

The faith of a few can enkindle on the whole world (Benedict XVI)

Dear Friends, It's Fr. Elijah speaking to you from the Temple of the Queen of the Lilies in San Giorgio a Cremano Naples Italy,

Last december 3, the Holy Father benedict XVI received the members of the community of the Venerable English College based in Rome. The meeting was the culmination of a year-long celebration marking the 650th anniversary of the founding of an English and Welsh Hospice on the site occupied by the College.

Speaking to the seminarians the Holy father said, inter alia,

"You have heard much talk about the new evangelization, the proclamation of Christ in those parts of the world where the Gospel has already been preached, but where to a greater or lesser degree the embers of faith have grown cold and now need to be fanned once more into a flame. Your College motto speaks of Christ's desire to bring fire to the earth, and your mission is to serve as his instruments in the work of rekindling the faith in your respective homelands. Fire in sacred Scripture frequently serves to indicate the divine presence, whether it be the burning bush from which God revealed his name to Moses, the pillar of fire that guided the people of Israel on their journey from slavery to freedom, or the tongues of fire that descended upon the Apostles at Pentecost, enabling them to go forth in the power of the Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Just as a small fire can set a whole forest ablaze (cf. Jas 3:5), so the faithful testimony of a few can release the purifying and transforming power of God's love so that it spreads like wildfire throughout a community or a nation."

It's true! Dear friends the world needs evangelizers, burning with faith in order to enkindle in all over the world the purifying Love of God. Dear Friends as you know, the people of the Queen of the Lilies in the month of december, meditate upon the virtue of prayer. Mother Lillian of Paradise in the star of prayer says:

"The Church needs new men, saints, simple, humble that only a life of prayer can create and train. It's not easy to talk with God in the noise... of the world, but you need the silence and solitude."

Then almost describing the "way" of prayer of the Mother of God, adds:

"Your prayer that listen to the eternal Word, that cherish it into Your heart and meditate upon it, flows only by your faith and your love to the One who is all for you."

Finally asking to the Queen of the Lilies to teach us how to pray, says:

"Your joined hands tell us that only on our knees, like You, we can overcome our daily battles, only on our knees we can save souls, only on our knees our prayer will be apostolic and will reach the farthest shores."

Dear Brothers and Sisters, let us welcome Jesus, the Word of God made man, in our hearts. Let us listen to His teachings and to practice the Christian virtues in order to be able to bring, as the Holy Father tells us, the Light of Christ on the night of this world.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, it is all for now. Chao and God bless you always!