



Anthony James Mullen
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Flame of Love Newsletter



On Saturday, March 10, 2018, we received the shocking news that our National Coordinator, Tony Mullen, had died of a heart attack. The outpouring of people and stories at his funeral were overwhelming. This small space will focus on his tremendous contribution to Flame of Love. First a short background.

Tony was extremely successful in his business of providing senior citizen housing. In 1997, he decided to dedicate the major portion of his time to evangelization, establishing the Children of the Father Foundation to provide Catholic books.

Through the Foundation, he came in contact with the Canadian office for Flame of Love and in 2012 arranged for a full English translation of Elizabeth Kindelmann's 90,000 word Diary and a 30,000 word Simplified Version.

A few months later, in 2013, he was asked to be National Coordinator of the Flame of Love Movement. He established a leadership team which sponsored our first Flame of Love event, (August 15, 2014). Since then, Flame of Love has initiated numerous conferences and retreats, book distributions, introductory conferences and, especially, parish cenacles. As everyone knows, the Flame of Love movement is enjoying gigantic growth in Philadelphia.

Tony's heart then turned to the national scene where, for a couple of years, he experienced discouraging results. For the past year, however, he has constantly rejoiced at the spreading of the flame to so many other dioceses. As a result, the National Conference (2018) will be held in Louisiana. Our Lady certainly knew what she was doing when she chose Tony as her coordinator.

A final note. Tony studied at UMBC (University of Maryland, Baltimore County). Was it just a coincidence that Tony was buried on March 14th, and that the next day UMBC pulled the historic NCAA, upset over number one, Virginia?

Continue to pray for Tony, who had a deep devotion to the Holy Souls. At the same time, we know that Flame of Love has a powerful, heavenly intercessor.

UPCOMING EVENTS- SPRING 2018

Easter Retreat

Theme: *The Woman Clothed With the Sun*

Date: Saturday, May 5, 2018

Place: St. Anthony of Padua, 259 Forrest Ave. Ambler, PA 19002

Speaker: Father Bill McCarthy- (founder of My Father's House, Conn.)

Schedule:

8:30 – Continental Breakfast	12:30 - Lunch (will be served)
9:00 Rosary and Praise	1:00 – Rosary and Praise
9:30 Father Bill McCarthy	1:30 - Father Bill McCarthy
10:30 Break	2:15 - Benediction
10:45 Mass	3:00 - Conclusion

No Cost - Donation at mass

PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW MANY ARE COMING! Phone: 215-435-9311

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Pocono Retreat

Leaders from the Pocono area and from Maryland come faithfully to our Leadership Meetings. Both will host Saturday retreats similar to our gatherings.

Date: April 21, 2018 (Saturday)

Place: Our Lady Queen of Peace, 1402 Rte. 209, Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Time: 9:00AM –to 2:30 PM BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH

Homilist/Speakers: Rev. James Blount, SOLT, Eileen Piergiovanni

Registration: None – Free of charge – Donation at Mass

Emmetsburg, MD

Theme: *Blessed Mother, Share With Us Your Immaculate Conception*

Date: Saturday, May 12, 2018

Place: National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
330 South Seton Avenue, Emmetsburg, MD 21727

Time: 10:00AM to 5:00 PM

Registration: \$25. Lunch is included. Contact Diane: 301-924-4958

Future Archdiocesan Events

Saturday, August 18, 2018 - FOL Anniversary Retreat

One of our first FOL events was a conference held at St. Simon and Jude Parish (West Chester) on August 15, 2014. We believe that Our Lady wants us to return there every year to receive again our first fervor.

The conference begins with 9:00 AM mass and ends with Benediction at 2:30 PM.
Guest Speaker: Msgr. Joseph Marino (former rector of Malvern Retreat House.)

Going National and Growing – Lafayette

SAVE THE DATE - NATIONAL CONFERENCE

DATE: Friday to Sunday - **October 12, 13,14 2018.**

PLACE: Lafayette, Louisiana

SPEAKERS: Rev. James Blount and others

For information contact Michelle. Email: laflameoflove@gmail.com

In those early years, the movement grew quickly in Philadelphia but very slowly in other dioceses. In 2017, that changed greatly. Wildfire growth is happening in many places, especially, in Lafayette, Louisiana, which is ready to host the Fourth National Conference.

Philadelphia Conference

Friday and Saturday, November 2nd and 3rd

We will host a Philadelphia conference, using the same schedule (Friday and Saturday) and invite in well-known speakers who are deeply in love with Mary. Place and speakers will be announced.

December 14 16, 2018 - Malvern Retreat

One of the most surprising moments came at our first Malvern Retreat in December when over 250 people spent the weekend close to Christmas at a retreat. (Our theme was – Don't shop until you drop but purchase the pearl of a great price.) Our Leadership Team voted unanimously to return this year. Register directly with the retreat house 610-644-0400. Speakers to be announced.

Feasterville Regional Event

Date: Saturday, June 9, 2018

Place: Assumption BVM Church

900 Meadowbrook Road, Feasterville, PA 19053

Begins: 8:30 AM Mass

Concludes: Noon (Bring your lunch)

Speakers: Rev. Mike Davis and Valerie Parisi

Encouraging You to Begin a Cenacle

1. Who is a leader? Everyone – that means you.
2. What does a leader do? They take responsibility to gather people regularly. We call this a cenacle
3. How often? Usually each week, but it could be bi-weekly or monthly.
4. Where? Let God lead you. Most would begin in a home and just stay there. Or, a home group might become strong and move to the Church. Some cenacles begin immediately in the Church.
5. How large should a cenacle be? Two, three or four would be enough. God will give the growth. To unite your hearts in prayer is the important goal.
6. As a leader, what should I do in the cenacle? The rosary and a few Flame of Love prayers (Unity Prayer) are the only essentials. There should be mental prayer (using meditations, teachings and songs).
7. Any special helps? There are quite a few:
Love one another, Rejoice always, Remember that your little cenacle is spiritually attached like a cell in the body) to all the others. Say your rosary every day with frequent Communion and Confession. Have a great zeal for souls, Always think of those whom you can invite to your next cenacle meeting. Put great stress on getting newcomers. Encourage newcomers to learn what you have learned and to begin their new cenacle. Enjoy some songs in your cenacle. Love your parish and your pastor. Always intercede for everyone, especially those who no longer come to mass.

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