

Summary of Elizabeth Szántò Kindelmann's Biography

(Please consider Reading Elizabeth's Full Biography in *The Spiritual Diary*)



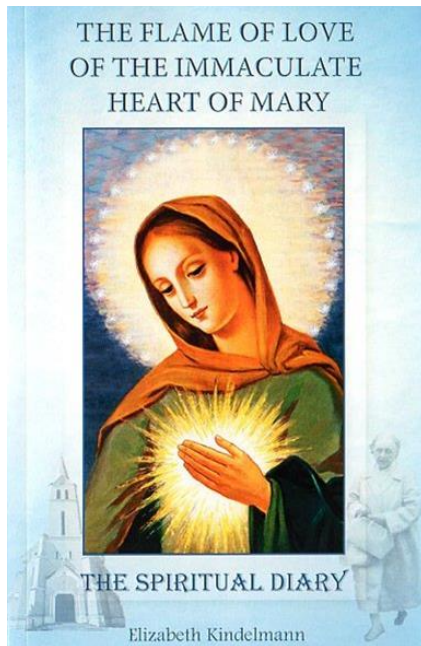
Elizabeth Szántò Kindelmann (1913-1985) was a widow, mother and a Lay Carmelite (OCD) as well as the recipient of 21 years of locutions with Mary and Jesus. Born in Budapest, she was the youngest of 13 children. Six sets of twins proceeded her and she was the only one to survive to adulthood. Elizabeth was also orphaned at a young age and was left to face a lonely and impoverished childhood and adolescence. Unable to complete her education because she needed to work to support herself to avoid starvation, she was often taken advantage of and accepted many different jobs to survive. Drawn to the religious life, she attempted to enter religious congregations twice. Each time she was rejected. She did become a Lay Carmelite and discovered Father Motray who became her confessor for many years during her trials.

In 1929 Elizabeth was accepted into the parish choir where she met her husband, Karoly Kindelmann. He was a chimneysweep instructor which was a position that payed well. Their marriage in 1930 changed Elizabeths status to wife and then mother. They lived a comfortable life together and had six children between the years 1931 and 1942 before Karoly died in 1946. Elizabeth's status changed again - to widow - and she was left alone again struggling financially but this time with six children to feed and support in a harsh and unsympathetic communist regime.

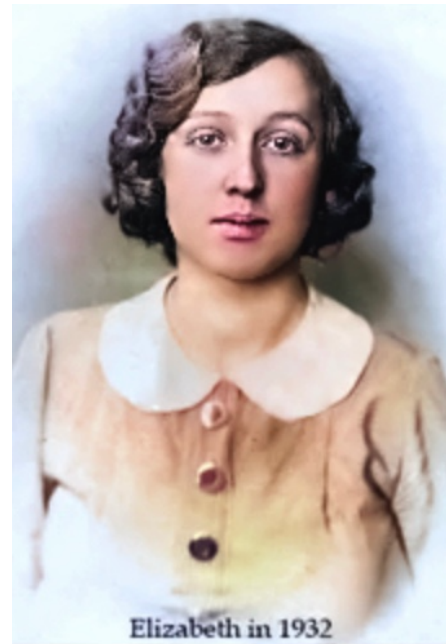
Between her husband's death and the beginning of her locutions, Elizabeth found work in a foundry which saved her family from starvation. She also raised her children, saw them marry, have children and then one by one they moved back in with her.

Her diary begins on 13 July 1960 with her writing about the beginning of her religious experience. She described going through three years of spiritual darkness between 1958 – 1961 and explained that this darkness was a *preparation* for the locutions from Mary and Jesus. These began on 16 July 1961. the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. This was poignant because Elizabeth was a lay Carmelite, OCD.

The locutions which Elizabeth writes about (at the instruction of Jesus Himself) lasted until 1982. Elizabeth died on 11 April 1985 at the age of 72 years after suffering a long illness with patience and humility. She was buried in Erd/Ofalu (near Budapest). Her remains were transferred in 2001 to the family crypt located in the Church of the Holy Spirit within Budapest; a place she previously visited every day.



Elizabeth's biography in its entirety is found in the beginning of *The Spiritual Diary*



A Young Elizabeth