritual Diary* of Elizabeth Kindelmann, one truly feels the palpitation of the Heart of the Virgin Mary, her anguish for the salvation of her children. **"I am this very day the Mater Dolorosa... for I have to see so many of my children go to hell. Help me save them!"**

And we now come, my dear brothers and sisters, to OUR MISSION. The Virgin Mary invites and urges us, she begs for our collaboration. **"I can and I want to help you but I need your collaboration. If you are not ready to make sacrifices, you are not capable of serving the outpouring of my graces. There are few souls full of a spirit of sacrifice, especially those who are also persevering."**

At FATIMA, the Blessed Virgin insistently asked us to pray the Rosary. In HUNGARY, she said: **“From this moment forward, add the following verse to each "Hail Mary" you will be reciting: “SPREAD THE EFFECT OF GRACE OF THY FLAME OF LOVE OVER ALL OF HUMANITY”. This is the prayer with which you will dazzle Satan.”** This is why, in our prayer groups; we add this jaculatory prayer as we recite the Rosary. When we pray in church with the faithful of the parish, we only say it with the consent of the vicar.

This short prayer is proper to our Movement in the whole world... We pray each time for all men because this action of the Virgin Mary knows no boundaries. She wants to save all souls, even the non-baptized.

The final triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary has been announced at FATIMA. This triumph is the salvation of a multitude of souls. It is the most wonderful work: to cooperate with the Lord and His Mother to lead mankind to the Heart of the Eternal Father.

Our Mother in Heaven is waiting for us. Let our response be a wholehearted YES! Amen!

Pronouncements of His Eminence Cardinal Péter Erdő Primate of Hungary, Archbishop of Eszertom – Budapest, concerning the Association, “Movement of the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”



1. Quotes taken from his homily given on June 1, 2009 on Mariaremete on the Feast of Pentecost.

".....I personally believe that the completion in the Spring of this year of the revision of the Spiritual Diary of Elizabeth Kindelmann and of the Rule of the Association of Prayer of The Flame of Love is a sign of the life giving Holy Spirit. This Movement now functions in many dioceses of the world with the approval of the bishops and also prospers here in Hungary, the country of its origin. We have found that it brings an authentic Catholic spirituality and devotion toward the Virgin Mary that is in total conformity with the Catholic faith. May this recognition given in our diocese contribute to the spiritual renewal of our community of believers and of our people. This Saturday (June 6 at 11:00 AM) we will solemnly promulgate this approbation in the Church of the Heart of Jesus in Kispest."

2 The Pronouncement of His Eminence, Cardinal Péter Erdő in the Church of the Heart of Jesus in Kispest (June 6, 2009) at the Tenth National Conference of The Flame of Love (of Hungary).

Cardinal: "Praised be Jesus Christ"

Faithful: Let him be eternally praised. Amen!

Thank you very much for the kind words of introduction given by your pastor and by the leaders of the Movement, Flame of Love. Certainly the Holy Spirit will work in the Church until the end of time. Frequently, the entire community of the Church accepts inspirations that originally came forth from the heart of a Christian person who was completely dedicated and deeply believing. After examining these impulses, the successors of the apostles eventually welcome them as gifts of God for the whole Church.

For many centuries, the Church institution and charisms were seen as two distinct realities, as if opposed to each other. On the contrary, the Church's history shows that truly authentic charisms (those special divine gifts given to believing persons for the benefit of the Church) and the institutional structure established by Christ's will, are in strict correlation with each other.

Religious Orders

The most beautiful example of this is the history of religious orders. The great founder of an order is a truly charismatic person, as was St. Francis and St. Ignatius of Loyola. They were an extraordinary phenomenon in their own age. The Church rejoices so much in the value of their spirituality and of that form of life that it represents, that the Church shouts to the founder, "Do not go away". We want this form of life to remain and this charism to perdure in the Church. In this way, the religious orders and their charism become part of the institutional Church.

The Visible Church

I will say even more. Christ himself, his person and his mission, travels along the road of Church history. Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father sends me, so I also send you.” (Jn 20:21) Therefore, the Church on earth, in the form of a visible community, carries on the mission of Christ. It follows that the church is not merely an external human organization. Rather, it lives within the world. Also, the Church is not just some invisible, mysterious reality of grace. The same church is both an invisible reality and a visible society. These are not two distinct things. Sometimes human frailty and human history produce an obstacle. However, at a given moment of history, there appears in the Church something beautiful, a new possibility for the Church. I believe that this is true of the Movement of the Flame of Love.

Examining the Content

A believing woman, Elizabeth prays and hears voices in her soul. She perceives that these wonderful voices come from the Virgin Mary. No one asks – since this is not important – what is the nature of the experiences that she describes in her Spiritual Diary. This is not the task which the Church has undertaken in these years of judgment. It has not tried to discern some special happening or supernatural phenomenon. What we have deeply and seriously studied is the content of the message.

While we could not yet officially deal with this matter in Hungary, this spirituality spread to many countries throughout the world and has produced positive fruits. Before making this decision in Budapest, we have spoken with bishops, priests and people from other countries. We have also talked with pastors of souls in our own country. They have testified that the Flame of Love produces fruits in the lives of individual persons and of communities. These testimonies were very positive and we know that a good tree produces good fruits.

After this, we established a commission. Various priests examined the written documents, including the Spiritual Diary itself, the documentation from foundations outside of Hungary and the recognitions that local bishops in many parts of the world (from Brazil to Mexico) have given to this Movement as a private association of the faithful. Just a short time ago, this investigation was finished. As a conclusion, our Church recognizes as authentic, in accord with the Catholic faith, all of the material contained in the Spiritual Diary. Also, this archdiocese considers that the activity, life and rule of this community is in accord with all that characterizes movements of spirituality and authentic communities of the Catholic Church.

At this point, the entire Church receives this charism as a gift from God. Instead of forgetting about this gift, we ought to place it on the lampstand so that it lights up everything in the house. Having already seen the effects of grace poured out in many other countries, we pray that this charism shine upon the entire country of Hungary. For this reason, I have asked the senior director of the Archbishop's office to read this decree. (Read by Canon László Sullei)

OFFICIAL DECREE

OUR LADY OF HUNGARY, PRAY FOR US!

With these words, I establish in the archdiocese of Esztergom – Budapest the Movement, Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as an ecclesial association of the faithful in Christ. It is a private association enjoying a juridical personality (Applause).

At the same time, I also approve for this Archdiocese the Statutes of this Association as accepted in San Paulo, Brazil on August 15, 2008 and as approved in the Archdiocese of Hermosillo, Mexico on December 11, 2008.

I appoint as the Coordinator of the Association in this Archdiocese Ms. Tolvaj Endréné (Irene Kullmann born in Mélykút, November 15, 1941 and living at 1162 Budapest, György U.9). The responsible person of this secretariat is Íldikó Szöllősi (1029 Budapest, Almos Vezér U22). The place of this association is 1029 Budapest Almos Vezér U22.

I ask God to give his abundant blessings for the life and activities of this Association.

May your activities serve the spiritual renewal of our homeland!

Budapest, Palm Sunday, 2009

With my blessing as pastor

PÉTER ERDŐ

Cardinal, Primate and Archbishop

(Translators: Father Gabriel Róna, S. J., from Hungarian to Spanish;

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