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Convey This Flame Which I Present to You!

*A call for renewal
on the 60th anniversary of the first Flame of Love message*

Your Excellencies, dear Coordinators and Brothers and Sisters around the world who have accepted the Flame of Love into your Hearts:

At the beginning of Lent 2022, with the coming of the 60th anniversary of the first Flame of Love message, I would like to speak, in a circular letter, to all our brothers and sisters in whose heart the Virgin Mother's Flame of Love has been kindled. I do this with the desire that this year may be not only a special anni-versary year but also a turning point for the future life of our Movement. Let me quote the words the Blessed Virgin spoke with a heart full of anguish on April 3rd, 1962: *“There is so much sin in the country. Help me to save it! I give a light beam into your hand. This is my Heart's Flame of Love. Add your love to my Heart's Flame of Love, and pass it on, my little daughter!”* We have to regard this appeal of the Virgin Mother as the basic mission of all of us and, as at the birth of Jesus, Mary kept the words of the shepherds in her heart and reflected on them (cf. Lk 2:19), so do we have to do likewise in this jubilee year: we have to call to mind, time and again, the Blessed Virgin's first message, in ourselves and in our communities.

Mankind's situation has not changed over 60 years; rather, it has become obvious to millions by now that a new war without front lines, a turbulent spiritual battle is raging around us, which through the culture of technology affects our lives more powerfully than everything that went before. We ourselves are willy-nilly participants in this spiritual warfare, but it depends on us whether we will be merely passively submissive – actually losers – of the struggle, or using every available possibility, will be active “warriors” according to St. Paul's directions:

“Therefore, put on the armor of God, that you may be able to resist on the evil day and, having done everything, to hold your ground. So stand fast with your loins girded in truth, clothed with righteousness as a breastplate, and your feet shod in readiness for the gospel of peace. In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield, to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (Eph. 6:13-17). By this, the Apostle makes it clear to us that the battle fought against the evil one is a spiritual one, so that no material weapon proves effective against him. We cannot be certain what further war stratagems are in satan's arsenal, but we do know that we must use every new instrument and method against him if we want to continue to live up to our mission that we received

from the Blessed Virgin: *“Convey this flame, which I a present first to you. This is my Heart’s Flame of Love. Light yours from it, and pass it on.”* The Virgin Mother’s first word of this quote has been translated into almost every language as **“accept”** or **“take hold of”**, but in the original Hungarian manuscript the word is **“vidd”**. I believe there is a great difference here. **“Vedd”** or **“fogd”** calls for acceptance, whereas **“vidd”** asks for much more: it gives a commission right at the start, prompts action, calls to mission, that we might be the Blessed Virgin’s collabo-rators in saving the world! That is exactly why I ask that, in this year of jubilee, the Virgin Mother’s commissioning appeal be our Movement’s motto worldwide, namely in its original form: **“Convey this Flame, which I present to you!”**

On April 13, Miss Erzsébet – knowing people’s incredulity – asked the Virgin Mother for a concrete sign to confirm the authenticity of the message, that it came from her, but this is the reply she received: *“My little daughter, the greater the miracles I would perform, the less would they believe me.”* At the same time, there is a prophecy in this first message, of which we can certainly state that it has come true after five decades, and certainly confirms that it was truly the Virgin Mother who spoke to Miss Erzsébet, and that the messages of the Flame of Love did not spring from her human fantasy. The aforementioned prophecy did not appear in any of the printed versions of the Spiritual Diary, not due to negligence, but because the Blessed Virgin herself asked: *“The following lines must not be made public yet at this time.”* But since her words have since then come true, we consider that it is time to make them public.

In the course of her very first message, this is what the Virgin Mother said: **“There will be a time when you will not be able to come to church in large numbers. These will be difficult times, but don’t be afraid; you who accept and remain faithful to my requests will receive many graces in the desperate times.”**

In the last two years something happened that no one had expected, and for which there has never been a precedent: churches were closed worldwide to stop the spread of the Covid pandemic, in many places public worship was suspended, or the number of participants at liturgical feasts was limited; in other words, the Virgin Mother’s words came true: **“There will be a time when you will not be able to come to church in large numbers.”** Aside from the fact that this fulfilled prophecy reinforces the authenticity of the Flame of Love messages, it is necessary for us to interpret correctly the words of the Virgin Mother. She does not wish to frighten us with the end times, but gives us a commission and encourages us: **“These will be difficult times, but don’t be afraid; you who accept and remain faithful to my requests will receive many graces in the desperate times.”**

If we were to weigh the six decades that have passed since the first message, our first thought could be that of gratitude, since during this time the Virgin Mother’s Flame of Love has reached every continent. Although the Covid pandemic hindered personal contacts, but with the help of the internet, spanning boundaries, innumerable virtual communities were formed in countries where until now the Flame of Love Movement had not functioned in an organized form. By means of devoted helpers with an apostolic spirit, we could place the center of gravity of spreading the Flame of Love in new geographical locations, and the Blessed Virgin helped this mission in almost miraculous ways.

In addition to gratitude, I also call for self-examination by the Coordinators and leaders of communities worldwide in this jubilee year, especially in those countries where our Movement has a longer history. Five centuries ago, St. Thomas More wrote this: *“Guarding tradition is not guarding ashes, but the passing on of the flame!”* This sentence should prompt us to examine ourselves:

Have we become slaves of habit, clinging tenaciously to the past, or in other words that *“we’ve always done it this way, so it will be fine like this going forward”*? Perhaps a kind of misinterpreted trust in God is inducing passivity in us, and we think *“the Lord will step in and smooth away everything”* in our turbulent age? Or perhaps because the world around us has completely changed, we are unable to renew ourselves, cannot adapt to the increasing tempo, and cannot confront the new challenges? Finally there is one painful but important question: Aware of our past personal merits, are we perhaps clinging too much to our leadership mandate? Although not due to bad intentions, this can inevitably lead us to not recognizing and using the new instruments of spreading the Flame of Love, so that no new communities are formed, and some generations stay away from our Movement, while we ourselves complain to our surroundings that there are no young people to whom we could pass on coordination or leadership of a prayer community. These problems are, of course, not typical of every country, since we continuously receive news of very happy events too. But it is important that, as the Virgin Mother reflected on the words of the shepherds, so we too should often reflect on whether we fulfill her commissioning words completely and in every field: **“Convey this Flame, which I am presenting to you!”**

My dear Brothers and Sisters, it is a great pleasure for me during this jubilee year that the recently rejuvenated and renewed Brazilian Coordination offered to hold our international meeting, which was not held for two years on account of the pandemic, in their country. Mr. Mauricio Morais, Brazilian National Coordinator suggested October 18 to 26, 2022 as the time for the meeting, which I think is suitable from every point of view. Let us pray in our communities everywhere that this meeting bring renewal and open up new pathways for the spread of the Flame of Love. At the same time, I am asking Mr. Mauricio Morais, as Coordinator of the host country, to compose and send to the countries of our Movement an invitation containing all important information regarding the international meeting. I am also asking that in every country, where according to the bye-laws the mandate of the Coordinator has expired – there are several such places – that elections be held; then send me the name of the suggested Coordinator, that I may make the appointment in the appropriate manner.

At the close of my letter I wish from my heart that you may fulfill the Virgin Mother’s mission request, for which she called all of us sixty years ago: **“Convey this Flame, which I present to you!”**

Greetings, with love, your brother in passing on the Flame of Love:



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