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Jesus, October 20, 2000



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Preface

"In the world I am establishing the Confraternity of the United Hearts." Jesus, September 15, 1999

This topical study is a fruit of the *Confraternity of the United Hearts of Jesus and Mary* and can be viewed and printed from the website: www.HolyLove.org.

United Hearts of Jesus and Mary means the mystical union of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary that began at the moment of Jesus' conception, never to be parted.

The Confraternity of the United Hearts promotes a journey of sanctification through devotion to the United Hearts of Jesus and Mary. The entire journey is based on trustful surrender through love and was established to order lives towards God's intended purpose: Eternal life in the Holy Trinity through sainthood.

"Be you therefore perfect, as also your heavenly Father is perfect." MT 5:48



The Door to Each Chamber is Deeper Surrender to Love - the Divine Will The first Constitution of the Confraternity of the United Hearts was drafted in the Fall of 1999 by Archbishop Gabriel Gonsum Ganaka of the Catholic Archdiocese of Jos, Nigeria and, at the request of Our Lady, it was officially inaugurated in the Catholic Church on the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25, 2000, by the Apostolic Administrator of the Archbishop's diocese.

ABOUT THE FOUNDER OF THE CONFRATERNITY ARCHBISHOP GABRIEL GANAKA (1937-1999) His Grace, the Late Most Rev. (Dr.) Gabriel Gonsum Ganaka of theCatholic Archdiocese of Jos, Nigeria, founded the Confraternity of the United Hearts shortly before his death in 1999. He was a native of Plateau State, Nigeria.



Archbishop Ganaka occupied important positions both within and outside this Archdiocese, including:

- Appointed a member of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples by Pope Paul VI
- Appointed to the Canon Law Review Commission and the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue by Pope John Paul II.
- Served as President of both the Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria and the Symposium of Episcopal Conference of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM).
- He was a leader and representative to many international pastoral events, including the World Day of Prayer for Peace and the Millennium of Christianity.

The Archbishop was known by all for his loving pastoral approach to his flock, his innovative evangelization which impacted the Church at large, and his role as the Charismatic Renewal leader in all of Nigeria. His Grace promoted the Divine Mercy devotion and other devotions throughout his diocese, and under his care, priestly vocations soared. In 1997, the Archbishop became acutely ill and was flown to the United States for medical treatment. One of his flock came to Maranatha Spring and Shrine, the home of Holy Love Ministries, to seek Our Lady's intercession and subsequently introduced him to Holy Love Ministries and the all-important messages of Holy and Divine Love. His Foreword graces the pages of the book *Holy and Divine Love: The Remedy and Triumph.*

Archbishop Ganaka established the Confraternity of the United Hearts, with the international headquarters in Nigeria. He wrote the Constitution for the Confraternity before his death on November 11, 1999, exactly three months to the day from when he introduced the visionary and other Missionary Servants of Holy Love to Pope John Paul II.



On the joyful occasion of the visit by the visionary, Maureen Sweeney-Kyle, with the Holy Father in August of 1999. Her husband, Don (lower right), the Late Archbishop Gabriel Ganaka (top left), and Rev. Frank Kenney, her Spiritual Director (1994-2004) (top center), accompanied her on the visit.

The First Chamber of the United Hearts

"Many fail to discover the path of salvation and fall prey to Satan's deceit. Therefore, I have sent My Mother ahead of Me with the message of Holy Love. I have come after Her, revealing the message of Divine Love and the complete message of Our United Hearts." *Jesus 1/24/01*

"The Immaculate Heart of Mary is Holy Love. My Sacred Heart is Divine Love."

"The spiritual journey begins with Holy Love. Holy Love (the first Chamber, sanctification/salvation) is:

> The Immaculate Heart of Mary; The two great commandments of love; The Gateway to the New Jerusalem; The First Chamber of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; The purgative stage."

"In this Chamber, glaring faults and sins are revealed to the soul. He chooses either to surrender to Holy Love (conversion) or to continue in error. If he chooses conversion and overcomes his most flagrant faults, he can move into the next Chamber of My Heart and Divine Love." *Jesus 9/24/2000* "Do not think that you can skip this precious first step in your personal holiness and jump right into Divine Love, which is My Sacred Heart. It is only through the intercession of My Mother's Heart all souls can enter and imitate Divine Love. My Mother prepares each heart by purging the greatest iniquity from the soul through the Flame of Her Most Pure Heart. No one enters Divine Love who does not imitate Holy Love." *Jesus 4/5/06*

"See then that it is love that invites you into the first Chamber - the Immaculate Heart of My Mother. It is love that invites you into the second Chamber seeking greater purification and holiness." *Jesus 1/31/01*

"I have come to you so that the world will understand that the journey into the Chambers of My Sacred Heart is at once a crucifixion and a resurrection - a crucifixion because to enter even the first Chamber, the soul must die to his own will and surrender to the Divine Will. Each successive Chamber requires a deeper surrender. It is also a journey of resurrection, for the soul who surrenders his will allows love to be victorious in his life. Thus is he brought from the death of sin to eternal life." *Jesus 4/14/01*

The First Chamber of the United Hearts Continued

"Spiritual pride is deadly. It is like trying to reach a destination blindfolded, refusing to be led or to remove the blindfold because the soul presumes he knows his way."

"Everything about trustful surrender which embraces this message has to do with free will. If through spiritual pride the soul thinks he is in the right place spiritually, he will not move his will to enter the First Chamber." "Believe me, this profound message carries with it abundant grace to enter the First Chamber. All that is needed is a humble 'yes'. *St. Thomas Aquinas 9/10/01*

Opening the Heart to Holy Love (The First Chamber)

"My sister, I tell you that the intimacies of My Heart are not open to those who pursue holiness through the intellect. It is only through spiritual surrender of the human will the soul is admitted to these Sacred Chambers. Thus, it is a cooperation between creature and Creator. The soul surrenders and the door to the Chambers is opened. I know what the soul surrenders - with what depth he surrenders, and I know, too, what he hangs on to. I see how he accepts the grace of self-knowledge or how he rejects it. I judge the merit of his surrender according to the merit of his surrender to the law of love. Some souls impede their own progress in the Chambers of My Heart by judging others' faults and disregarding their own. The one who thinks himself blameless has not entered the first Chamber." *Jesus 2/14/01*

"All of what Heaven would reveal began with the Key to the Immaculate Heart of Mary – the prayer to Mary Protectress of the Faith. This simple prayer admits the soul into the first Chamber of Our United Hearts, which is the Immaculate Heart of Mary. With faith protected and Satan laid waste, the soul opens his heart to Holy Love – the first Chamber of the United Hearts." *Jesus 10/16/2000*

"My Mother's Immaculate Heart is Holy Love, which is the two great commandments – love God above all else and your neighbor as yourself. When the soul begins to live these commandments in his own heart, he has taken the first step – that of conversion. He is in the first Chamber of Our United Hearts – the Immaculate Heart of My Mother." *Jesus 10/20/2000* "This Flame of Holy Love, which is the First Chamber, first sheds its light upon the areas of sin in the person's life. Gradually the soul chooses to avoid these sins and to live in Holy Love. The more he chooses Holy Love, the more his free will is melted and transformed in and through the Eternal Divine Will. This transformation continues moment by moment until the Sixth Chamber when the Divine Will lives within the heart." *St. Thomas Aquinas 5/16/06*

"My brothers and sisters, the soul whose faults are revealed to him is being called to conversion and into the First Chamber of Our United Hearts which is Holy Love. It is only his repentance that allows him to pass through the door of this Heart. Then the soul is cooperating with the grace that is being given and My Victory is beginning in him." *Jesus 11/28/03*

"In the first Chamber the soul must decide to love God more than sin. That is his salvation - the Heart of My Mother." *Jesus 2/01/01*

"As the soul is made aware of these sins, it is the Holy Mercy of My Mother's Heart which moves the soul to remorse and repentance. It is only then that My Divine Mercy flows into the heart of the sinner." *Jesus 2/6/04*

Opening the Heart to Holy Love (The First Chamber) Continued

"In order to get into the First Chamber which is Holy Love, the soul must, to some degree, pass into My Father's Will - for Holy Love is the Divine Will as is every Chamber."

"At the beginning, the Will of My Father acts as a sieve - filtering out iniquity and self-will, and helping the soul to hang onto the Will of God. With each successive Chamber more of the soul's own will slips through the 'sieve', and more of the Divine Will fills the soul." *Jesus 4/2/03*

"The soul feels the embrace of the Father's Heart increase as his soul is drawn deeper into the Chambers of the United Hearts. This being so, please see that as the soul is drawn into the First Chamber, he feels the Father's embrace begin. Each subsequent Chamber allows the soul to feel the Father's embrace increase. The Eternal Father tries to draw each soul into the highest Heaven." *Jesus 4/2/03*

"The holy person has entered the First Chamber—the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He hungers for God, but has many areas of self-love still in his heart. One trap that Satan lays for such a one is the soul's desire to be known as holy. Of course, each soul in the First Chamber has unique temptations. He should pray every day that they be shown to him. Only in this way can he be perfected." *St. Thomas Aquinas 12/9/05*

The First Chamber MOST Critical for Salvation

"The moment a soul hears the call to conversion of heart, he stands at the threshold of the first Chamber – My Mother's Heart – Holy Love. To the world this journey may seem foolhardy. But to the simple heart it is a path laid in gold."

"My Mother meets the souls who stand precariously on this threshold of conversion and salvation. She extends to them every grace they need to accept Her invitation to enter the first portal of Our United Hearts. She weeps for those who turn away. With a Mother's Heart She calls them back over and over."

"Then there are those who hear Her call and believe, but spurn the invitation along with the unbelievers. The numbers of those who are invited but will not respond are far above those who accept the invitation. Indeed, the threshold to the first Chamber is the most decisive in the entire spiritual journey." "Every effort is made by Heaven and the holy souls in purgatory to bring souls through that first door, for it is that doorway that determines their eternal fate." *Jesus 9/4/2000*

"The first door the soul must open is perhaps the most difficult. Through the Flame of My Mother's Heart the soul recognizes its faults and failings. By a movement of free will, he decides to overcome his weaknesses – to let them be burned away through the flame of Holy Love. Yes, the first doorway to Divine Love is Holy Love. It is the purgative stage. The soul may open this door, quite committed to the path he sees before him, but because he gives in to Satan's temptations, finds himself outside the first door again. Over and over he may have to re-commit to Holy Love." *Jesus 1016/99*

The First Chamber MOST Critical for Salvation Continued

"The most important step in personal holiness lies at the threshold of entry into the First Chamber—the Immaculate Heart of Mary—Holy Love. It is upon this threshold the soul is engaged in the greatest spiritual warfare. It is at the entrance of My Mother's Heart the soul decides to believe or disbelieve in these Messages."

"Some souls lie permanently vanquished at the threshold, giving in to the pride of disbelief. Others see the spiritual benefit they are being offered. They pick up the key to the Chamber of Holy Love which is the title and ejaculatory prayer, *'Mary, Protectress of the Faith and Refuge of Holy Love, come to my aid.'* Thus they are admitted and led deeper into the Chambers of Our United Hearts." *Jesus 2/10/06*

"I have revealed to you the many chambers of My Heart. But, today I have come to share with you that the first chamber – that of Holy Love, My Mother's Heart - is the chamber I pour My greatest graces into. You may wonder at this, thinking the souls in My most intimate chamber of this Sacred Vessel are receiving the choicest graces. They are indeed the choicest graces reserved for very few. But the greatest abundance of grace flows from the first chamber for it is here the soul must respond to his conversion and move towards holiness."

"I give through My Mercy and Love every opportunity for each soul to say 'yes."

"My tenderest compassion stands ready to welcome every soul who is attracted to Me. The other chambers of My Heart form the soul in holiness, perfection, and sanctity – but the first chamber is salvation." *Jesus 11/10/99*