



BONAVENTURE AND HIS LESSONS ON ST. FRANCIS:

Chapter VII—Francis' Love for Poverty—His Needs Are Supplied Miraculously

10. St. Francis became very ill at Nocera one time and he was brought back to Assisi by an escort sent out by the townspeople. As they accompanied the saint on the way, they came to a little village called Satriano where they stopped for food because it was late and they were hungry. They tried a number of different houses but could find nothing to buy and had to return empty-handed. Then the saint told them, "You got nothing because you put more trust in flies than in God." "Flies" was the term he used for money. "Go back to the houses you have tried already and ask the people in all humility to give you an alms, offering God's love as the only price. Do not imagine that it would be shameful or beneath your dignity. After the fall of Adam everything in the world has been given as an alms to the worthy and unworthy by God, the great Almsgiver, in his generosity and kindness." The knights overcame their embarrassment and went begging for alms and got more for love of God than they had been able to buy. The villagers who were poor themselves were deeply moved by God's grace and they generously offered their services as well as anything else they had to



give. Francis' wealthy poverty supplied the need which money had not been able to satisfy.

11. When he was lying ill at a hermitage near Rieti, Francis was attended by a doctor who did what he could for him. The saint had no means of recompensing him in his poverty, but God repaid his devoted efforts, so that he would not be without reward here in this life. The doctor had just spent all his money building a new house, when one of the walls cracked from top to bottom, so that the whole building threatened to collapse and it seemed humanly impossible to do anything about it. However, he placed all his trust in St. Francis and with complete faith he asked the friars to give him something which the saint had touched. After repeated requests he eventually got a small amount of hair and he put this in the crack one evening. When he got up in the morning, he found the opening closed so tightly that there was no trace of the crack and he could not pull out the hairs. He had ministered conscientiously to the failing body of God's saint and so he escaped the danger of having his home collapse.

(Bonaventure—Major Life of St. Francis (1263))





VISITOR'S MESSAGE

Homily by Fr. Robert Altier...

Saints Peter and Paul, Witnesses to the Gospel

Reading I (Acts 12:1-11) Reading II (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18)

Gospel (St. Matthew 16:13-19)

In the Gospel reading today, we hear about Our Lord asking His disciples about who people say that He is. When Peter is able to respond with the fullness of truth, *You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God*, not only does Jesus bless him and found His Church upon him, but it also sets up (not only for Peter, but for the other apostles) the entire understanding of what it was that they were going to have to do. That is to say, if one truly believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God then that means we are going to have to be completely united with Him in everything that He is about. And so we see in both Peter and Paul that they spent their lives doing exactly what Jesus did. They went out and they preached the Gospel. Both of them met with a martyr's death; both of them have been glorified in Heaven for eternity.

Now we see some of the extraordinary things that took place like the angel coming down and freeing Peter from prison. We know the various miracles that happened with Saint Paul and the different things that occurred. Yet, at the same time, we have to be able to look and see how even though these extraordinary things happened, they also, through these same things, were sharing in the Lord's Passion. Peter was thrown into prison and he was kept there in chains with sixteen soldiers all around, and he was there for days. It is not like he was arrested and the Lord freed him immediately, but rather he was thrown into this prison where he had to sit through the entire time of the Passover and was not released until the very night before he was supposed to go on trial. Saint Paul says, in the reading that we heard from the Second Letter to Timothy, that his life has been poured out like a libation. There is not anything left; he has emptied the jar. If we look at what he says about himself when he writes to the Corinthians, he talks about how he has been whipped and beaten and stoned and shipwrecked and so on. They did not live easy lives. They shared in the Lord's Passion. They suffered for what it was that they believed. And it is precisely for this reason that Saint Paul, now at the end of his life, is able to say, *All that awaits me now is the crown of righteousness*. He knew that the Lord, the just Judge, would give that to him, but he says, *Not only to me, but all who have hoped in Him*.

So for us, then, that question comes right back. *Who do you say that I am?* If we want to be like a lot of people who claim that they believe in Jesus, we are going to say, "You're the Savior," meaning, "You're going to save me from all suffering." It does not make sense considering the suffering He endured. Some might say, "Well, because I believe that You are the Son of God, You are going to give me everything that I want. I can be rich, and I don't have to worry about any problems because I believe in Jesus." It does not work that way either. All we need to do is look at the lives of the apostles; every last one of them except Saint John was martyred, and they tried a few times with him and it did not work so they finally just threw him out on Patmos until he died. So it is not going to be an easy life if we are going to follow Christ.

If we are really going to make that act of faith in Who He is then we have to understand that we have been incorporated into Him, He is going to live His life through us, and therefore we are going to be the ones today who bring the Gospel out to others. Not necessarily in the missionary way that Saints Peter and Paul did, as well as the other apostles, but each one of us is a missionary in our own right. We have to bring Christ into the workplace. We have to bring Him into the neighborhoods. We have to bring Him into our day-to-day lives. We are going to be persecuted for it, and we all know that. We need to learn to praise God for that. Remember the apostles when they were arrested and whipped; they rejoiced that they were found worthy to suffer on behalf of the Name. They did not complain—"I thought if I believed in You that I wouldn't have to suffer!"—just the opposite: They *rejoiced* that they were found worthy to suffer!

And if we are going to truly believe in Christ, the way that this world is going—thanks be to God!—we might be martyred. What a gift if that were the case! Our Holy Father has made that very clear as well: There is going to be a new springtime and *this will not happen without the blood of martyrs*, he says. He knows what is coming. We would be fools if we tried to ignore the mess the world is in and think that we can be good Catholics in this world and not suffer for it. So the time is upon us to live our faith, and by simply living it we are going to evangelize, by

speaking to others about Christ and bringing Him into the world, and by being willing in our own lives to share in the Cross of Christ. As Saint Paul says to Timothy: *to share in the burden which the Gospel entails*. All of us have that upon us, and all of us need to be able to see that this is a gift. It is not something to be shunned or run away from. It is something to be able to recognize that if we have been found worthy to share in the Passion of Christ there is no greater gift anywhere because the only thing greater

is what lies on the other side, the merited crown of righteousness that awaits those who have suffered with Christ, who have put their faith into practice, who have lived a life of hope, and who now in love for God await the fullness of life. That is what the apostles did, that is what is held out for each one of us, but the first thing that needs to be answered is the simple question—*Who do you say that I am?*—because the way you answer that question is going to set the tone for the rest of your life.

** This text was transcribed from the audio recording of a homily by Father Robert Altier with minimal editing.*



ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE... Like little children...

For the past six months we have been helping our son Mark move back to Minnesota by providing care for his children so his wife and he can find and get settled in new

jobs in a new area. This has meant we care for a new born as their third child was born two weeks before they moved. On the feast of the Immaculate Conception no less, December 8th, 2013. She is such a gentle soul too. We are sure Our Lady has claimed her. Smile...

So, we have been honored and love caring for her, and the other children, not to mention this has been like a flash back for us, with our seven children. It has also been a wonderful opportunity to get to know our youngest, 24th, grandchild, and a meditation on Scripture where our Lord says unless we become as little children we will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

“Then Jesus called for the children and said to the disciples. Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn’t receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.” (Luke 18:16-17)

Wow. When you care for a baby you get a look at this Scripture first hand. Babies are amazing in so many ways. Especially in their dependence on others, and confidence in care. Now just in those two attributes we all could probably change our lives.

God is there for us, all of us, as we are there for our children when they are newborn and completely dependent. We need to be confident in that, like our

children are confident that we will take care of them. They don’t doubt our love. They place themselves completely in our confidence and care, because, factually, what else can a baby do?

Our Lord shows his love for little children for sure in this Scripture. He also shows His love for us. He is calling us to be like children! And, since He is the Lord of heaven and earth He is telling us what He expects from us. Confidence, trust, a ready willingness to come to Him, and simple gratitude for what He supplies. We are adults in the flesh, but called to be children in and of the spirit. We retain in our adulthood an understanding of what is being given, which little children don’t necessarily do. In that understanding we are called to be grateful beyond what a child might be expected to do. That gratitude though doesn’t relieve us of the responsibility to trust and love our Lord like little children.

If heaven is for little children the way to heaven is also the way of childhood. If that is true we should be able to see this way in the ways of the Saints. Can we? Not always, but it must be there as otherwise they would never enter heaven and we know they did. So we need to look for the childhood of the Saints.

It is easy to see in the life of certain Saints, like St. Theresa of the Child Jesus. The pure simplicity of how she lived her life, both as a child and as a religious is amazing. She even said she was going to become a Saint! Then she did it. She made herself the least of all in every situation, and her ‘little way’ of holiness was very unique and enduring. It is a beautiful meditation to read her ‘Story of a Soul’, her biography which she wrote in obedience to her

religious superiors. It is amazing how simply she lived and how she loved and trusted the Lord. That is it! Love and trust, the marks of childhood.

And that is how St. Francis operated with the Lord also. He loved Him and he trusted Him, although that was not the situation before his conversion. He had to come to that love and trust, and the Lord helped him in all he gave him. He will help us too. We need to trust He will do that, as adults cannot become physical children again. They must become spiritual children though, to enter the Kingdom of God. So

this call of our Lord is to spiritual childhood in our relationship to Him.

And, our Rule calls us to this kind of spiritual childhood dependency too. We are called to live the Rule with love and trust in the Lord, like St. Francis. In living this Rule of life in simplicity and trust each of us, where we are and with what we have to do, will be more like little children. Jesus loves little children.

Praised be Jesus forever.

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NO GREATER LOVE by Paul Beery, BSP

"In guilt I was born, a sinner was I conceived. Indeed you love truth in the heart. Then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me." (Psalm 51:5-6, 10)

The evolution of an article: I began by wishing to share parts of a letter to my niece who is promoting attendance at the same-sex "marriage" of her brother. Then our local BSP chapter was confronted by the news of a nationally known preacher who just gave a local Mission advocating the same thing. It caused some consternation among us, since we all seek to be faithful to Jesus and the teachings of His Church, and here was a national figure giving contrary advice. I thought, would one give support to a relative/friend seeking an abortion, going to hold her hand while the abortion is taking place?

Then it came to my attention that the "United Nations Committee Against Torture" accused the Catholic Church of torture for its stand on abortion! Did the Catholic Church promote the dismemberment of little babies, gleefully watching as arms and legs were being torn off, and brains being sucked out as in a typical abortion? No. It was because the **Church is opposed to allowing women to do these things to their unborn babies!** Isn't that rich?

And they were not done. The Committee also "severely criticizes the Holy See" for hypocrisy in "its attitudes toward homosexuality, contraception and abortion and said it should review its policies to ensure **children's rights** (to be aborted?) and their access to health care are guaranteed." I'm sorry, it's hard to get over that accusation of torture on

abortion. But there's another charge: the Church is guilty of torture for its negative stand on homosexuality. So it's not only abortion. Isn't it interesting that those three items are lumped together: homosexuality, contraception and abortion?

A lesson on "cognitive dissonance." The UN Committee started out with a legitimate issue of which the Catholic Church is guilty: clerical child sexual abuse. Then it condemns the Church for "its (negative) attitude towards homosexuality" without realizing the exact opposite is true: nearly 90% of clerical child sexual abuse (at least in America) has occurred because some people in the Church **have accepted homosexuality**, and homosexuals into the clergy! Since the 1960s, the overwhelming majority of child sexual abusers—especially pedophiles—have been gay priests. That's the scandal! Gay men are **twelve times** more likely to be pedophiles than heterosexual men (cf. NARTH.ORG, National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality). So what the world promotes—homosexuality—it then attacks in the Catholic Church when gay Catholic priests do what comes 'naturally' (NAMBLA, North American Man-Boy Love Association; Homosexual Manifesto). Just where is the hypocrisy here?

Not only that. When the US Supreme Court decriminalized sodomy laws, who would have guessed what that would lead to? Something besides same-sex "marriage." The US Senate voted 93-7 to

approve a defense authorization bill that repealed the military law against both sodomy and bestiality from the Uniform Code of Military Justice. How did those two items get connected?

The answer is the "Contraceptive Mentality." I told my niece that I heard a professor (Dr. Martin Brenner, four lectures on the moral evil of contraception and how it is destroying our society) say recently on EWTN that a hundred years ago almost no one believed in contraception except prostitutes. Think about that. The purpose of marriage was so clear at that time: procreation, and the education of children by parents who gave them the meaning of life and their role in the plan of God through the complementarity of the spouses. "Male and female He made them. Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth!" People of all faiths believed that marriage was for procreation, and only to a lesser extent, for "the relief of concupiscence."

The first exception to the rule appeared in 1931 at the Anglican Lambeth Conference where permission was given—only to married couples—in the most extreme and infrequent of cases, to allow the use of contraception. That crack in the dam soon produced a flood with the Sexual Revolution of the Sixties. The Second Vatican Council promoted the mutual love of the spouses to a higher level, and the purpose of marriage became more proportionate: procreation and mutual love. The drive for the Catholic Church to approve artificial contraception was in full gear, for how else could conjugal love be shown at all times and in all places? Perhaps the most prophetic encyclical of all time, Pope Paul VI's *Humanae Vitae* in 1968, foretold what would happen with the full acceptance of the contraceptive mentality. He may have erred on the side of caution.

A judge in Massachusetts declared that marriage has nothing to do with procreation! That is now the defense for same-sex "marriage." The purpose of marriage is no longer procreation, but merely the satisfaction of any hedonistic impulses of anyone who enters into it, and don't you dare discriminate over who/what they may be.

So now "marriage" has become for many a completely sterile union. Witness the exaltation of sterility over fruitfulness. The Culture of Death has arrived in nearly all of its various forms. The "Reverend" Thomas Malthus would be proud. The Environmental Movement is proud. Mankind is voluntarily beginning the process of going extinct, in order to save the planet for the apes. Only the Catholic Church stands in the way, as it alone

maintains a consistent ethic of life and fruitful love through THE GOSPEL OF LIFE of Jesus Christ! That's why it is hated and despised and attacked, and so are we.

Then I read Anne Catherine Emmerich's explanation of what happened shortly after Adam and Eve chose to define good and evil for themselves in order to do what they wanted, and it all made sense:

"After the Fall, all was changed. All forms of creation were produced in self, dissipated in self. What had become one became many. Creatures no longer looked to God alone; each was concentrated in self. Mankind had been Images of God. But after the Fall, they became images of self, which images originated in sin. Sin placed them in communication with the fallen angels. They sought all their good in self and the creatures around them with all of whom the fallen angels had connections; and from that interminable blending, that sinking of his noble faculties in self and in fallen nature, sprang manifold wickedness and misery.

"I saw the ever-active empire of hell and the infinitely varied manifestations of an earthly, carnal, diabolical idolatry. I saw in all these manifestations similar pernicious forms and figures leading, so to say, by a secret, inborn necessity and an uninterrupted process of dissolution to sin and corruption. I saw that the punctilios (strictness in the observance of formalities) of sensual, worldly life are most scrupulously observed. I saw the pretended miracles in the kingdom of Satan. I saw that the **worship of nature**, superstition, worldly arts and science, and all the means employed to smooth death over, to make sin attractive, to lull the conscience, are practiced with rigorous exactitude, even with fanaticism by the very men who regard the ceremonies of the Holy Church as superstitious forms. And yet these men subject their whole life and all their actions to certain ceremonious observances. It is only of the kingdom of the God-Man that they make no account. **The world is served with perfection, but the service of God is shamefully neglected.**" (Volume One, *The Life of Jesus Christ and Biblical Revelations*)

We live in a world where "the service of God is shamefully neglected." We are more likely to see the "worship of nature..." I went to our holy father Francis to see how he joined nature with nature's God, for he served God with perfection. Beautiful, inspiring words. Then I ran out of space. (To be continued...)

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The Flame of Love... by Janet Klasson, BSP



From the First Reading on Ascension Sunday

So when they had come together, (the disciples) asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'
(Acts 1:6-8)

Before I begin, let me say that I believe this may be the most important article I ever write. Please take very seriously the message I am about to give. Although it is based on private revelation and we are not obliged to believe in even approved private revelation, I think if Jesus and his mother are taking the time to give messages to someone on earth, it seems imprudent not to pay attention!

At his ascension, which we have just celebrated, Jesus promised his disciples that he would come again, but that it was not for them to know when. From what we can glean through the writings of the early church, many believed it would happen in their lifetime. Two thousand years later, we are still waiting. Perhaps it is not surprising then that many Christians have grown complacent, and have ceased to expect the Second Coming in their lifetime. After all, many generations have passed since Christ made that promise. The odds of him returning in our generation are no better than any other. Or are they?

It is important to read the signs of the times, to watch and pray. His final coming may or may not be imminent, but something is definitely afoot in our day. Anyone who follows the Church-approved apparitions of Our Lady beginning with those to Catherine Labouré in 1830 through to the present day, will comprehend that Our Lady is the new John the Baptist calling us all to repentance. She is warning us of the consequences of our sins and exhorting us to do penance for the salvation of souls. And we must not forget what Jesus told St. Faustina: we are living in the days of mercy that precede the Day of Judgment.

Yes, something is definitely afoot in the spiritual realm. Heaven is visiting earth in unprecedented ways. That Our Lady is soiling her feet to visit the earth once again is a very great sacrifice of love on her part, and a very great mercy for us. She continues to offer us ways to mitigate the dire consequences that sin has purchased for the world,

ways which mostly have to do with atonement to the much-wounded Heart of Jesus. In the words of the angel at Fatima: "Penance! Penance! Penance!" Is it any wonder that God has resurrected the Rule of 1221 in our time?

Very recently I had an enlightening experience. I had asked our Mother for a certain favor. Then, at morning Mass I asked what she would like in return. Immediately I felt these words in my heart: "Spread devotion to my Immaculate Heart to the whole world," and then, "Elizabeth Kindelmann".

I had heard of Elizabeth Kindelmann before, but now I felt compelled to find out all I could. Elizabeth was a Hungarian mother of six who received locutions from Jesus and Mary from 1961-1982. She died in 1985. Before her death she recorded her Spiritual Diary which received the Imprimatur of Cardinal Peter Erdö in 2009, authorizing the publication of the messages. Through Elizabeth Kindelmann, the Virgin Mary placed into our hands a new means to **BLIND** Satan: the Flame of Love of Her Immaculate Heart. She told Elizabeth¹:

"You must strive to participate in the blinding of Satan! I need you, individually as well as collectively. Any delay must be ruled out, for Satan will be blinded to the extent of your participation..."

*"This is a grave responsibility. But your effort will not be in vain. If the whole world is united to Me, the soft light of My Flame of Love will then burn and set the globe aflame. **Satan will be humiliated and made incapable of using his power any longer, provided this time of preparation is not indefinitely prolonged! No, do not prolong it! Do not procrastinate in response to My holy requests!"***

"My daughter, I am providing you with so powerful a grace: the burning Flame of Love from My Heart, that has never before been offered as it is now. Ever since the Word became Flesh, I have not undertaken a greater movement than the Flame of Love from My

¹ Excerpts are from Elizabeth Kindelmann's Spiritual Diary, some of which may be found on www.flameoflove.org.

*Heart who rushes to you. **Till now, nothing could blind Satan as much. And it is up to you not to reject it, for this rejection would simply spell disaster.***"

The method for blinding Satan is quite simple. Any time we pray the Rosary, we are to add a special supplication to each Hail Mary as follows:

*"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee, blessed are Thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, **spread the effect of grace of Thy Flame of Love over all of humanity, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.***

"With this prayer, you will blind Satan."

Elizabeth once asked Jesus and Mary what exactly is the "Flame of Love". Jesus responded: "My Mother's Flame of Love is for you what the Noah's Ark was for Noah." And the Blessed Virgin Mary added: "The Flame of Love of My Immaculate Heart is Jesus Christ Himself!"

The importance of this devotion in our day cannot be overestimated. Our Lady spoke of a coming tribulation (which undoubtedly has already begun) and an illumination:

"In the tribulation that is about to begin, I will remain with you. I am your Mother. I can and will help you. Soon, you will see My Flame of Love gushing forth everywhere, illuminating the heavens, the earth, and even darkened and slumbering souls. But what sorrow it is for Me to have to watch so many of My children throw themselves into Hell!"

The Flame of Love is a critical message to our times. **It is the fulfillment of the promise of Our Lady of Fatima: "In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph!"** Her Immaculate Heart is the Flame of Love, not directly preparing us for the final coming of Christ, but for an intermediate Era of Peace brought about by a worldwide conversion following an Illumination of Conscience, a new springtime in the Church, a "Sabbath rest", when Satan and his minions will be chained once again until the pre-ordained time. (I lack the space to give any further elucidation on this point. If you want a clear explanation, explore Mark Mallett's blog cited later in this article.)

Here are some further excerpts from Elizabeth's Diary:

*"The Virgin Mary: 'This Flame of Graces coming from My Immaculate Heart must go from heart to heart. **It will be the Great Miracle whose Light will blind Satan. It is the Fire of Love and of the Union.***

We shall fight fire with fire: the fire of hate with the Fire of Love! I obtained this Grace from the Eternal Father on your behalf by virtue of the Five Blessed Wounds of My Divine Son.'

"The Lord Jesus: 'I could compare this torrential flood to the first Pentecost. It will submerge the earth by the power of the Holy Spirit. All mankind will take heed at the time of this great miracle. Here comes the torrential flow of the Flame of Love of My Most Holy Mother. The world, darkened already by the lack of faith, will undergo formidable tremors and then people will believe!

'These jolts will give rise to a new world by the power of faith. Trust, confirmed by faith, will take root in souls and the face of the earth will thus be renewed. For never has such a flow of grace ever been given since the Word became Flesh.'

...

"(Mary) permitted me to feel in a wonderful way the effects of grace of her Flame of Love which, at that moment, were felt not just by me, but by all the souls in the country. Then she began to speak.

"Mary: 'Now, Satan has been blinded for some hours and has ceased dominating souls. Lust is the sin making so many victims. Because Satan is now powerless and blind, the evil spirits are set and inert, as if they have fallen into lethargy. They do not understand what is happening. Satan has stopped giving them orders. Consequently, souls are freed from the domination of the Evil One and are making sound resolutions. Once those millions of souls emerge from this event, they will be much stronger in their resolve to stay firm.'"

Powerful, powerful words! Scripture tells us, "Where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more." [Rom 5:20] I invite and urge everyone reading this to propagate this devotion to those around them. More information may be found at <http://www.theflameoflove.org/>. Or, if you have no access to the internet and receive this letter by postal mail you may write to:

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There is a 96 page booklet available consisting of excerpts from the Spiritual Diary of Elizabeth Kindelmann. In 2009, the Diary received an imprimatur from Cardinal Dr. Peter Erdo The Diary also tells of the importance of the Mass, of fasting, and of offering our daily works in this mission of the

Flame of Love. At the time of this writing the booklet was available on the Flame of Love website for \$1.00 (regular price \$3.00) plus shipping. It may also be available at a Catholic bookstore if you are blessed to have one nearby.

Two startling confirmations occurred for me in relation to this devotion. At the same time I was posting to my blog my new calling to promote this devotion, another blogger, Mark Mallett* was also posting a similar message. In addition, on the **same day**, the official full-length English translation of Elizabeth Kindelmann's Spiritual Diary was released. It is available in paperback or Kindle version on [Amazon](#).

Since beginning my research into these messages, I have since put my own prayer request to Mary in last

place. I no longer care whether or not she grants it; I intend to spread this message to all those I can reach and commend all my earthly needs to the Flame of Love. The Flame of Love is our greatest hope in a world steeped in sin. It is the method our Lord has chosen to crush the enemy under the heel of the Woman. Let us join her army and take up our stations. "For God and for Mary!"

Mother of God, spread the effect of grace of Thy Flame of Love over all of humanity, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

(*If you don't follow Mark Mallett, you are missing out on a prophetic voice for our time: www.markmallett.com/blog. Watch his blog in the coming days for more in-depth messages on why the Flame of Love devotion is so critical to God's plan of salvation in our day.)

From www.pelianito.stblogs.com

Haggai 2:9 The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

BVM: "*Beloved children, you do not fully understand what is at stake. If you did, you would eliminate all from your life that does not serve God's holy will. Never has it been more important, more urgent, that my faithful servants divest themselves of what does not serve the Lord's will. You allow so many distractions! You will weep one day over all the good left undone because you allowed yourself to be distracted from your divine purpose, and the tears will be bitter indeed. Begin anew, my children! This moment! Pray as never before. Offer penance. Give me your daily duty. I will transform everything in my Flame of Love. Children do not delay. The harvest of souls is very near.*"

Blessed Mother, obtain for me new graces, that I may not be distracted from what God's holy will desires of me. I offer my every moment to you. Help me to resist the pull of meaningless distractions and draw me ever deeper into your Flame of Love. Jesus in Mary, I trust in you. Save souls!

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(The messages on the Pelianito Journal blog are the fruit of Janet's *lectio divina*. She submits all messages to her spiritual director, a Catholic priest. You may read his remarks here: <http://pelianito.stblogs.com/on-private-revelation/>.)

MORNING STAR: NEWS ON THE ASSOCIATION...



MEMBER WEBSITES

[Brothers and Sisters of Penance of St. Francis](#) facebook page by Lisa Drago, BSP

www.returning-catholics.blogspot.com Blog for Returning Catholics—and others too—by Jim Mearns, BSP

HANDBOOK OF THE ASSOCIATION...



The BSP Handbook, titled ***Stella Matutina: Handbook of The Brothers and Sisters of Penance of St. Francis*** is now available for order. We have used a print-on-demand service at Lulu.com to print the book. This means we do not have to keep a stockpile of books, but customers order directly from Lulu, which prints them as they are ordered and ships them directly to the customer. This simplifies the ordering process for the administrators.

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