

"DECREE OF SERVICE"

*(Center of Mental Irradiation, Divine Light)*

*Decree of Service, written in the year 1970.*

*The President of the "Center of Mental Irradiation, Divine Light," later known as the "Center of Christian Illumination, Universal Light," Mr. Raimundo, Mestre Irineu Serra, using his legal rights decrees:*

*It is mandatory for the members of this House [i.e., this Center] to keep peace within the House, maintaining sincerity and respect for each other. It is obvious that, in whatever career, art, or profession that we choose in life, we only achieve our ultimate goal if we give ourselves to it with our whole body and soul. This is the way that the Divine Science also works.*

*All of the heads of the households should create, within their own households, a center of peace and harmony; husband and wife treating each other with dignity and respect, [offering to each other] the petals of love, with the powerful goal of a happy future together.*

*Each head of the family should be an exemplary role model for their children within their own home; they should never use words that could harm the minds and hearts of their children; they should teach their children the rights of a Brazilian citizen: to treat each other well, from the highest to the most humble; they should teach them their religious duties; that they should*

*respect God above all things, [that they should] pray every day, in order to keep away evil things, sickness, hardships, etc.*

*Within this House, there must not be intrigue, hate, misunderstandings – even the most insignificant ones; all who drink this Holy Beverage should not only try to see beautiful things, splendors, and so on; [but they should also] correct their imperfections, creating in this way the betterment of their personality, in order to join in this battalion and to follow this line. If they act in this way, then they will be able to say: I am a brother/sister. Within this equality, everyone has the same rights; in cases of illness, a team will be expressly designated to help the brother or sister in need. On the days of works, all of those who come to seek physical, moral, and spiritual assistance, should always bring with them a healthy mind, full of hope, imploring the infinite eternal spirit of the Good, and the Virgin Sovereign Mother Creator, that their wishes come true according to their merit. In order to begin our meditation, after serving the Daime, everyone should go to their respective places, with the exception of the women who have children – they should wrap them up first.*

*Continuing our meditation: when the time of the interval has passed, when the first call is given, everyone should line up, both the men's and women's battalion, because all have the same duty. The truth is that the Center is free, but the leaders who have the responsibility to take care of others need to demonstrate that they are up to the task; nobody lives without a duty and the person who has a duty, should always fulfill it.*

*Discipline is a goal, it cannot be learned in books – everything depends upon ourselves. Realization only comes through experience. In the same way, the Power of Divine existence shows us how our individual evolution on the earthly plane is related to the superior plane. Besides this, we need to learn that in our minds there are both superior and inferior attractions. This foundational knowledge leads us to a complete change of all of our values, habits and to an understanding of one another – all of this happening by the examination of our conscience. There exists in our mind a set of attractions; superior and inferior; [aligning ourselves with the superior] attraction, practiced daily, will bring about an inner development that can produce the most altruistic results. Everything depends upon our own conscience. If we practice what is good, that good will carry us forward. If we practice what is bad, clearly, we will only be defeated.*

*If we act in this way, we will be walking on the path of perfection and in search of new achievements. Let it be declared in this way: henceforth, the brother or sister who, because of a lack of understanding, does not faithfully fulfill the duties cited above, and decides to go down contrary paths, at the first time that they go astray, they will be given a warning; with their second wrong decision, they will be suspended for thirty days, and if they continue, they will be removed for good.*

*Signed, Raimundo, Mestre Irineu Serra, (President)*