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**Holy Love Ministries has maintained a period of silence, and now we feel it is time to defend the truth.**

The decree, issued by the diocese, was issued at the sole discretion and discernment (opinion) of Bishop Lennon and one unnamed "expert".

The apparitions/visions to Maureen have been ongoing almost daily for 25+ years.

Questions remain.

- - Has anything or anyone been condemned as contrary to Church teaching on faith and morals? No.
- - Can the bishop be wrong in his assessment? Yes.
- - Has any proof or argument been made in the decree or letter that the alleged private revelations are demonstrably and certifiably not supernatural in origin? No.
- - Is the decree of a diocesan bishop infallible? No.
- - **The faithful of the Diocese of Cleveland only** have been **admonished** not to participate in the activities of Holy Love Ministries. The word **admonish** literally means "**to urge and/or gently warn**".
- - Can any Catholic continue to visit Our Lady's Shrine and participate in activities by Holy Love Ministries? Yes.
- - Has anything or anyone been proven fraudulent or illicit regarding Holy Love Ministries? No.
- - Does the bishop identify his "expert"? No.
- - Are the personal opinions of the expert stated? No.
- - What qualifications, if any, does the bishop's expert have in mystical theology?
- - Are opinions of consulted experts in support of the authenticity of these revelations cited by the bishop? No.

Many expert mystical theologians have studied in depth these teachings on personal holiness through the Chambers of Jesus' Most Sacred Heart, the United Hearts Revelation, and Mary, Refuge of Holy Love, and found them to be most profound. (See Endorsement Section).

Regarding Holy Love Ministries meeting with the Cleveland Diocese - let us state some facts...

**In 1987** (22 years ago) Blessed Mother asked Maureen to approach the then Bishop, his Excellency the Most Reverend Anthony Pilla, as She was requesting from him the title **Mary, Protectress of the Faith.**

This request by Our Lady was summarily rejected by the bishop. On **March 17, 1988** Bishop Pilla stated through correspondence, that the Blessed Mother did not need that title. **He stated, "There were already too many devotions to the Blessed Mother and the saints."**

Then he said that the Holy Spirit was known in church circles as the **Guardian of the Faith.**

Subsequently, five months later in August of 1988, Our Lady appeared to Patricia Talbot in Ecuador stating **"I am the Guardian of the Faith."** That title was later approved by the local bishop.

### **The Agreement -- Holy Love Ministries with the Diocese of Cleveland**

Bishop Pilla requested a meeting in **July 1996** after 6,000 people were present at a May apparition at Our Lady's new shrine. Some miraculous cures occurred, and were featured on local television.

The net result of this meeting, representatives of Holy Love Ministries, our canon lawyer and the Diocese of Cleveland agreed that Holy Love Ministries was not seeking recognition as a Catholic organization since we were ecumenical, (cc. 215/216) and that as a result the diocese had no jurisdiction over the Ministry and would not comment publicly about it, except to say that it had "no comment".

It should be obvious to all that the diocesan bishop has no jurisdiction over an enterprise which is not Catholic, but ecumenical, and has no official ties to the Catholic Church.

Three years later (1999 to present) even with this agreement in place, agents of the diocese have given misinformation to callers inquiring about the apparitions and Holy Love Ministries.

His Excellency the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Lennon has replaced Bishop Pilla who resigned in 2006. Bishop Lennon came from Boston and had replaced His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Law, who had resigned.

Bishop Lennon, upon his arrival in Cleveland, was given much misinformation about Holy Love Ministries by the diocesan chancellor and the previous bishop's assistant.

Bishop Lennon has made little effort to actually learn about Holy Love Ministries. We made several attempts to meet with him and offered dates. To some he simply did not respond - once he claimed he wrote a letter, but did not mail it. We asked only that he let us know in advance the basis of his concerns. We suggested if he were to do so, we might be prepared for a full discussion. We thought that would be fair. Bishop Lennon declined.

We propose that this situation is more about **control** and **money** than about **faith and the salvation of souls**. We propose that there truly is a **diocesan agenda**, as we, at Holy Love, **continue to grow, to prosper and to build new facilities for the future, while the diocese closes 50 churches**. Additionally we believe that this bishop has sent misstatements and misrepresented Holy Love Ministries to the Holy See. The Holy See represents many in the Vatican -- cardinals, on down.

We find it sad - even extraordinary - that anyone would find it necessary to discourage the prayer effort here. We are not in competition with any established church for membership or funds. We are praying for those who have chosen to oppose us.

Lastly, with regard to the Confraternity, we have a right to establish a lay apostolate (Confraternity) as we so please. It will not be Catholic and all are welcome to participate and pray (cc. 215/216).

We have presented the **facts** of this situation based upon the **truth**.

We hope this addresses your concerns.

Our defense will be in our actions, and all we ask is to **watch the fruits**.

As Jesus says, "By their fruits you shall know them."

Please visit our website's Endorsement and Testimony sections.

Note: The late Archbishop Gabriel Ganaka's cause for Sainthood was begun in March of 2007. Archbishop Ganaka wrote the foreword to Our Lady's book "The Remedy and the Triumph". He also was the founder of the Confraternity of the United Hearts of Jesus and Mary, wrote its constitution and introduced Maureen and her spiritual director to His Holiness John Paul II in August of 1999.

Hundreds of lasting conversions have taken place at Our Lady's "Site of Predilection", as well as miraculous cures.

Since the abolition of Canon 1399 and 2318 of the former code of Canon Law by Paul VI in AAS58 (1966) page 1186, publications about new apparitions, revelations, prophecies, miracles, etc., have been allowed to be distributed and read by the faithful without the express permission of the Church providing they contain nothing which contravenes faith and morals. This means no imprimatur is necessary.

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