

THE SPLENDOR OF LOVE

WORDS OF MOTHER ADELA ON THE FIRST PROFESSION OF VOWS OF SR. SILVIA AND SR. DELIA

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How beautiful is the splendor of love that is revealed in the communion of hearts! How beautiful is to be all together as family, contemplating the luminous power of love. How brightly do the witnesses to love shine!



Most beloved Monsignor Roman, thank you for being a living witness to the heart of a father and shepherd; thank you for loving the Church with all your heart. Dear priests of the Family of the Two Hearts, thank you for being images and living presences of the Eucharistic and

Priestly Heart of Christ, for giving so much life to our family. Dear priests who accompany us, thank you for your love, for your offerings, for your fiats that enrich us daily with the gift of receiving Christ in the Eucharist. Dear Deacons, thank you for being living witnesses of the servant Heart of Christ, who came to reveal to us that the greatness of the heart lies in serving generously and unconditionally. Dear religious, thank you for being images of the marian heart: for being luminous witnesses of the spousal and maternal love of the Virgin Mary in the heart of the Church. Dear seminarians, dear novices and postulants, thank you for listening to the beatings of love in the Heart of Jesus and for launching yourselves freely after his voice, following him wherever he takes you. Dear Apostles of the Two Hearts, lay faithful associated with our family, thank you for going out into the deep and being witnesses of love in all the sectors of society. Dear families, most especially the families of the sisters who today professed their first vows, thank you for being fertile soil where the seeds of their hearts were able to grow and become an offering of love to God. Sisters Silvia and Delia, thank you for your yes, for responding with love to Him who has loved you first; thank you for adorning, with your lives, the maternal womb of our congregation and of the Church. To all of you, thank you for being united with us here today as a family, being witnesses to the splendour of the communion of hearts, the splendor of the Church.

This night is full of light...because love always illuminates...because in each fiat, love triumphs...because each fiat is a triumph of love and of light in the human heart. Today is a day in which, like Simeon in the passage of the Presentation, we can all contemplate with our own eyes the luminous power of God's love that becomes a "light to the nations" and the "glory of his people."

The elder Simeon was waiting for the coming of the Savior, the consolation of his people. The world of today feels aged by sin, tired by selfishness, overwhelmed by the weight of being so distant from God and beaten by its pride. The world of today needs to see, with its own eyes, the light of the love of God. We have just contemplated two sisters present and offer their lives to God. We have contemplated how the ardent fire of God's love is capable of igniting the human heart and how this fire has the power to radiate its light to the ends of the earth.

Could there be a testimony more luminous and eloquent before our culture - so insatiably seeking pleasure - than that of a heart that allows itself to be consumed for love of God...that is able to say: God alone suffices? Could there be a testimony more luminous and more powerful before our culture - so avidly seeking possessions - than that of a heart that strips itself of everything in order to find its true wealth in the love of God? Could there be a testimony more luminous and liberating in our culture that has deformed the use of freedom than that of a heart that voluntarily chooses the obedience of God as the path to progressively reach true freedom? Could there be a testimony more luminous and a sign more visible before our individualistic and selfish culture than that of a heart that chooses to embrace fraternal life, with its joys and its limitations, as the path to climb the summit of the perfection of love? Could there be a more luminous testimony than that of a love that does not spare itself in any way in order to give itself away? Only love can be the most eloquent and powerful

sign of Love.

Today is a luminous night; today two small candles have been lit before our eyes. In reality, the size of the candles is not as important as the ardor with which they illuminate. Today, my dear sisters Silvia and Delia, the only thing I ask God is that your flame never stops burning; that you allow yourselves to be consumed by the love of Christ's Heart; that although your candle may be small, your fire be sufficiently large for it to illumine many hearts; that in the arms of Our Mother and with the paternal company of St. Joseph, you may be presented in the heart of the Church. And with profound simplicity of heart, may you be witnesses of love in a world who anxiously awaits consolation.

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