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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A group known by the name of "Holy Love Ministries" and also the "Missionary Servants of Holy Love" has been active in the Cleveland area for several years. Earlier names associated with this group have been the "Our Lady Protectress of the Faith Movement," "Project Mercy," and "Mary's House of Prayer." They continue to seek funds to develop their center and support their effort.

At the request of the Holy See, I have been asked to examine and make a judgment on the activities of Holy Love Ministries. After consultation with a respected theological expert, and after attempts at dialogue with the leadership of Holy Love Ministries proved unsuccessful, for the good of the Christian faithful, I issue the accompanying decree.

I ask pastors, administrators, and parish life coordinators to make the decree known in a manner appropriate for your parishes.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Cleveland



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DECREE

In the Name of God.

To the Laity and the Clergy of the Diocese of Cleveland.

In light of my responsibility for the promotion and protection of ecclesial life within the Diocese of Cleveland (cc. 387, 392, 223, §2); and

Having been directed by the Holy See to act definitively in the matter of the alleged apparitions to Maureen Sweeney Kyle; and

Having reviewed the theological content of the alleged apparitions and locutions to Maureen Sweeney Kyle and having consulted an expert in this matter (c. 747, §2);

I, Richard G. Lennon, Bishop of Cleveland, hereby

1. Declare that the alleged apparitions and locutions to Maureen Sweeney Kyle are not supernatural in origin.
2. Forbid members of the clergy of any ecclesiastical jurisdiction to celebrate the sacraments on the site of Holy Love Ministries (cc. 835, §1; 838, § 4).
3. Admonish the faithful of the Diocese of Cleveland to cease gathering for any religious, liturgical, spiritual, or devotional purpose on the site of Holy Love Ministries (cc. 212, §§1, 3; 214).
4. Declare that the Confraternity of the United Hearts of Jesus and Mary is not an approved association of the Christian faithful in the Diocese of Cleveland and may not legitimately use the name "Catholic" or represent itself as a Catholic group (c. 216).

This decree takes effect immediately.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Cleveland on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of Our Lord 2009.

*Richard Lennon*  
Bishop of Cleveland

*Shelley Sullivan*  
Chancellor  
*Silvia...*  
Notary

