

# FLAME OF LOVE NEWSLETTER



July - August

## **A Newsletter Filled With Invitations:**

You are invited to:

1. Flame of Love National Conference – September 30th and October 1<sup>st</sup>
2. Quarterly Mini Retreat – June, September and December
3. Weekly Prayer Cenacles (List inside)
4. Home Groups Studying Seminars

Just read on.

### Adoration is Our Call

Every Movement has to understand its center, its core belief and main goal. In being faithful to the Diary, we see our primary task to be the forming of cenacles. Our Lady specifically asks that adoration take place 24 hours in every parish. This must be our goal.

### Multiplying Cenacles

A quick glance at the list of official cenacles reveals this constant increase since our August 2014 beginning. The majority of these cenacles are small (which is part of Our Lady's plan). Our goal is to have everyone be a leader of a cenacle (while also participating as a member of another cenacle). The cenacle format is so easy, that all should feel able to lead a small group.

### Pastoral Helps

On the diocesan level, we do not let these little groups remain alone. We provide retreats, conferences, seminars and teachings so every cenacle feels supported and part of a larger movement.

### Flame of Love Seminars

The Flame of Love Movement has developed seven seminars to provide the foundational teachings for newcomers. These seminars, given by Father James Otto, of Sacred Heart Parish, can be viewed on our website [www.flameoflove.us](http://www.flameoflove.us).

These seminars are also available on a DVD (2 discs). They are accompanied by a participants guide (12 pages) so that people can read the talk, watch the video, and use the group discussion questions.

We envision these sessions taking place in someone's home with friends and invited guests. You can obtain the two DVD discs and the participant guide (which can be copied freely) by writing to:

Kearns Media, 116 Woodview Drive,  
Doylestown, PA 18901.

Include \$20.00 which pays for materials,  
handling and postage.

### Spanish Seminars

These seven seminars are also available in Spanish, given by Father John Meyers, pastor

of St. Martin of Tours. The DVD and the Spanish Participant guide also cost \$20 and can be obtained at Kearns Media at the above.

#### Pro-Life Initiative

Our FOL Pro Life Initiative Team will host a Prayer Vigil monthly at Planned Parenthood at (777) 8th and Cherry Streets in Philadelphia from 8:00am-9:00am on the 4th Saturday of the month. You are most welcome to join

them in prayer to save lives and end abortion, just stop by and they will be happy to see you. The upcoming dates are: **May 28, June 25, July 23 and August 27.**

#### Elderly and Shut-In Ministry

We also try to help the elderly and shut-ins by praying the FOL rosary twice a month. Anyone interested in participating, just email Roseann at [Squitrose@gmail.com](mailto:Squitrose@gmail.com)

### ***Prayer to Receive the Flame of Love***

#### The Presence of Our Lady

The following is a shortened version of a prayer used at the end of each cenacle, helping each person to receive the Flame of Love. What has been happening in the cenacles is a wonderful experience of Our Lady's presence. As people experience her presence, Our Lady does within them whatever needs to be accomplished.

*Renew your Baptismal Promises.*

*Imagine yourself dressed in white, as you were on your baptismal day and how you will be clothed in heaven.*

*Imagine an enormous fire. Enter the fire. Do not be afraid. The fire is Jesus Himself, the Flame of Love. You are not alone. Mary is with you. You are in the deepest part of her heart, immersed in her flame of love.*

*The Flame (Jesus Himself) is the pearl of a great price, the treasure hidden in the field, the whole purpose of your life. Allow the flame to enter your being. Allow Jesus to fill your imagination and memory. Use the mysteries of the Rosary. Imagine some scene from Jesus' life and be still.*

*Open the door of your heart. Allow the Flame to enter. You have invited Jesus to be at the center of your life. He is your king. Place the fire on the lampstand and Jesus' light will flood you.*

*You are in the arms of Our Lady. She embraces you and pours out this Flame in great abundance. The Flame leaps from her heart to yours. She gives the Flame without limits. She suffers until the Flame leaves her heart and goes to you. Receive this Flame for everyone – for yourself, your family, your friends.*

*Now, remain a few minutes in silence and experience Our Lady's presence.*

***“The grace from the flame of love of My Mother’s Immaculate Heart will be to your generation what Noah’s ark was to his generation.”***

***(Jesus to Elizabeth)***

# Flame of Love and New Pentecost National Conference September 30 and October 1, 2016

(Pre-registration required: [www.flameoflove.us./conference](http://www.flameoflove.us./conference))

Place: Philadelphia Hilton Hotel Phone: 1-215-579-4000  
 Route 1 – 4200 City Line Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131  
 Out of town guests: \$159 per night Register on line – limited number of rooms.

## Agenda

### *Friday, September 30, 2016*

1:00 PM Registration and Welcome  
 2:00 PM Holy Hour - Adoration  
 3:00 PM Talk  
 3:45 PM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass  
 5:00 PM Buffet Dinner  
 6:15 PM Talk  
 7:15 PM Talk  
 8:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

### *Saturday, October 1, 2016*

8:50 AM Breakfast  
 9:15 AM Talk  
 10:00 AM Break  
 10:30 AM Talk  
 11:15 AM Talk  
 11:45 AM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass  
 1:00 PM Buffet Lunch  
 2:15 PM Talk  
 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet and break  
 3:30 – 4:15 Breakout Session  
 Closing

## Guest Speakers

Mark Mallett – Songwriter/Author  
 Sr. Ann Shields – Food For the Journey Radio Host  
 Tony Mullen – National Director, Flame of Love  
 Msgr. Ralph Chieffo – Spiritual Director

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## Registration Form

\$95. Per person for both days Single day \$50

**Priests, religious and seminarians are welcome free of charge with completed registration form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration includes all sessions - buffet dinner, breakfast and lunch

*Registration must be postmarked before September 15<sup>th</sup>.*

Parking on site is \$5. a day. Please bring cash for parking.

- Both Days \_\_\_\_\_
- Friday \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday \_\_\_\_\_
- Donation \_\_\_\_\_
- TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently participating in a weekly Flame of Love Prayer Cenacle?  Yes  No

County:  Bucks  Chester  Delaware  Montgomery  Phila.  Other

## QUARTERLY FLAME OF LOVE GATHERING

Dates: Monday      September 12, 2015  
December 12, 2015  
March 12, 2017

Place:                      St. Philomena Church  
8 E. Baltimore Avenue  
Lansdowne, PA 19050

Information:              Call 610-622-4257  
Email: [hartown@verizon.net](mailto:hartown@verizon.net)

Schedule:                11:00 - Exposition  
11:30 - Rosary  
12:00 – Mass of the Holy Spirit  
1:00 -2:30    Sharing and teaching  
2:30 - Benediction

September 12, 2016- Guest Celebrant/Homilist – Father Michael Davis

Who are Invited?              All Cenacle Leaders  
All Cenacle Members  
All interested in Flame of Love  
(i.e. The Whole World)

### **Devout Life**

In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, St. Francis de Sales wrote “Introduction to the Devout Life”, to lead lay people along the road to perfection. Each century, new authors arise to present these traditional teachings in modern examples. That is what the Devout Life teachings are. They sketch out the road, describe its stages and offer many sayings from the saints. Our website ([www.flameoflove.us](http://www.flameoflove.us)) contains teachings on “The Devout Life” (The Road to Perfection)

### **Daily Meditations**

The Devout Life requires daily mental prayer. The meditations on each day’s gospel provide a great help to fulfill this need.

### **Our Full Goal**

Flame of Love members gather for their weekly cenacles, but our first goal is that each member reaches perfection. It is not that difficult if you have a map for the road. The teachings should be given as part of each weekly cenacle. The leader need only read them aloud.

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## Witness Stories

### God At a Swimming Hole

I am deeply involved in the Flame of Love and the leaders felt that my boyhood witness story would help many.

I grew up with an abusive, alcoholic father. I loved my mother deeply because she protected us. The home was so difficult that I enjoyed living on the streets with the gang. This brings me to an incident of God's miraculous protection.

While swimming at the nearby river, my trunks got caught on wire mesh that someone had dumped into the lake. I was going to drown and could think only of my mother. I prayed, "God, don't let this happen to her". Suddenly, I found myself sitting on a rock on the other side of the river. The other kids didn't know what had happened. Neither did I. I have other similar miracles which God did for me for the sake of my mother. They will wait for a later newsletter. No wonder I love Mary, my heavenly mother.

### Flame of Love at an Abortion Clinic

In October 2015, two of us went to a Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic. One prayed while the other talked to the women. Suddenly, a woman who had entered the clinic came running out, saying "I cannot have an abortion." One of us took her around the corner, out of sight. At different times, people from the clinic came out to look for her. Being unsuccessful, they went back in. We kept praying to blind Satan and were able to take the woman to the Pro-Life Woman's Center across the street that helped her to change her decision.

After all of this, a tall man with a gun came up and gave us a hug. He was from the Civil Affairs Unit "protecting" the facility. He had seen the whole incident.

### A Little Sign

We had just begun a Flame of Love Cenacle at St. Anastasia, Newtown Square, when I noticed an unusual view from my kitchen window. The sun reflecting off the Church made the steeple seem bigger and brighter than I had ever seen in my ten years. As I started snapping pictures on my cell phone, dark clouds rolled in and this highlighted the light of the cross. I thought, "This is just like human life. The clouds come in but Christ's light on the cross shows the way. This was just a little sign that Our Lady was delighted that we had begun our cenacle.

### Keeping a Promise

In 1970, the doctors told us that my mother would not live following a serious cancer operation. Although I had been away from the Church for 15 years, I promised God that if my mother recovered, I would go to Mass and Communion every day. She recovered and lived for nine more years. I did not keep my promise. In 1995 I needed another favor from God – to keep my two sons safe for a few weeks in Australia. I felt that God would only hear my prayer if I was in the state of grace. So, I went to confession (after 40 years!). Then, I remembered that I hadn't kept my first promise. So, I found myself saying the rosary in my car during my daily, two hour commute. After that, came so many other graces and decisions – total consecration to Our Lady, daily rosary, and membership in the Third Order of Carmel.

In 2013, I discovered the Flame of Love and realized that Mary had been preparing me. So, I gave myself totally to the Movement. My only desire is to help Mary save souls as she saved mine.

### Detailing the Struggles

Although I read the Diary, I could not "get it" like others did. On August 15, 2014, I attended the FOL conference. One speaker said that the Flame of Love softened his heart toward difficult people. "Wow, I would love that gift."

A second spoke of a new freedom from inordinate attachments. Blinding Satan was the gift needed to do that. I was sold and felt, "Where do I sign up?" After that, however, I still had a struggle. I didn't "get it". Others seemed to be filled with some fire that I didn't have.

On March 19, 2015, I was supposed to lead a discussion on the Diary. However, I, the "supposed expert" still didn't get it. Although in an unfamiliar Church, I thought that the diary might be available. I suddenly saw it amid a stack of books and since this was the feast of St. Joseph, I asked him to open my eyes (He had guided Mary to Bethlehem). As I read, the words just flowed into my heart. I turned to another section and again, I understood everything. My message is this. Just follow your heart to Mary's Flame and, at some point, your mind will catch up to you.

### **The Devout Life**

The Flame of Life has three clearly stated goals:

1. Each member becomes holy.
1. As many souls as possible are saved.
2. The world is blessed.

### **Becoming Holy**

Participating in cenacles is our primary exterior task. Much more important is that every member lives a truly devout life, what the saints call "the road of perfection". All the saints' wisdom is available to you in the Devout Life Teachings available on the website. For the saints, the door to devotion must begin with mental prayer. Again, on the website, you can find a daily meditation for the gospel of each day. Take advantage of these helps.

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