

## *Excerpts from Pope Benedict XVI's God is Love: Deus Caritas Est and the Divine Will*

Faith tells us that God has given his Son for our sakes and gives us the victorious certainty that it is really true: God is love! It thus transforms our impatience and our doubts into the sure hope that God holds the world in his hands and that, as the dramatic imagery of the end of the Book of Revelation points out, in spite of all darkness he ultimately triumphs in glory. Faith, which sees the love of God revealed in the pierced heart of Jesus on the Cross, gives rise to love. **Love is the light—and in the end, the only light—that can always illuminate a world grown dim and give us the courage needed to keep living and working. Love is possible, and we are able to practise it because we are created in the image of God. To experience love and in this way to cause the light of God to enter into the world**—this is the invitation I would like to extend with the present Encyclical.”

— [Pope Benedict XVI, God Is Love: Deus Caritas Est](#)

**“Mary is a woman who loves.** How could it be otherwise? **As a believer who in faith thinks with God's thoughts and wills with God's will, she cannot fail to be a woman who loves.** We sense this in her quiet gestures, as recounted by the infancy narratives in the Gospel. We see it in the delicacy with which she recognizes the need of the spouses at Cana and makes it known to Jesus. We see it in the humility with which she recedes into the background during Jesus' public life, **knowing that the Son must establish a new family** and that the Mother's hour will come only with the Cross, which will be Jesus' true hour (cf. Jn 2:4; 13:1). When the disciples flee, Mary will remain beneath the Cross (cf. Jn 19:25-27); later, at the hour of Pentecost, it will be they who gather around her as they wait for the Holy Spirit (cf. Acts 1:14).”

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“Seeing with the eyes of Christ, I can give to others much more than their outward necessities; I can give them the look of love which they crave.”

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“The 'commandment' of love is only possible because it is more than a requirement. **Love can be 'commanded' because it has first been given.**”

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“God's love for his people is so great that it turns God against himself, his love against his justice.”

— [Pope Benedict XVI, God Is Love: Deus Caritas Est](#)

“It is characteristic of mature love that it calls into play all man's potentialities; it engages the whole man, so to speak. **Contact with the visible manifestations of God's love can awaken within us a feeling of joy born of the experience of being loved. But this encounter also engages our will and our intellect. Acknowledgment of the living God is one path towards love, and the “yes” of our will to his will unites our intellect, will and sentiments in the all- embracing act of love. But this process is always open-ended; love is never “finished” and complete; throughout life, it changes and matures, and thus remains**

*faithful to itself."*

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### **From the Book of Heaven**

**V17 – Aug. 2, 1925** - My daughter, the "I love You" is Everything! The "I love You" is Love, it is Veneration, it is Esteem, it is Heroism, it is Sacrifice, it is Trust toward the one to whom it is directed. The "I love You" is to Possess the One Who Encloses the "I love You". The "I love You" is a little word, but it weighs as much as Eternity! The "I love You" Encloses Everything, Involves Everyone; it Diffuses itself, it Restricts itself, it Rises up high, it Descends down to the bottom, it Impresses itself Everywhere, and it Never Stops.

What, My daughter Luisa! How special can your "I love You" really be?! Its Origin is Eternal. In the "I Love You" the Celestial Father Generated Me, and in the "I Love You" the Holy Spirit Proceeded. In the "I Love you" the Eternal FIAT made the Whole Creation, and in the "I Love you" It Forgave guilty man and Redeemed him. Therefore, in the "I Love you" the soul finds Everything in God, and God finds Everything in the soul. This is why the Value of the "I Love you" is Infinite, it is Full of Life and of Energy; it Never tires, it Surpasses Everything and Triumphs over Everything. And so, this "I love You" directed to Me - I Want to see it and hear it on your lips, in your heart, in the flying of your thoughts, in the drops of your blood, in the pains and in the joys, in the food you take – in Everything. The Life of My "I love You" **Must** be long – long within you, and My FIAT which Reigns in you will place on it the Seal of the Divine "I love You"."

After this, a Sun came before my mind, in a very High Point. Its Light was Inaccessible. Continuous little Flames came out from the Center of It, each one containing an "I Love you"; and as they came out, they placed themselves in order, around this Inaccessible Light. However, these little Flames remained as though bound with a Thread of Light to that Inaccessible Light, which Nourished the Life of the little Flames. These little Flames were so many as to Fill Heaven and earth. I seemed to see our God as the Beginning and the End of Everything; and in the little Flames, the Whole of Creation, as a Divine Birth, of Pure Love.

I too was a little flame, and my Sweet Jesus pushed me to take flight through each little Flame, in order to place on them a double "I love You". I don't know how, I found myself outside of myself, wandering around, in the midst of those little Flames, and impressing my "I love You" upon each one of them. But they were so many that I would get lost; however, a Supreme Force would make find again the Order and the Round of my "I love You".

**FIAT!**