

(English translation)

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The Rainbow

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Among the many things, perhaps one of the smallest, that the Lord made me understand - since it is now approved by the Church I can say that it was an inspiration – is that intuition of the rainbow. I remember when it happened. It was in 1954.

At a certain point the Lord made me understand that the love we had in our heart urged us to do various things, different things. All these things were expressions of love.

Love urged us to put everything in common, to repeat like the early Christians: "Everything that is mine is yours" (cf. Acts 2:44). Indeed, we didn't even say mine and yours. We said: "everything is ours." Love set in motion the communion of material and spiritual goods.

Moreover love, like a fire within us, urged us to win over others, to spread this fire to others and in this way to spread this blaze in the world as Jesus wanted.

Then love – always love – led me to be more and more united to Jesus, to feel that He is always closer, that He is always more mine and that I am His. It enabled me to tell Him that I love Him and to demonstrate it to Him by offering Him suffering, because that's what counts. The rest isn't worth anything. He seemed to give me in exchange very much love with many graces. In other words, love enabled me to climb higher and higher towards God. It brought me an always deeper union with God.

What else did love do? Society was sick. There were divisions and hatred, there was the poor person and the rich person. But love healed the wounds of the Mystical Body, and its medicine was the Eucharist. By going to Communion – all of us – to the same Jesus, the Mystical Body was no longer divided and torn because we are the Mystical Body and through Jesus in the Eucharist we were all one.

Then love put a desire within us to meet together often. So, during the war, the sound of the alarms didn't frighten us, because those circumstances allowed us to meet together in the same air-raid shelter. Love made us discover exactly what the word "church" means. Church means assembly.

Then love gave us a superior intelligence. I was very much inclined towards speculation, that is, towards philosophy, but I noticed that beside human intelligence there was a light which came from Above, which came from the Holy Spirit. This light is wisdom. The wisdom that the saints possess, but we can also receive it from God if we ask Him for it – as Scripture says. It is precisely so: the more we love the more we understand and not with our mind alone. Our mind is rather like a chalice which contains the wisdom of God. And so it happens that, when a person with wisdom speaks, the others listen attentively, admired and convinced. Also children and young people who have wisdom are listened to and venerated even by the elderly, they are listened to by the adults. In other words, I noticed that love isn't limited to the aspect of affection or to the aspect of suffering. It goes on to wisdom and fills our soul with the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the most splendid of these is wisdom.

Finally, love made us all one body, only one person and what belonged to one person, belonged to all.

Then the Lord made me understand – and this was the illumination – that just as light can be reflected into seven colors, the colors of the rainbow, but is always light reflected in red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet, similarly, love is always love, but it leads us to put everything in common, and this could be the *red* of love.

It makes us conquer souls: the *orange*.

It makes us more and more united to God: the *yellow*.

It makes us healthy members of the Mystical Body: the *green*.

Not only does it give us spiritual health but also physical health. The aspect of sports is also very important and typical for young people.

Love makes us become Church, that is assembly, reunion: the *blue*.

It gives us a knowledge that comes from heaven, it makes us wise: the *indigo*. It's understanding, seeing into the Word of God Himself whom you have within you. You can just imagine, before the Word of God human reasoning is incomparably small.

It makes us all one body: the *violet*.

In other words, we seem to understand that the Lord had put our life in order in the image of a rainbow, because what God did in nature, in which we make out the mark of the Gospel, is very similar to what He does in the supernatural.

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