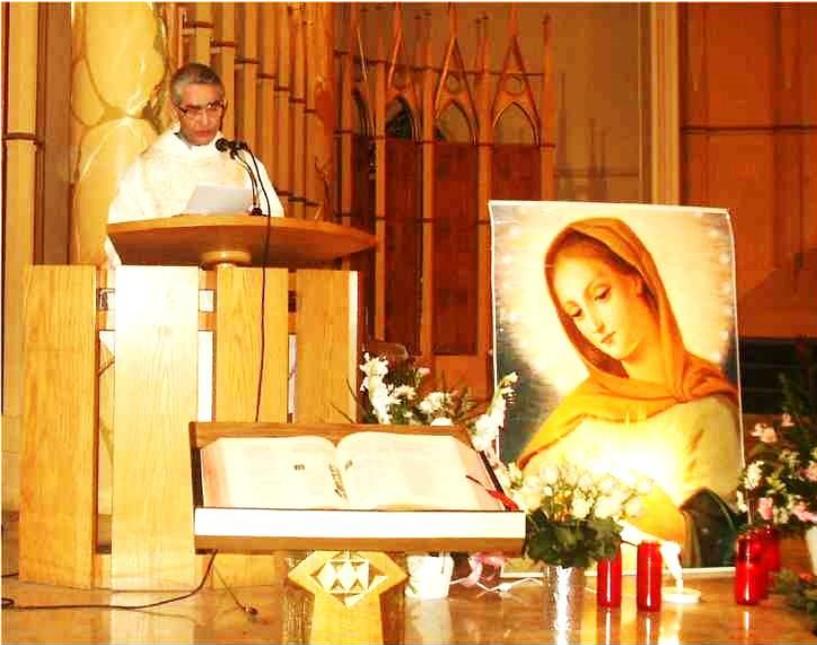


THE CONFERENCE OF FATHER GABRIEL RÓNA, S.J.,

International Coordinator of the Flame of Love Movement, pronounced on November 13, 2004, at the third National Conference which took place in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Praise be Jesus Christ!



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.

Three Fundamental Ideas:

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

➤ **First Fundamental Idea**

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. Of course, Our Lord, by sacrificing Himself on the cross, offered reparation of infinite value for the sins of men, but He also left us our share in reparation.

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.”

➤ **Second Fundamental Idea**

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. (O My Jesus! Forgive us our sins...)

How can we offer reparation and help the Mother of God to save souls?

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.”

➤ **Third Fundamental Idea**

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 return 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.

IN FATIMA, the final triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary has been announced 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!