

Dear Brothers and Sisters, I Greet You All in the Love of Jesus Christ!

Since all of us have committed ourselves to Our Blessed Mother and Her Flame of Love, I feel twice as much a brother to the Conference organizers, Speakers, leaders and each participant who is present.

The most important Message in the Flame of Love Spiritual Diary is the Unity Prayer which invites us to be united with Jesus in every moment of our lives, that we let Him be in charge of each of our actions, our feelings and every stirring of our understanding. I believe, that if this becomes a reality then we can be in complete unity not only with Jesus, but also with one another. Since, if we walk together with Jesus, if our hearts beat together, if our thoughts are one, then, In Christ and through Christ, we are all united with each other as well. This Unity is not dependent upon distance or numbers of miles, and precisely because of this, although I live on the other side of the world, in my spirit, I am with You in this Conference.

You are now gathered together with the help of the Internet, to fan the fire of the Flame of Love in Your hearts through the power of fellowship.

What happens to a candle's flame if it is covered by a glass? When the life-giving air inside the glass is used up, the flame dies out. Similarly, it also happens with us: worries, work, the monotonous repetition of life's responsibilities smother the fire of the spirit, close off our soul from the Life-giving oxygen, Who is Jesus Christ! Our Blessed Mother hurries to help us through Her Motherly Love, and gives us the "recipe" for how to ignite again and again the Flame in our heart when it threatens to go out. The ingredients for this "recipe" are the following: sorrow for our sins, prayer, fasting, mortification and offering sacrifices. I believe that it was with the help of these that Elizabeth, my Grandmother, kept the fire of her spirit burning. She practiced these virtues quietly, without attracting attention, yet many childhood memories live on in me, which to this day serve as examples of how to nourish the fire of the Flame of Love within myself continuously.

Grandmother frequently encouraged us not to have our contact with God relegated just to morning and evening prayers, but to turn to the Lord while doing work, resting, or during whatever we happened to be doing, either with longer conversations or brief prayers. I remember when we were adolescents and we moved to a new house, I had to travel more than one hour to school. One time I complained about this to Grandmother, saying how boring it was to make this trip twice daily. She just answered me by saying:

“You know what - when you board the bus, look around, pick out someone for yourself, and say an Our Father or Hail Mary for them. Who knows if anyone at all prays for that person! But don't choose a pretty young girl, or a friendly looking young man, but exactly the opposite: someone who you see as unattractive or who makes a negative impression on you. I used to do this same thing, and perhaps the person you pray that Hail Mary for is someone who is in great need of Our Lady's intercession at that very moment. You know, if you practice this, then at least you will spend a few minutes of that hour in a way which is pleasing to the Lord, instead of just staring out the window in boredom.”

In the Spiritual Diary, Our Blessed Mother calls our attention to the fact that prayer does not have to always be in words: “Offer your work during the day to the Glory of God!” (November 30, 1962). In other words, work offered to God can also be prayer!

In response to this request, my Grandmother, Elizabeth, invented a special “timing device” which she used while cooking. The time needed to pray the Our Father and Hail Mary were the measurements she used. If, for instance, she was starting the pilot light on the gas stove, she would push down the starter button for the time it took to pray one Our Father, to be sure the flame was lit. She would let tea steep for the length of time it took to pray a decade of the Holy Rosary, which was the same amount of time - prayed slowly - that it would take for an egg to cook in its shell from the time the water first began to boil; while pea soup took an entire Holy Rosary until it was done.

Dear Brothers and Sisters! I hope that besides the Talks in this Conference, Elizabeth's prayerful advice also helps you to fan the fire of the Flame of Love in your hearts. I believe we can discover the opportunity to pray in every moment of our lives, even if only for a minute. I believe, that if we do this more and more often, then not only our individual lives, but the entire world will be renewed through Our Blessed Mother's Flame of Love!

With this wish in my heart, I greet each Brother and Sister:

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