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Mother Chukwuemeka Maria Steidl



5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of her departure to heaven



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# Homily on the Holy Mountain during Vigil, on Friday, 11. 3. 2022, **5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of Mother Chukwuemeka**

by Rev. Fr. Fatherlove Montfort Okanwikpo, SHL



My dear brothers and my dear sisters,  
udo!

We thank God for everything, thanking Him especially for the life and death of our saint Mother Chukwuemeka Maria Steidl, today it is 5 years since she died, left this world physically and entered her eternal reward in heaven. It was the most beautiful day on earth, the type of beauty she radiated physically was beyond description, when I visited her when she was already in come and saw the radiance of the beauty in her, I have never seen her so beautiful, so charm, so glamorous. It was eloquent sign, testimony of what

she was experiencing, like St. Stephen who being stoned, crushed, but what he saw, he exclaimed: "O, I am seeing Jesus", his face shining, "I am seeing Jesus at the right hand of the Father!" The same experience Mother Chukwuemeka had, she couldn't talk, because she was in come, but her face said it all.

So, we thank God for her life and her death, the minimum number of years from somebody's death to begin the process of veneration, beatification, canonization is 5 years. After 5 years of death, the process can begin.

Now, in this chapel, I am designating this hall from up to down as hall of



Mother Chukwuemeka. Her pictures will be displayed here, so that people who will come here will begin to read about her, one of the most principle one is her thesis, over 800 pages of what she wrote, her doctoral thesis on the Two Hearts of Love.

When you die, how will you be remembered? With what will you be tagged? What type of clothes will you be clothed with? What type of name will you be given? What type of litany? That time you are no longer there to talk, people then will open their mouth and talk about you, especially 5 years after you have died, all those your hidden things will all be exposed: your secret emails, your secret chocolates will be exposed. Whatever is hidden must come out.

So, if you have anything to write about Chukwuemeka Maria write them and bring them, it will be posted here in this hall, people can then come here and read, come on pilgrimage to come and see her and what she has lived, what she has died for. I want this place, where her body is lying to be made the most beautiful today, everywhere should be sparkling.

It was clear without reserve that she gave her life and died for me. She lived all her life without any reserve and gave all her life for me. She was the very first European to join me, the very first European sister. And from first moment she joined me she never looked back.

The first time I met her was in Eichstätt cathedral, I was celebrating mass there, there was a priest who celebrated mass there at 9am, he was half blind, so he would be happy when I came there to celebrate mass with him as student, because I attended classes only concerning my theses, so you were mostly free to work to research, that hour I was free to celebrate mass with him, he was very happy, because he didn't see well.

During the mass after the consecration, the voice of God spoke to me: "see that girl there, she is one of those I have formed, as I have told you: I am forming souls who will have great love of me and who will work with you, she is one of them. Then I captured her picture with my eyes. She was wearing very simple clothes, absorbed in prayers. We continued the mass, at the end of the mass as I was leaving the church, going back to

my studied, she also left, so, we met at the entrance. God told me: "She is one of those I have formed to have great love of me, God, and to work with you" So, I spoke to her, first question was: what is your name? she answered: "I am Maria." "What? I am also Maria." "How can you be Maria?" she asked me. I said: "I am Lois Maria de Montfort." "Ok, so two of us are Maria, you are Maria, I am Maria.

From there we arranged to be meeting every day in the Dom during Holy Hour to pray. We were doing it every day, for adoration and prayers. I taught her prayer of the Two Hearts of Love. She loved it very much, she made it her life, not just a prayer, but her life. It was then, on the anniversary, these Germans are wonderful people, I forgot the day we met, but she wrote it in her diary and on the anniversary of that our meeting she brought me flower: "it is one year ago we met."

So, I thank God for her, her whole life was given for the Two Hearts of Love, she reserved nothing in her eyes, her ears, and if anybody dares to take her

to another direction, tries to tempt her to another thing, automatically she must avoid it: Satan, no chance!

One very dogmatic professor wanted to take her and direct her according to his own spirituality, because of that she left the university and changed to another university. It was good, but it had taken her to another direction than that Fr. Love had given her. Well, this is just small thing.

I thank God for her life and earth, today, it is full of testimony of love, pure and holy unalloyed, unconditional complete love for God.

God my God, I thank you for Mother Chukwuemeka Maria. When I called her Maria Chukwuemeka, she said: "no, it is wrong, I am not Maria Chukwuemeka, I am Chukwuemeka Maria, she put Chukwuemeka first – the name God asked me to give her.

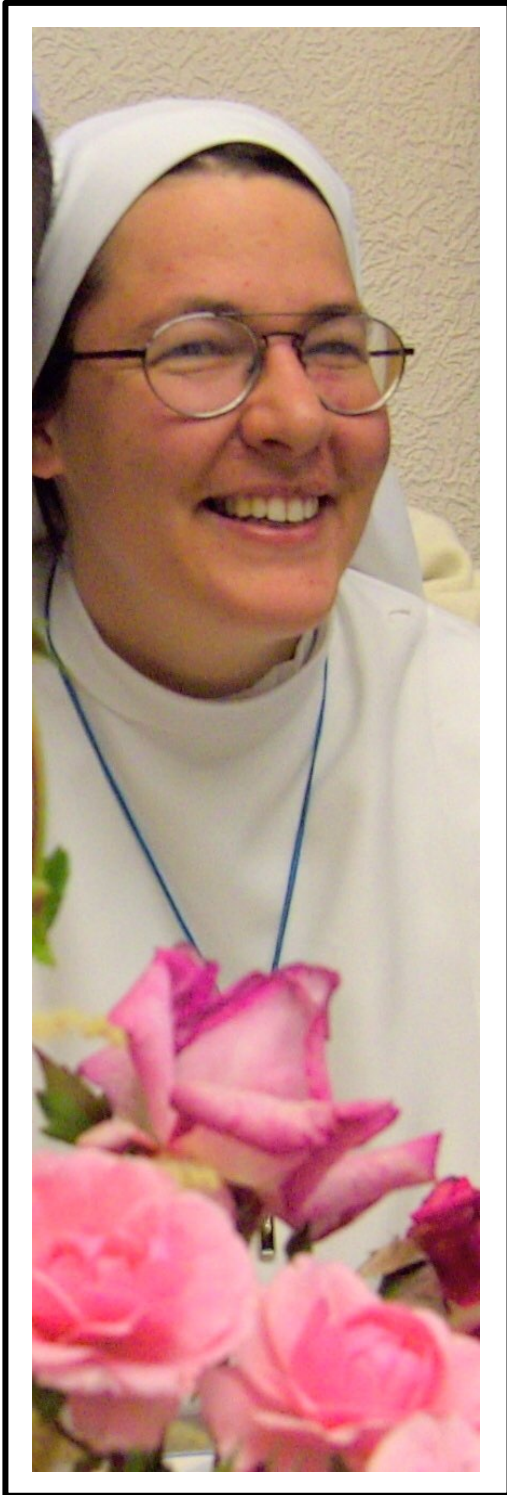
God our Father, thank you for calling her, manifest your glory in her. May the whole world see the glorious splendour of your love in your blessed servant Mother Chukwuemeka Eva Maria Steidl.

# Mother General

\* June 29, 1975

March 11, 2017

## Deeply moved we bid farewell to you!



thrown to her deathbed on Friday, 27th of February 2017, by a cerebral bleeding - a deep shock for all of us. She was fighting for even two more weeks - nearly incredible for the Doctors in the Gemelli Clinic in Rome -, until on Saturday, 11th of March 2017, at 6.45 pm, she gave back her soul into the hands of the Lord.

Father Montfort was waking at her hospital bed as well as numerous Sisters and clerics partly from Vatican, who got to know and to love Mother Chukwuemeka Maria during her years in Rome. Uncountable prayers, masses, rosaries, and sacrifices of fasting or others arose into heaven for her sake.

The obviously extraordinary circumstances of her life and of her death, on which we want to report hereby, caused the raising of more and more voices which are calling for:

# SANTA

# SUBITO !

After having suffered silently and without complaint from her serious sickness our Mother General was

# MOTHER GENERAL

## Her way and her works

*by Rev. Sr. Christina Ferraino SHL,  
the today Mother General of the Congregation of the Sisters  
of the Two Hearts of Love SHL since April 2017,*

*cf. Profile of Mother Chukwuemeka Eva-Maria Steidl SHL, edited in the "Book of  
Celebration of the Passover of a Faithful Daughter to the Father", 20th of April 2017*



Eva-Maria Steidl was born on 29th of June 1975 in Bad Windsheim in Bavaria, Germany. After two sons the family was more than happy to have daughters among whom was Maria. Her mother was very attracted by the name 'Maria' and combined it with her own - Eva - to name her newly born daughter. In her joy she used to sing one particular song to the Blessed Virgin Mary whenever she carried the baby girl in her arms. After Eva-Maria's birth the family was blessed with two more sons and another daughter,

Katharina Brigitte. When Eva-Maria was three years old she entered kindergarden.

1980 the family moved from Bad Windsheim to Solingen. There Eva-Maria began her primary education and she was fond of learning. Going to Church became a problem to her mother because her strong-willed daughter used to misbehave every

Sunday... But this mistake did not last long. On the occasion of an excursion of the Holy Communion-Group an elderly Priest met Eva-Maria and handed her a picture of Mother

Teresa of Calcutta. There was written on it:

**"You can do the same."**

She was the only child to be given a picture by that Priest.

When Eva-Maria was a teenager she re-vealed to her mother that she intended to be a religious sister. After primary school Eva-Maria entered Grammar School, first in From there she returned radiant with joy, ready to begin a religious life immediately. Her parents however advised her to continue her studies until her final exam.



*On the SHL-Pilgrimage to Israel,  
together with her parents, in 2009*

After her matura (JAMB) Eva-Maria under-took another pilgrimage to Medjugorje.

Back home she told her parents:

"I agreed with the Mother of God that She will tell me in time, which Congregation I shall join."

From that time on Eva-Maria kept waiting and waiting. Finally her brother Christian told her: "You can't be waiting without furthering your

Solingen, later, after her family had moved to Erlenbach on Main, she continued there. When Eva-Maria was 15 years old she participated in a pilgrimage to Medjugorje in Bosnia-Herzegovina in south-eastern Europe - one of the most famous places of Appearances of Our Lady in the world.

education. Think of what you would like to do."

So Eva-Maria decided to be a teacher. Her brother urged her to apply for the admission at Eichstätt University and she finally agreed to enroll there. So, gladly and convinced to fulfill the will of God, Eva-Maria moved to Eichstätt, entered the university and began to study pedagogy there.

She used to attend Holy Mass in the Cathedral of Eichstätt daily. When one day Very Rev. Fr. Dr. Montfort Chukwuemeka Okanwiko celebrated Holy Mass there in the Cathedral he saw her.

Later he reports: "I saw her at once, and Jesus told me:

**'See that lady sitting there? She is one of those I have prepared to work with you.'** "

After the celebration of Eucharist they happened to meet at the door to the sacristy and Fr. Montfort addressed her. She introduced herself to him: "I am Maria." And he



answered: "And I am Montfort Maria!" They laughed, both of them, and so her new life began.

When she heard him say his name she was deeply touched because two years ago, by the opportunity of a retreat, she had acquired "The Golden Book" of St. Louis Maria Grignon de Montfort and, through its guideline, she had consecrated herself to the Mother of God.

Soon Fr. Montfort informed her that she was meant to be a Sister of his, and she agreed. From that very day on she came to the Cathedral every day and joined the priest in the rosary during the Holy Hour. He prayed the Rosary of The Two Hearts of Love to which she developed a deep love. She wanted to know everything about this prayer and the mission of the Two Hearts of Love.

Eva-Maria was taught by Father Montfort and learned that this very extraordinary prayer was given to him by Jesus Himself when Montfort was still a young boy, living near Orlu in the South East of Nigeria, that big state in West-Africa.

He prayed the "Rosary of the Two Hearts of Love". Thanks to her love for this prayer, Eva-Maria became interested in this mission and learned that it had been entrusted to Fr. Montfort by Jesus Himself and that Jesus had dictated this prayer to

him in sections when he was a little boy. Eva-Maria wanted to know all about God's own and only solution to save all souls and to preserve the world - through a consecration to the Two Hearts of Love of Jesus and Mary and through faithful observance of the prayer times. Realizing the importance of a pure, holy mind and body for this mission, Eva-Maria, guided by Fr. Montfort, took a vow of virginity. She protected



and preserved it in her religious life until the end of her life on earth.

On her first trip to Nigeria with Fr. Montfort, she discovered that very many young women and men aspired to become priests, sisters and brothers. Still, it took her a full year to decide to become the only Onye Ocha ("white") to join an African congregation.

Eva-Maria finished her studies with a diploma in education and traveled to Nigeria in the summer of 1998. Her mother accompanied her, stayed there for 2 weeks and then traveled back to Germany. Her daughter then began her novitiate in Okigwe. She was in the first group of candidates presented by Bishop Anthony E. Ilonu of blessed memory at the opening of the Sisters' Congregation of Two Hearts of Love in Okigwe on August 7, 1998.

In her novitiate, Eva-Maria was entrusted with the functions of

secretary and supervised the novices. She performed these duties with such deep faith as if she were doing it for the Lord personally. She took the time to visit each of her fellow sisters when they fell ill. She used to chat with her, pray for her, encourage her to provide for her needs, and keep the novice mistress informed of her health. Sr. Maria reliably and punctually rang the novitiate bell. She was usually the first to get into the chapel, at least 15 minutes before the others.

From that early part of her ministry she was single-minded, exceptional in persevering prayer, penitent and generous. She was most of the time recollected. She was moved by a deep love for our Lord Jesus and by great devotion to Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Whenever the daily schedule allowed, Sr. Maria would remain in the chapel after the congregational prayer was over and kneel in worship for hours.

She learned Igbo (the language of the Nigerians of this region) to a degree that she could understand the content of a conversation, pray the Obi Ihunanya prayer and engage in a short conversation. She ate all Igbo dishes.

Sr. Maria was in the first group of sisters who made their temporary profession on April 23, 2000 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Okigwe, under the

Bishop, H.E. Anthony Ilonu, of blessed memory.

After that Fr. Montfort sent her to Eichstätt to study theology. After her first exam he sent her to Rome to continue her studies at the Pontifical Theological Faculty "Marianum".

Subsequently, Father Montfort wished that she should also earn her doctorate degree there. In 2015 she was awarded her PhD. The title of her doctoral thesis is:

"THE UNITY OF THE TWO HEARTS - an inculturated Christological-Marian spirituality" (see below), published in 2016 by Aracne, Rome.

In Rome, Sr. Maria initially found shelter with Mexican sisters. In 2002 she was joined by 3 more Sisters of Two Hearts of Love (SHL) to form a sister community. Sr. Maria became "preparer" (superior).

2 years later the four SHL sisters found cheap accommodation in Palmarola outside of Rome.

In 2006, Sr. Maria was called to Nigeria to prepare for her final profession, which took place on Easter Monday, April 17, 2006. She was given the name of our founding priest: Chukwuemeka.

The following year she took part in an economics course for religious in Rome, as well as a course for the formation of religious.

In 2008 the Sisters began caring for priests assisting bishops at the "Casa Assistenti" near the Vatican and for



retired priests in Fontecchio (AQ). Sr. Maria became the superior of the sisters who lived with her in the Casa Assistenti.

In April 2010 Sr. Chukwuemeka Eva-Maria Steidl was elected second Mother General .

She had to return to Rome for her studies, but she visited the "Universal Center of Two Hearts of Love" in Orlu, Imo-State, Nigeria twice a year for several weeks.

Mother Chukwuemeka used to arrange the program and venue for the annual "Pilgrimage of Love" which is the "Feast of the Two Hearts of Love" (which takes place on the Sunday after the Feasts of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the Immaculate Heart of Mary) for which our members from all over the world come together for a week.

"Madre" was also a popular and gifted teacher of catechism in the Nigerian parish at the Casilina (street in Rome) for 10 years.

In her role as superior for 14 years, she was used to seeking the Eucharistic Jesus in the house chapel before all important decisions, to be sure that the will of God was being done in her and through her - both in difficult and in simple matters.

Uncompromising obedience to Father Montfort was vital to her, and she knew it was also vital to the vocation of every sister in the Two Hearts of Love. Some freethinkers

therefore gave her the nickname "Father-said".



Mother Chukwuemeka learned to be very familiar with voluntary poverty. Through her unwavering refuge in Jesus, she knew that divine providence would give her what she needed to fulfill her mission in the Hearts of Love.

Our Mother General lived a very chaste life. She wore her habit at all times and in everything she did even sleeping in her bed. The only hug she welcomed when her sisters greeted her was our

liturgical embrace of the sign of peace. She was virginal not only in her body but also in her heart and spirit. She lived and sought only the pure and holy love, which she found in the hearts of love and in Father Montfort, the embodiment of love in the hearts of love. From this love she lived and for this love she sacrificed everything she was and everything she had. This love is what she brought to others, and she attracted others to this life and love. She understood the vital importance of the unity of all sisters in love with Fr. Montfort as she was one with him.



Her own unity with him was extraordinary. From there she drew all her strength.

Mother Chukwuemeka facilitated the translation of the Two Hearts of Love prayer into many languages and encouraged bishops to give her "imprimatur" for it. With everyone she came in contact with, she shared and explained this prayer, as well as the benefits of a consecration to the Two Hearts of Love of Jesus and Mary, through this prayer.

She herself prayed this prayer with absolute lifelong fidelity to the hours set by Jesus. Madre also kept a prayerfulness record as required by the Lord Jesus. She had her own, and in the chapel was that of the community, in which each sister wrote the time of her arrival at the chapel. This account required faithfulness - another of the seven vows that Mother Chukwuemeka lived truly heroically. There was no deceit in her, no dishonesty. She lived and died for the establishment of the reign of God's love on earth.

May her gentle soul rest in peace.  
Amen.

# "SANTA SUBITO!"

## Testimony on Mother Chukwuemeka Maria

*by Irmelin-Rose Fenske*



**In the night of the 4th to the 5th of January 2017 during Vigil Mass, on the Holy Mountain "Ugwu-Nso" in Orlu /Nigeria, Rev. Fr. Louis Maria Montfort Chukwuemeka Okaa (Okanwikpo) SHL, founder of our Congregation of the TWO HEARTS OF LOVE OF JESUS AND MARY SHL, kept the sermon and revealed to us a most particular promise of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus said:**

**"My children! Keep steadfast!**

**One more month! At most two!**

**Before March everything here will have changed."**

Most astonishing and absolutely ex-traordinary was it to hear such an exact date given by Jesus! Probably nobody of us had any idea of how to understand that announcement or how it might be realized ...

On Friday, 27th of February 2017, just one day before the end of March!, thousands of kilometres far away from that Holy Mountain - in Rome, the Capital of the worldwide Catholic Church, our dear Mother General all of a sudden was struck by a cerebral bleeding and fell into coma. She was taken to hospital although some of the doctors shook their heads in disbelief - for in their opinion she had not the least chance to survive. Yet dear Sister Maria surely would have just smiled about it... And indeed she still resided nearly two more weeks on earth - although totally paralyzed ... Only on the 11th of March she gave her soul back to her Creator.



By these two more weeks a good opportunity was opened for many people to rush to her bed of sickness, to pray there or in churches and houses, to order Holy Masses, and to offer sacrifices for her soul. Sisters of other congregations came to see her, students, docents, professors as well as priests, bishops, even cardinals - as a never ending stream of people who had so much appreciated her.

So it became clear very soon:

There in hospital did not lie any ordinary person - just on the contrary, there was lying a most extraordinary and outstanding personality! It was Cardinal Arinze who first put it in into words:

**"I am praying not only for her but to her!"**

Furthermore the subsequent checking of her poor personal belongings and documents as well

as the numerous testi-monies about her revealed it plainly:

**Mother Chukwuemeka Maria had really lived a saintly life!**

So very soon the call was to be heard:

Through that occurrence we learned what that outstanding promise of Jesus Christ meant for the reality of our lives:

Through her saintly life and death God had already planned and prepared great things for her and for the whole of our Congregation!



There in Rome then took place a solemn Requiem for Mother Chukwuemeka Maria attended by a high number of clerics of the Vatikan, by *Fr.Montfort* religious sisters and *comforts* brothers, by students, *Mother* teachers and *Chukwuemek* professors of *as' Sister* universities.



And he who should celebrate the Holy Mass was no less than Cardinal Arinze!

Her mortal remains were then prepared for the transport from Rome to Orlu in Nigeria and therefore embalmed by a family who since centuries is traditionally entrusted with it - even for Popes.

In Nigeria she was brought to the Holy Mountain Ugwu Nso and there in a small chapel, she was laid out in a glass coffin, waiting for her funeral in a highly air-conditioned room - while outside the temperature was about and more high



38°C

with

humidity.

Many religious people as well as people from Orlu came up here to pray.

Meanwhile, in the chapel on top of the Ugwu Nso, everybody worked in full swing to expand the side ships of the chapel and to build up a crypt close to the altar. Still just in the night before her burial there happened a totally extraordinary event:

A "working vigil" was announced in which all religious brothers, sisters and deacons, laboured hand in hand very hard but in wonderful unity and happiness to carry cement, sand, grabble and water on their heads



and helped with the cementing to get ready in time!

On April 20, 2017 the funeral solemnities took place in the Holy Spirit Cathedral of Orlu, led by HE Bishop Dr. Augustine T. Ukwuoma and supported by the Auxiliary Bishop of Onitsha!

Even Rev. Fr. Prof. John O. Egbulefu CCE of the Pontificia Università Urbaniana of Vatican in Rome did not hesitate to travel to Nigeria, to take place in the solemnity. In an impressive speech he gave evidence of Mr. Chukwuemeka's sacrificial life for God.



Then the glass coffin was taken out and carried through the town of Orlu by six Brothers in beaming cloaks, accompanied by celebrative drumming and numerous people of the town giving her a last escort.



There the coffin solemnly was placed beneath the altar so that all of us could give her a last reverence. Then the coffin was placed into the crypt and there it was exchanged by a slim white coffin, where the body of the departed was carefully taken in and the coffin closed.

Dear Mother General

- **MAY YOUR SOUL REST IN PEACE**

**SANTA SUBITO**

And thus that spectacular promise of Jesus Christ truly found its realization! Everything has now changed - it seems possible now that a first saint will arise from the congregation of the Two Hearts of Love! Even though this may take a long way - but then for sure all the numerous sufferings, defamations, rejections, humiliations etc. of this SOCIETY OF THE TWO HEARTS OF LOVE OF JESUS AND MARY SHL will foreseeably find an end. Then there will be opened up peoples' eyes and hearts and they will begin to acknowledge the inestimably high value of this mission for the salvation of all souls!





*In the Centre in Essen, May 2011*



Then the Lord may really - as He ardently wishes - pour His Love all over humanity. And the saving Prayer of the Two Hearts of Love will be spread all over the world - into its farest corners!

# SPEECH

## of H.E. Francis Cardinal Arinze,

*emerited Prefect of the Liturgy- & Sacrament-Congregation,  
at the Requiem Mass for Sr. Chukwuemeka Maria in the Church of the  
Franciscans, 14th of March 2017, Rome*

May Jesus Christ be praised!

My dear brothers in the  
priesthood, dear deacons, dear  
brothers and sisters in Christ!

We come together in  
faith and love and in a  
sense of strong  
ecclesial communion to  
beg God to receive the  
soul of our sister,  
dearly beloved Mother  
General, Mother  
Chukwuemeka



*Sr. Chukwuemeka Maria at our pilgrimage to Israel, in  
2009*

Eva-Maria Steidl,  
well known among us. She was  
with us last month, not yet four  
weeks ago, when we had mass for  
Father Robert in Sant' Ambrogio.  
She came to this world in 1975,  
was one of the earliest members of  
the Two Hearts of Love, professed  
in 2000, final profession in 2006  
and had been the superior general  
for the past seven years. The Lord  
called her on the 11th of this  
month. With the Nigerian  
community here she was well  
known. The presence of many in  
this chapel, more than the chapel  
normally takes, is eloquent, tribute  
to her together-ness, kindness.  
We don't forget that she sacrificed  
her home, culture and language to

be among the pioneers of the  
Nigerian congregation of Sisters of  
Two Hearts of Love, adopted  
beautifully even with the Nigerian

name and spoke  
Nigerian also, one or  
two of our languages.  
God's ways are not our  
ways.

If the Lord has asked us  
for advice, we would  
have begged the Lord  
since she has been  
fully launched now,

please give her 60 years before  
you take her.

But God does not ask for our  
advice and He does not need it. We  
bow in front of divine providence  
but not without faith because we  
are human. We offer our  
condolences to her dear mother  
and her brother who are here  
present now.

Others will speak to you in your  
German Deutsche Sprache later.

We thank you for being the mother  
of such an exceptional daughter.  
You look like her sister. We offer  
our condolences to Father  
Montfort and the whole  
congregation of the Two Hearts of  
Love. The Marianum is also very

sad because she was just beginning in the Marianum. The Nigerian community in Rome is mourning. We are in tears, but also in hope for this was a good person, a good religious. If God asked our advice we would suggest she should go to heaven non stop. But only God knows so we must pray.

Death for us Christians is lightened by faith in Christ, we know that Christ died and rose again. Our Lord assured us "I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in Me although he dies will live." Martha said: "I know, he will rise again on the last day." But Christ was promising Martha and Mary immediate resurrection to new life for Lazarus. We beg the Lord to give her eternal rest. On our side we are expected to have mass for her, not only today. And we are expected to offer other liturgical acts for her, the rosary, sacrifices, penances, and alms-giving to the poor.

If she is already in heaven as we pray and hope, God has no problem to apply these acts for other people.

Mother Chukwuemeka Eva-Maria gave us a good example on how to follow Christ, to all of us here, priests, religious, lay faithful. May she rest in the peace of Christ, may also the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



*Sr. Chukwuemeka Maria at our pilgrimage to Israel, in 2009*





# **SPEECH**

## **of Prof. Salvatore M. Perrella, OSM**

*Preside of MARIANUM,  
PONTIFICIA FACOLTÀ TEOLOGICA, ROME  
at the Requiem Mass in the Church of the Franciscans, March 14, 2017*

### **"IN TRIBUTE TO SISTER EVA-MARIA STEIDL"**

Your Eminence, Most Rev. Cardinal Francis Arinze;  
Reverend Pater Montfort, Founder of the Association of the Two Hearts of  
Love;

dear Madam, Mother of Sr. Chukwuemeka,  
and dear Sir, Brother of Sr. Chukwuemeka,  
dear Brother Priests, Sisters, and dear friends,

we are celebrating this  
Funeral Mass for our  
beloved Sister Eva-  
Maria Steidl, who,  
totally unexpectedly  
and grievously left us at  
the age of only 41 years,  
on Saturday, 11th of  
March 2017, and passed  
away into the house of  
the Father

In his scripture of 1967  
with the significant title  
"Il morire cristiano"  
("The Christian Dying"),

Queriniana, Brescia 2009, the great  
German theologian Karl Rahner  
(✠1984) contemplated, how the  
entire human existence is directed  
towards death, and this in ultimate  
consequence decisive moment leads  
[...] "into a theology of the spirit and  
the conscience, into a theology of  
freedom, into a theology of human



commiseration and  
love, into a Christian  
description of the  
exerted, fundamental  
human existence (fear,  
hope, joy, despair, trust  
etc.), because this 'being  
towards death' is  
significant for all what is  
present in human life  
and gets its problem-  
atic nature from  
there, its opening for  
the mystery and for its  
utmost serious-ness."

(S. 21)

If man and woman, who by sin are  
determined to a 'being towards  
death', were redeemed due to  
Christ's occurrence with His death  
and His resurrection, then they were  
determined to a 'being towards  
eternal life' in the spirit of the Father  
and the Son - according to just that



promise of Christ! With these comforting Christian thoughts we commemorate Sr. Eva-Maria and pray for her.

I am talking to you on behalf of the Pontifical Theologian Faculty of the 'Maria-num' in Rome, which by the church was determined to teach intellectual and spiritual knowledge and formation about the person, the work and the significance of Blessed Mary for the faith and for the life in faith (cf. Lumen gentium 52 - 69).

In this faculty Eva-Maria Steidl, after having passed the exam in theology and in 2005 as well the specialization on dogmatic at the Pontifical University Urbaniana of Rome, enrolled on October 4th, 2007 in our faculty "Marianum" into the 'Third Circle' for the doctorate. After having brilliantly passed the exclusively mariologic-marian courses of two years with the result 'summa cum laude', she stated and defended - under the direction of Prof. Salvatore M. Perrella - her doctoral theses on December 2nd, 2014, with the title "The Union of the Hearts of Love of Jesus and Mary. The Attempt at Mariology Relationships."

On February 13th, 2015, after having submitted the publication of an excerpt of her theses, she was awarded the academic degree of a doctor of the Holy Theology, with specialization on Mariology,

qualified with the result 'summa cum laude' and with 29,1 of 30 voices. On suggestion of Prof. Perrella she then took courses at the Pontifical University Gregoriana of Rome to accomplish and deepen them, and finished with the highest possible rating! On June 30, 2015, on the unanimous agreement of the Council of the Presidium and the Council of the Faculty, she was called the assistant of the dean, Prof. Salvatore M. Perrella, on the chair of dogmatic and mariology at the Pontifical Theological Faculty "Marianum".

In the year of 2016 the Professor, Theologian and Mariologist Maria Steidl put in print her book "The Union of The Hearts. An Inculturated Christological-Marian Spirituality", Publishing House Aracne, Rome 2016, 817 pages.

Dear friends, I hereby testify in great love and gratefulness that Sister Eva-Maria Steidl truly was an exceptional student with a 'hunger' for studying the mystery of the Most Holy Mother of God, and to continuously explore and deepen it, especially under the aspect of the African inculturation and of the religious life.

As the Dean and a Decent Professor of the Chair of Mariology I accepted her gladly and have always increased my confidence into her as well as entrusted her more and more lessons. The lecturers and the

students have highly estimated her for her academic zeal, for her earnestness, and her never vicious severity that served best to Theology and to the students, whom she took close to her in devoted care.

She was a woman of select intelligence, of a solid theology "acquired on her knees" (St. Maximilian Kolbe), humble and patient.

Imagine that, during her elaborate formulation of her monumental theses - now published and available for her institute and of which I hope will be made good use and which will be treated as her "spiritual testament" - I repeatedly asked her to get to see her concepts, information, texts a.s.o.: never ever even one single complaint came from her nor the least allusion of proud rebellion - on the contrary, and I repeat it - she showed humility, patience and a creative obedience and ... she smiled!

Sister Eva-Maria truly was a beautiful and lovely person! We from "Marianum" had found a lecturer in her, on which secure hope was to build - and for many years! Yet - "The Lord has given it, the Lord has taken it, praised be the name of the Lord!" (Gb 1,21)

I will close this my grateful commemorate with another high thought about death which in general is believed by human beings,

this time I will take it from the new book of Cardinal Camillo Ruini, the Vicarius Emeritus of the diocese of Rome and emerited President of the Italian Bishop's Conference:

The Cardinal writes in the book: "C'è un dopo? La morte e la speranza" ["Is there a hereafter? Death and Hope"], Mondadori, Milano 2016, at the end of the claim of the First Letter to the Corinthians:

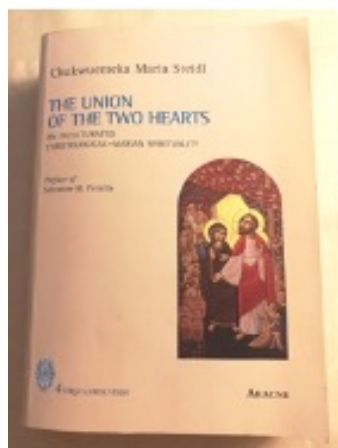
"Se noi abbiamo avuto speranza in Cristo soltanto per questa vita siamo da commiserare più di tutti gli uomini" ["If we have put our hope in Christ only for this life we are more miserable than all other men."] (1 Kor 15,19): that these words of the apostle Paulus expressed the high consciousness that to be a Christ only for this world is of poor worth, but in the contrary derives it from any sense .. Without the resurrection the message of the cross would be inhuman and would offend the wisdom and goodness of God. If however we bear the "great hope" in our hearts that exceeds the earthly horizon and aims at eternity and if we let us lead by it then we - to use an expression of Taylor - would flourish in this world already! (S. 168) This our so much beloved Sister Eva-Maria Steidl is praying, and, by a unique grace, is blooming as a justified soul in the garden of Heaven, that is the Community of the Saints, where she, without any interruption and delay,

enjoys the blessing sight of the Holy Trinity, of the Holy Virgin and of the Saints! Amen. Prof. Salvatore M. Perrella, OSM, Dekan



*Last Good-bye to her sister:*

*Bridget Katharina is praying at the coffin of her sister Maria, together with Fr. Montfort and Rev. Sr. Christina Ferraino SHL, the newly elected Mother General of the Sisters' Congregation*



*Doctorate Thesis from Sr. Chukwuemeka Maria Steidl*



## **Prayer Song for Mother Chukwuemeka Maria**

**1. O Mother Chukwuemeka,  
thank God - your deepest love  
draw you by Father's mercy  
to Heaven high above.**

**O Mutter Chukwuemeka,  
dich tiefste Liebe erkor,  
und zog dank Gottes Gnade  
zum Himmel dich empor.**

**2. O Mother Chukwuemeka,  
your suffering and your harms  
help souls to same endurance  
towards Jesus' loving arms.**

**O Mutter Chukwuemeka,  
dein Schmerz und all dein Leid  
helf ausharr'n allen Seelen,  
bis hin zu Jesu Freud.**

**3. O Mother Chukwuemeka,  
have mercy with our need  
and send us help from Heaven  
by all the good you did.**

**O Mutter Chukwuemeka,  
was du getan für Gott,  
send Hilfe uns vom Himmel  
für alle unsre Not.**

**4. O Mother Chukwuemeka,  
may you please be the one  
to plead to the Almighty  
that His Will may be done.**

**O Mutter Chukwuemeka,  
ach, bitte du erfleh'  
vom Vater, dem Allmächt'gen,  
dass Sein Wille gescheh'.**

**5. O Mother Chukwuemeka,  
so dear to God you are -  
help you God's Love to reign,  
be you His rising star.**

**O Mutter Chukwuemeka,  
so teuer bist du dem Herrn -  
hilf herrschen Seiner Liebe,  
sei Sein aufgeh'nder Stern.**

**6. O Mother Chukwuemeka,  
raise The Two Hearts of Love  
to reign down here on earth  
as there in Heaven above.**

**O Mutter Chukwuemeka,  
zum Reich auf Erden hier  
verhilf den Herzen der Liebe  
vom Himmel her für und für.**

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# **Report on Mother General Chukwuemeka Eva-Maria Steidl SHL, of the Congregation of Sisters of the Two Hearts of Love**

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My dear Father Priests, Deacons, Brothers, Sisters, Lay-Apostles and Guests of the Two Hearts of Love!

For me to add something to all these praising words we have already heard about our dear departed, Mother General Chukwuemeka Maria Steidl SHL, is not easy, as many wonderful pictures have already been drawn here about her outstanding personality!

I will - in a first part - report what I personally saw and heard and felt of her in our life of the Two Hearts of Love. In a second part I want to share some thoughts of more general nature, thoughts about her being needed as a saint in our world and church of today. And a third part will deal with Mother Chukwuemeka's work for the Two Hearts of Love and my personal testimony.

## **Part I**

### **1. Mother Chukwuemeka Maria - her appearance to me**

What I saw in her was a highly vivid, open hearted and cheerful person, not withdrawing from the community but taking in a place in our midst. She was always smiling, kind, full of joy. To me she seemed entirely satisfied, peaceful, so she gave the impression of somebody who is "at peace with the world and herself" and I add: at peace with God. She appeared to be somebody who

knows her place in this world, has found it and lives it and is content with it.

She was the contrary of a small, slim, shy or fragile person: rather compact, having both of her feet firmly on the ground of reality, taking in a good volume by her physical appearance as well as by her firm character and by her position among others. She was a personality who, wherever she appeared, was at once to be seen, heard and listened to. She seemed to be strong, independent, self-confident, and strictly pursuing a once acknowledged goal.

As far as I saw her, she didn't mind the meaning of others about her person. Even in her white habit that was always to be seen from far already, she was of a simple, modest and humble appearance rather than of any elegance. Not possible to imagine her in high heels... She wore open sandals and was barefooted and -legged whenever possible, not caring in the least about the fashion others would show. I presume that she would even have appeared before the Pope in her sandals. She was who she was and did not race for human's acknowledge and applause. Her speech was clear and direct, frank and straightforward and without exception positive. She was never moaning, never complaining, never grumbling or blaming anybody.

At times she could be silent and introverted - even could it happen, that she shed loud- less tears.

But most of the time I experienced her as a more extroverted person, freshly speaking - not minding the loudness, entering a room or a group and filling the atmosphere with her presence.

You could always see and hear her laughter that would burst out just from her heart full of joy and happiness! It was like a child's laughter about something very wonderful and amazing. Nothing bad or ugly seemed to exist for her. Never did I experience any sign of irony, of bitterness, of arrogance in her laughter... Such things seemed totally unknown to her. This her laughter rang throughout the house as bells, clear and light and pure.

And just like that was her voice - her spoken voice and especially her singing: clear and light and pure.

She had the gift of a wonderful soprano and it was a happy experience to sing the psalms together with her during the prayer times. The psalms and the hymns!

Her praying was filled with life and love, never did she just automatically rattle the prayers off. Her praying rather expressed her happiness and was filled with the whole presence of her being. Though she used to keep the prayer times perfectly well she never seemed to be in a hurry. I never saw her running or hasting. It looked

as if she had all the time of the world for all of her duties - and these were not few.

In her mind and soul there seemed to be no space for anything negative. She just did not allow darkness and wickedness to enter her mind and her speech - and by that to give life to it.

All these virtues appeared in her face which was open, honest and trustworthy, ready to turn to everybody who addressed her, full of sympathy and good will for others. Her facial traits were of harmonic seizes and measures, of even and equal sides right and left, and of beautiful, spirited and clean-cut features. Bearing a large reddish sign on her left cheek since her birth never seemed to disturb her or make her ashamed.

## **2. Mother Chukwuemeka Maria - with her parents**

In 2009 I got to know her parents. Together with others we were on that wonderful pilgrimage to the home country of our Lord Jesus Christ, to Israel. And she had taken with her both of her parents. Her mother Evi probably inherited not only her name to Eva-Maria, but also most of the traces of her character: young, joyous, vivid, temperamental and agile. She, Evi, though small, slim and of a light physic, appeared like a mirror image to her daughter, like a sister to her or a very near friend, and



both of them could burst into an affectionate laughter.

Mother Evi and daughter Eva-Maria cared thoroughly for Father Steidl, who - much to our surprise and amazement - accompanied his family to that noteworthy pilgrimage. He, of a massy and broad appearance, gave the impression of a good-hearted man, calm, prudent, steady, not easily to get worked up.

So both of her parents gave part of their being to their daughter who thus seemed to be a wonderful combination of the traces of character of her parents.

Her Father, already seriously sick - hard had he to labour to cope with all the demands and strains of this travel! It was a wonderful sight this family gave us, when his wife on one side and his daughter on the other took him under his arms and supported him in walking. The three of them gave an impression of affinity, of familiarity and harmony, and this might also be the foundation of their spiritual life they must obviously have had in common. There, in these dear persons and in the model for Chukwuemeka's life that her parents gave her, we can be sure to see the foundation of Maria's spiritual roots, development and many of her virtues.

That is now 8 years ago. Father Steidl, this head of her family who gained respect and love both from his wife and his daughter, is still alive, though

very sick - but his young daughter died.

Nobody would ever have expected, that he - already seriously sick in 2009 - should survive her and would have to see his daughter dead....

### **3. Mother Chukwuemeka Maria - her high level of intellectual education**

From time to time Sr. Maria - later Mother Maria - would come to Essen when Father Montfort was there, in order to accompany him at his missionary travels.

She then used to translate his preachings - prompt, highly concentrated, competent and eloquent - and easily finding the correct words. These were the occasions when her high level of education, of her intelligence, her wide range of knowledge, quickly at hand, and especially her talent for foreign languages could be experienced. It was a high intellectual joy to listen to her and rejoice her translations. So when in 2015 Father Montfort proudly announced that she had succeeded in her dissertation and now was "Dr. Maria Steidl" I was gladly surprised but not astonished! Only in these days now I learned that she even has become an assistant professor of Theology at the Pontifical University Urbania of Rome, on the Chair of the faculty "Marianum".



Last year however, in December 2016, I could get my own insight into her intellectual abilities, when I happily gained one of the copies of her dissertation at the event of Thanksgiving here in Nigeria. When I looked through this book at home, I found it stunning: More than 800 pages dealing with the spirituality, the history, the arising and developing of the Congregation of the Two Hearts of Love. When I saw it in December 2016, my first thought that struck me, was:

**"This is her life's work!"**

But nothing did I know about how real that should be only two months later...!

I am, was and will be highly pleased with this rich and true compendium about the Two Hearts of Love and I will study it with great thankfulness for this immeasurably precious work she inherited to us, to the Congregation, to the Church and to the world. Yet high above all of these traces of Mother Chukwuemeka's appearance was her relationship to Father Montfort.

#### **4. Mother Chukwuemeka - her relation- ship to Father Montfort**

So, as I already reported, in those past years when we were travelling together or celebrating the Feast in Rome she would translate Father

Montfort's preaching - nearly synchronically, simultaneously with him. She obviously understood every word of Father, she never failed - it even seemed as if she already knew his following words in advance. The items of his preachings were so near to her, so familiar and self evident, that it was as if she herself was preaching.

In these translations she was as courageous as to imitate his talking exactly in voice, mimic, gesture and even loudness. She was his perfect image and voice!

But even more! To characterise her relationship to Father Founder I would like you to have a look at some situations in our centre in Essen. When Father would give us some talk there she was listening most eagerly. And when he asked some question and we were to answer - then we could experience, how such an answer sprang up in her, so that she then happily and enthusiastically gave the answer and was talking about and explaining her idea.

These were the rare occasions through which a very special kind of spiritual bonding was shining up between Father Montfort and Mother General. It seemed to me that Father for her was the sheer incorporation of the Two Hearts of Love to whom she therefore bore a deep affection in her heart - yes, it is true to say: a deep love, a pure love, a spiritual and angelic love.

And here we are at the centre of her being, at the very core of her heart.

This mission of the Two Hearts of Love was the centre of her life, the centre of her entire being and all and everything in her rallied around it. And Father Montfort as the founder and Christ's chosen messenger for her was the one and only on earth to bring this message from Heaven down to earth, right into her heart.

In her heart there was no place for any doubt, any criticism, not even any further question. What he told and ordered seemed to be her law of life. I sometimes had the imagination of her sitting at the feet of Jesus like Mary of Bethany. Nothing else in the world would then concern her, exist for her.

And at some of these special occasions there sometimes occurred something like a kind of hidden dialogue between both of them which was nourished from a very deep inner source, a source which both of them seemed to have in common, a source which was the very Heart of Jesus and Mary. This accordance and inner spiritual harmony between Father Montfort and Mother Chukwuemeka Maria existed beyond words.

It was her greatest delight. You could then easily see and hear and feel, how her total being exploded in joy and uncontrollable happiness, totally absorbed and no longer concerned with anything around her. This source

of happiness in her spirit - caused by the Two Hearts of Love and Father Montfort as their representative on earth - was filling her entire being, her body, mind and spirit. Nothing else existed in her life, and all what happened was part of it.

## **5. Mother Chukwuemeka's acting in issues of problems**

That background given I now dare to share with you an experience which I had with Mother General that was rather difficult to me to understand. This brought me in a not small confusion when I - as everybody of us here - was now asked to bear a testimony of her. I owe it in great thank-fulness to our new Mother General, Mother Christina Ferraino SHL, who proposed me to pray our Prayer of the Two Hearts of Love in the intention of understanding and to beg for the assistance of the Holy Spirit to guide me and to open my eyes for the truth. And so it happened indeed.

For many years it belonged to the tasks of Mother Chukwuemeka Maria to prepare the annual solemnities of the Feast of the Two Hearts of Love in Rome. She provided the communities in the different countries with all the needed information on the Feast.

In some recent year I was given the task to do these preparations for our country, Germany, so I waited for her information in order to then write the

invitations. Unfortunately I had to wait rather a long time till Sr. Maria sent me the needed dates by email. Even then I still had a lot of questions which I begged her to answer - especially concerning an additional pilgrimage to Turin where the Holy Shroud was

exposed in that year. To make a long story short - that pilgrimage could not be offered in our country because her answers did not come. Later I got to know that she had indeed been in Turin - together with Father Montfort.

So you will easily see that I had a great problem in understanding what had happened. Later in Rome I asked her about that - and, as it is unfortunately my way of acting in such problems, I talked to her in excited and blaming words, upset... She, however, did not say anything. She did not lose her temper nor her kindness. She kept quiet and peaceful. She understood my disappointment, apologised to me but did not give me any explanations, did not defend herself, nor blame me for my anger. It took me all these years up to this very moment when I went to write down this report, that I - with the help of Mother Christina's good advice and with the assistance of the Holy Spirit and the powerful prayer - found a possible reason for her behaviour in this case, which might possibly be a model for me and others of the same kind.

So now I try to show you how this case became a very strong, yet painful, but most precious lesson for me which I will never forget: a lesson to teach me a kind of life I have not yet been able to live up to this very moment: That is a life of total selfresponsibility and commitment.

Obviously she had had very good reasons for her not reacting to my requests, especially for Turin. These reasons must have been of such a kind, that she felt not authorised to share them with me. Instead of struggling with me she just took the entire responsibility on herself - for the delay and for the missing of her answers - and was also ready to bear the consequences in form of being misunderstood.

She might perhaps easily have thrown the responsibility for those problems on somebody else, but nothing of that! She kept her silence and thus showed the deepest and untouchable commitment for her task which she obviously had to fulfil: Probably that was to bring Father Montfort to the Holy Shroud in Turin and nothing else. She agreed to be blamed by me rather than to expose what she was not authorised to expose to me.

This was and is and will be a very strong and highly important lesson for me which to learn and imitate I will have still very much to fight for and will urge me to ask for Jesus' and Mary's help.

Let us now come to part II in which I would like to offer you some more general thoughts concerning the actual situation in the world and in the Church - a situation which cries for help from Heaven - a help which may partly now be given to us in the sanctity of Mother Chukwuemeka Maria.

Mother Chukwuemeka Maria was born in Germany, but has also been living in Nigeria and in Rome. She has applied for a Nigerian passport additional to her German one.

So we may see in her a kind of personified link between these very special countries, Germany and Nigeria, a link between each other and a link by and through the spiritual centre they have in common: that is our Mother Church in Rome.

Let us first have a look on these two countries, which Chukwuemeka was part of - by birth as well as by choice - and later on the Church of Rome as being their unifying spiritual centre.

## Part II

### **6. Mother Chukwuemeka - God's answer to the problems of division in Germany and Nigeria**

As different as these two countries are, yet they have a lot in common.

1. Both of these countries are very densely populated, they are among

the most populated states in the world (every fifth person in the world of a black complexion is a Nigerian!).

2. In their continents they are at the top of the rank concerning economy. In 2015 Nigeria surpassed even South Africa by the high level of its growing economy. In terms of economy Germany as well keeps the first place in Europe and one of the first places in the world.

3. As Nigeria is nearly divided into two parts since the day of her foundation in 1960, likewise it happened to Germany through a result of the Second World War.

4. The division of Germany in a Western and an Eastern part was the result of a violent conquer by which the victorious Russian government took nearly a third of the country by force and formed it into the so-called "Deutsche Demokratische Republik, [German Democratic Republic] DDR", which was an euphemistic and betraying name, as it became a satellite state of their totalitarianism and forced under the terrible atheistic ideology of Communism. The division of Nigeria, too, was caused by an act of violence - by the British Colonial Government:

It was the random and despotic political fusion between two blocks of different cultures, traditions, languages and beliefs - the North

belonging to the Islam since many centuries, and the south having adopted the Christian belief by the European Missionaries. They mostly dropped their natural religions during the 19th and 20th century. So, both of the countries were or still are having to suffer from a violent confrontation with non-Christian regimes on their territories, which in Germany were made visible through a wall of cement and thorned wire throughout the country, with soldiers and machine guns - and in Nigeria through machetes, terror attacks and extinguishing of entire villages.

And in these two countries, as in a burning lens, there are to be seen the two most dangerous and violent ideologies in the world, the Communism and the terroristic Islamism, both of them atheistic (from the Christian point of view), violent, and not respecting the human rights. But instead pursuing the gain of control over the whole world, the whole mankind - by all means. These are in fact devilish ideologies, raised to extinguish Christianity on this planet.

Yet in 1989 by the totally unexpected grace of Heaven and by the help of our heavenly Mother Mary, by her Immaculate Heart, the wall in Germany broke down, the violent grip of communistic totalitarianism all over Europe was taken down in peace - that was a miracle which could have hardly been imagined only a few

months before. Mother Mary put her foot on the neck of the red dragon and crashed its head as already promised in the bible. The world-wide breakdown of the communistic regimes was the result.

Would not the time now have come for our Lady to do the same with the black hords of terroristic Islamists as well?

In the person of Mother General Chukwuemeka Maria, through her great love to Nigeria and with her becoming a living saint there already may now grow hope for a development to the better in Nigeria as well - the defeat of the Islamists' terror - not by war but by prayer and heavenly graces.

It may come all of a sudden and as unexpectedly as it did in Germany 28 years ago. May Mother Chukwuemeka Maria be the one to plead to our Mother Mary for help against the Islamistic terror in Nigeria - the country she loved so much - and world- wide!

## **7. Mother Chukwuemeka - God's awaited help against the division of the Christian Church**

Let us have a look now on the Christian Church of Rome and through this on an even more important and devastating division - that is the deplorable division of the Christian belief into the Roman Catholic Church and the

Protestantism with its countless denominations worldwide.

This terrible division is mainly - but not only - owed to one German person, to Dr. Martin Luther, (1483 - 1546) and has caused immeasurable grief in terrible religious wars, especially the 30-year-old War. Furthermore it brought a terrible damage to the Roman Catholic Church not only in Germany and Europe but all over the world.

So let us now have a look at this person and the terrible consequences he caused. That scholar of the beginning 16th century unfortunately led a rather bad and wild life and frankly bore witness of it in his later printed "Tischgesprächen" [Table preachings]. He escaped into a monastery and became a monk and later a priest - but not due to a vocation and his love for God, but as a deceit only in order to prevent his condemnation as a murderer, for he had killed one of his co-students in one of those then famous but officially forbidden duels.

But instead of repenting and humbly bow- ing down under the forgiveness of God in His sacramental confession of the Church Luther even made it worse by inventing his own ideas about God and His Church and declared nearly all of the sacraments as invalid.

One of his most destructive claims were, that only the human faith should count in the eyes of God -

whereas the good works would mean nothing. God in His great mercy would even save a soul who was sinning thousands of times a day ["Peccate fortiter!"] - and even without any repentance, only due to the once and forever suffered and sacrificed death of Christ. He discriminated the celibacy of the Religious and the clergy and even allowed a hidden polygamy for nobles... By his powerful preachings - and, it is true, by the weakness of the Catholic Church in those days - he convinced the people of God, even the clergy. Hundreds of monks and nuns left their monasteries and went back into the world. Luther himself - as a still Catholic Priest! - married such a former nun. He put his ideas into 95 theses which he published in the year 1517 in Wittenberg in Germany. That was the very year 400 years before Our Lady appeared in Fatima and asked for the consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart in order to stop the spreading of Russia's false ideologies - that is the atheism.

This was the opening of the so-called "Reformation", by which Luther and his companions and followers meant to reform the Roman Catholic Church but indeed they fanned the flames of hate against the Church which in truth aroused a terrible revolution against God and His Church. The "Protestants", as they soon were called, kicked off the authority of the

UNA SANCTA CATOLICA AND APOSTOLICA ECCLESIA - the One and Only Holy Catholic - that means all including - Roman Church.

Luther and his followers founded a kind of "After-Church", as our Lady named it to the seer Saint Anna-Katharina Emmerich, that was called "Protestant Church".

In Reality this Protestantism is not a Church of God but an institution of men - though it may not totally lack some graces by Heaven.

By that the Roman Church was terribly wounded and is still today. In the Protestantism a wide range of gifts of heavenly graces, stored in the Catholic Church, are denied, thrown away, destroyed. For example: There does not exist something like the Holy Eucharist with its realpresence of Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, no transsubstantiation, no Sacramental Confession, no purgatory, no celibacy, no acknowledgement of the pope, only 2 of the 7 liturgical sacraments were left (baptism and "Abendmahl" i.e. the meal of bread and wine, but without priestly consecration) etc. and thus billions of souls have since been misled.

But not only did Luther cause such an immeasurable spiritual damage but also he prepared the ground for so many bloody rebellions in the history of all Europe! He proclaimed the people's raising against any God-given leaders, preached against any hierarchy and encouraged the lower

classes to uprise against the upper and privileged

ones. His ideas spread like a wildfire throughout Europe and led to wars and revolutions.

Since then more than 50% of the German population are Protestants. They, among much more, do not believe in any canonisation. There do not exist any protestant saints - sanctity is only acknowledged as a kind of model of life - but not as a super-natural work of Heaven. Many protestants even have a rather bad opinion on sanctifying persons, relics, consecrated water etc.

But the utmost evil mistake of that belief is their refusing of Our Lady, Mother of God, as well as all Saints in Heaven and on Earth.

No wonder, that, overlooking the nearly 1200 years of the ecclesial history in Germany, we have to state that there were only rather few persons who have been found worthy to be raised to the honour of the altars - and even less female saints.

In summary there are only less than 10 very well known and famous female saints in the church of Germany, like the SSt. Gertrudis and Mechtildis of Helfta, St. Hildegard of Bingen, St. Elisabeth of Thüringen, St. Anna Katharina of Emmerich, St. Theresia of Konnersreuth, St. Anna Schäffer.

The last of them probably was St. Edith Stein living in the time of the 2nd World War, that is about 70 and

more years ago. Would it not be high time now for the Church in Germany and the world to be granted a new great saint as Mother Chukwuemeka Maria?

Could she whom God led to live a saintly life and to die a saintly death and who was - after Father Montfort - the representative of the Two Hearts of Love in her person, not be the one to heal the terrible wounds and damage of God's Holy Church - being caused in Germany and Nigeria and all over the world?

Could not the powerful praying and pleading of Saint Chukwuemeka Maria in Heaven be a consolation for the Church of today who is nearly dying?? May God provide the divided and abandoned Church of her home country and the persecuted and terrified Church in the country of her vocation with the graces and the joy of a new saint, Mother Chukwuemeka Maria, and may He through her grant a new unification of the Christian Church in the Two Hearts of Love!

## **8. Mother Chukwuemeka - her arising to sainthood in the year of jubilees 2017**

Mother Chukwuemeka Maria died on the 11th of March, 2017. This is not only some random date, but this is a very special year with a triple special significance for the world, for the church in general and for the

Canonisation of Mother Chukwuemeka in special.

### **8.1**

#### **100 Years'-Remembrance terrifying Russian Revolution**

This year reminds us of the terrible Revolution in Russia of October, 1917 - one of the bloodiest events in the history of mankind, with the upcoming communism and with billions of dead.

### **8.2**

#### **500-Years'-Jubilee of the 95 theses of Martin Luther for the Protestantism**

The Protestantism is rejoicing of the 500- Years'-Jubilee of the 95 theses of Luther published in 1517. There will be great feasts and official ceremonies to honour this person who nowadays is highly estimated - and not only among the protestant population. Little or nothing do those people know about him, about his life and his intentions, and they will obviously not take notice of his terrible life which has been witnessed and written down by his own students in his "Tisch- Gesprächen" (Tabel Talks). And it is not only by Protestants that there is claimed a certain "sainthood" for him!\*)

So we have to struggle and to pray that this might be prevented! Let us therefore cry for help to Saint Chukwuemeka Maria! From day to day it becomes more evident how



seriously damaged the Catholic Church is today and how she is being abandoned and going down to such a serious ruin as former generations never would have been able to imagine. Though she never will be destroyed, yet she really looks as if she were in danger to die; she is pushed away, mocked at, looked upon as old-fashioned and not up-to-date, some-thing ridiculous being left over from the dark Middle Ages with their burning of witches, with the Inquisition and the slaughter of the crusades. People nowadays are proud to say: I believe in something like God, but I disgust the Church. Or many even use to say: I am an Atheist. There is no God.

Thus, surrounded by such a climate of denying any belief especially in the public area, more and more Catholics have to struggle to remain faithful - in Germany only about 6% of them attend the Sunday Masses with falling tendency. Churches are empty, are being deconsecrated, profaned, sold, turned into theatres or shopping malls, or even sold to Muslims to be turned into Mosques.

\*) cf. Albert Mock, Abschied von Luther -Psychologische and Theologische Reflexionen zum Lutherjahr

Sorry and sad to say, that even some bishops are in danger of preferring to cope with the main stream opinions

instead of keeping strong and faithful and to support their small flocks.

Yes, the German and the European Roman Catholic Church is hanging on the cross, She is condemned to death, is dying already since decades.

I know what I am talking about, as by God's gracefully invention I was led to conversion from parental Freemasonry and Protestantism to the One and Only Holy, Eternal Christian Church, the Roman Catholic Church. To God be the glory! How can it be possible that in such a climate of Anti-Catholicism will ripe a person to the blessed state of possibly becoming a saint? How will our abandoned Catholic population - and not only them - get the consolation of a saint person deriving from our own rows?

How will it be possible that there will be a saint person in Germany who, by her living and her dying will give a model of life for the youth, who is so terribly misled, morally destroyed and possibly condemned to eternal death - yet so many are longing for the truth and the hail?

Well, as we happily can see now: With God nothing is impossible! He is still at work, and so is His Holy Mother, since in this year, 2017, there is still another jubilee!

### 8.3

**The 100-Years'-Jubilee of Our Lady's appearance in Fatima 1917**

Our Lady in Fatima warned and begged in vain. But as she later helped to wipe out the Communism (at least the visible part of it...!) she as well will and may help to cure the Holy Catholic Church from all of her wounds she has been suffering from since centuries! More than ever in history we are now facing a terrible war on all existing levels of life: The war between Darkness and Light. So we urgently need Mary's help!

### **9. Mother Chukwuemeka Maria - SANTA SUBITO!**

Maybe now, in this very special and blessed year 2017, we may be given the help and remedy for all these wounds and the answer to our cries to Heaven - and that is or may be a saint of the Two Hearts of Love - just as Mother Chukwuemeka Maria.

And that is what God decreed: The only solution for the salvation of all souls from their deadly wounds - that is the Union of the Two Hearts of Love of Jesus and Mary - the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

For this God has created and formed one special soul even before creating the world: That is Father Montfort Okanwikpo SHL, the founder of the mission and the Congregations of the Two Hearts of Love. And as a helper for Him, as for Christ Himself, God created the soul of Mother General Chukwuemeka Maria SHL as a helper

for Fr. Montfort to save all souls. And which will be the best way for a soul to help Father Montfort, the Church and the whole world in that terrible war? Beyond the Prayer-Life it is by being raising to the honour of the altars - by being canonised by the Catholic Church - by becoming a saint of the Two Hearts - as soon as possible! Through such an extraordinary award and honour as the canonisation of Mother Chukwuemeka Maria SHL Our Lady would achieve what is prophesied: The Reign of Love!

Thus Mother Chukwuemeka from heaven above would be able to help Father Montfort and this work in the best possible way - as a saint!

## **Part III**

### **10. Mother Chukwuemeka Maria - A Future Saint of the Two Hearts of Love?**

How was it possible that a young German lady and an African Priest met each other in Germany? It was by Our Lord's Grace and Providence only that Father Montfort was sent from Nigeria to Germany, from a country of warmth in the atmosphere - both, the natural and the spiritual one - to a country of cold; from a people of believers in the depth of the "Black Continent" to a people of mostly non-believers in the once cultural Centre

and highest civilisation of the world, but now degraded and morally devastated even more than the people of Noah's time or those in Sodom and Gomorrah.

It was much to His grief and suffering that the deeply believing Servant of God, Very Rev. Fr. Montfort had to leave his home country and to come to Germany. And it was in order to help the last, small and desperately struggling flock that God sent him there. For he is sent to draw more and more people to God, to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary - like he did with the young Eva-Maria Steidl. She was the first of European souls God entrusted to him. In her, he found a very well prepared soul, as God Himself told him, when he first saw her in the Cathedral of Eichstätt in 1996:

**"See that lady there, sitting? She is one of those I have formed for this mission to work with you."**

So since then they have been working together, for now 21 years - till the day of her early and unexpected death.

But even more than before they will work together now that she is in Heaven! By her willingly accepted death she sacrificed her life for this mission and will rise like a star shining in the darkness of her home country, of all Europe and all over the world.

Look, how our Lord God has heard our prayers, our cries to Heaven, and has bowed down in grace and mercy to grant the abandoned church in Germany - but not that alone - the precious and holy gift of a veritable saint - as a light in the darkness. But even more: As this possibly future saint, Mother General Chukwuemeka Maria SHL has been arising from the foundation of the mission of Fr. Montfort and from its very centre, he, the Founder himself, too, will at last not only be justified and acknowledged, he and his mission but even be raised to the honour of the Altars and canonised by the Roman Catholic Church, too!

So his first and best follower outside Africa now is making the path even for the Two Hearts of Love, not only in the area of Germany but spreading from there over the whole world - for God has promised, that the hail for the Kingdom of Love will derive and spread from Germany, as Jesus prophesied many years ago.

Only now, at the beginning of the year 2017, in January, Jesus prophesied and promised to Father Montfort:

**"My children! Keep steadfast and remain faithful - one more month! Mostly two! Before March there will everything be changed here on the Holy Mountain!"**

Did anybody have the least idea at that time how this could be meant? When Chukwuemeka fell ill and collapsed, it was Friday, the 27th of February - and that was the beginning of her death - and so the huge change will soon take place in the Two Hearts of Love, in the Church, on the Holy Mountain and all over the world! As Jesus promised on the occasion of the Vigil of New Year in 2017, saying:

**"This will be the year of the Kingdom of Love."**

So let us watch and marvel how Jesus is working! On the occasion of the first Priestly Ordination of the Two Hearts of Love in 2013 Jesus told Father Montfort:

**"Now half of your work is done!"**

No Congregation from which priests do arise can be wiped away by the Church. So, corresponding to that, no founder of such a congregation, from which arose priests and deacons, religious brothers and sisters can be ignored, pushed away, humiliated, refused and offended any longer! He must at last be acknowledged, estimated and lifted up to a very high place in the Holy Catholic Church, as it is right and just.

And at last - no congregation ever can be ignored, stopped, thrown away, excluded any more from the Holy Catholic Church, which has given

birth to a real saint, raised to the honour of the altars! And this will be the work of Mother Chukwuemeka Maria from Heaven!

By her holy life she was, is and will be the promoter of the Two Hearts of Love for being worldwide spread from Germany - according to the very plan of our Heavenly Father to raise up the Catholic Church in Europe and all other countries in the world, to raise up the Two Wounded and Bleeding Hearts of Jesus and Mary to the one and only solution for the saving of all souls! And by that He will install His Kingdom of Love in the whole world, as He has promised!

So let us pray to our possibly future Saint, Mother Chukwuemeka Maria, that by her model, by her sanctity the darkness and ruin of all godless souls will finally be healed and disappear into the light of bliss, joy and happiness in the one and only true belief - in the Two Hearts of Love of Jesus and Mary!

## **11. Mother Chukwuemeka - her death in some signs of Heaven:**

### **A first personal witness**

To come to the end of this report, let me now bear witness of two signs I was granted to hear and to see by the Lord. When I heard about the collapse of Mother General in Rome I was not in our Centre in Essen but near Freiburg i. Br.

On that very Friday, the 27th of February I was travelling. On

Saturday morning I was called and told the shocking news.

For that Saturday my friends and I had planned to attend a Retreat - monthly Praising Service with Holy Mass - in Loss- burg, near Freudenstadt in the Black Forest. It began at 2 pm and lasted for 5 hours. In these hours I was praying and shedding tears for the recovery of our Mother General.

Then suddenly, during one the first rosaries we prayed I felt something like a voice in my heart, speaking:

**"She is healed already!"**

I was surprised, overwhelmed with joy and gratefulness, but continued praying. Again I heard this voice, and the same words - and also a third time. So I was sure that I was not mistaken. I was very happy and sure to get the information soon that she would have been healed....

But little did I know of God's higher plans...! When I got to know that she had died, I understood: God let me know that by her collapse her end was already decreed as a fact, yet an end of much higher value than I presumed:

God had already taken her into His arms in Heaven - into His blissful eternity! That was her healing! But even more.

**12. Mother Chukwuemeka - Her Death In Some Signs of Heaven**

## **A Second Personal Witness**

When I had been in Nigeria in December 2016 I had seen the devastations caused by that tornado coming down on the Holy Mountain on the 2nd of October 2016. What had shocked me most was the deplorable sight of the huge metal cross on top of the Holy Mountain, just kinked down as a whole and lying on its back in all its length. For this, too, I prayed for recovery on that Retreat afternoon.

Suddenly there came a view into my mind: I saw the cross on the Holy Mountain, lying down there on its back, but all of a sudden beginning to raise! It raised just by itself - without any help from outside - and at last this cross stood upright again to its former height, victorious - triumphant! With my heart full of happiness I thanked God for this wonderful sign of His grace - as He had announced: Everything will be changed on the Holy Mountain! And by what?

Not exclusively, but as a big part of it, the change will arise from the sacrifice of the life and death of Mother General, Chukwuemeka Maria! Her canonisation will without any doubts not only raise up the mission of the TWO HEARTS OF LOVE, but also the FOUNDER, the entire CHURCH and the REIGN OF LOVE on earth - and as a concrete, from far away visible sign for it there is the CROSS of the HOLY MOUNTAIN!2

## **Prayer to obtain graces through the intercession of Mother Chukwuemeka Eva-Maria Steidl SHL**

**Most Holy Trinity of Love**, thank you for giving us the gift of Mother Chukwuemeka Maria Steidl, preparer of the Sisters of the Two Hearts of Love of Jesus and Mary. In her shone your Fatherly care, glory of the cross of Christ and the light of the love of the Holy Spirit.

When she completely entrusted herself to the Two Hearts of Love, the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary as a Victim of Love, she showed us that sacrifice is needed part of Christian life and the way to obtain eternal union with You.

We humbly ask you, grant us through her intercession and according your will the grace..... through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Jesus Mary, I love you, be appeased, save all souls. Amen

O Hearts of Love...



*Rest in Peace,*  
*Sr. Chukwuemeka*





# THE PRAYER OF THE TWO HEARTS OF

Jesus! Mary! I love you. Be appeased. Save all souls. Amen.  
(10 times as rosary)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it  
was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

O! Hearts of Love! O! Hearts ever united in Love!  
Make me to love You always and help me to make others to love  
You.  
Take my poor sinful heart to Thyself and do not give it back to me  
until it becomes a flaming fire of Your Love.  
I know that I am unworthy to come to You, but take me to Thyself  
and cleanse me by the flames of Your Love.  
Take me to Thyself and use me as it pleases You, for I am entirely  
Yours. Amen.

O! Pure Love! O! Holy Love! Pierce me with Your arrows and  
send my blood flowing into the wounds of the Immaculate Heart.  
O! Immaculate Heart! Unite with the Sacred Heart  
to give life, to comfort, to glorify and to love. Amen.

O! Jesus! O! Mary! You are the Hearts of Love! I love You.  
Consume me. I am your victim of Love. Amen.

O! Hearts of Love! Consume me. I am your victim of Love.  
Amen.

