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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.

Bishop of Cleveland

Notary