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Feast of the Virgin Mary the Mother of God



The precise title “Mother of God” goes back at least to the third or fourth century. In the Greek form *Theotokos* (God-bearer), it became the touchstone of the Church’s teaching about the Incarnation. The Council of Ephesus in 431 insisted that the holy Fathers were right in calling the holy virgin *Theotokos*. At the end of this particular session, crowds of people marched through the street shouting: “Praised be the *Theotokos*!”

Luisa and the Blessed Virgin Mary

By Padre Bernardino Bucci

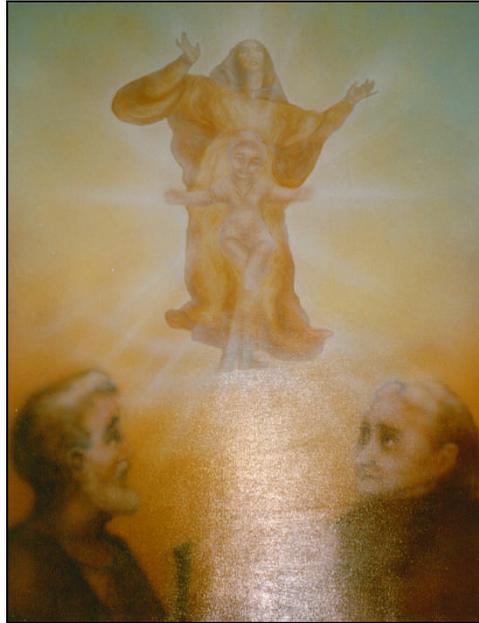


Photo of the painting of Luisa's vision of the birth of Christ

Mary Blessed Virgin Mother of God enters fully into the public revelation of God as is evident from the Gospels. Mary is the Mother of God; the **“THEOTOKOS”** that enters into the greatest mystery of God, the Incarnation, and is for this reason an object of Faith, in fact, no one can deny her divine motherhood which is an article of Faith. In fact if someone should dare to deny Her Divine Motherhood he would automatically place himself outside the fold of the Church. Mary remains always the Bride of the Holy Spirit, the Mother of Christ True God and True Man, and Mother of the Church.

Luisa had a great devotion to Mary, the Blessed Virgin. In fact, as soon as the Association of the Daughters of Mary was organized in Corato she immediately became a member. This is still during the period of Luisa's childhood. The director of the association was Fr. Cataldo de Benedictis.

Her devotion to the Blessed Virgin did not end with this emotional yearning towards Mary, but became a dominant theme of her spiritual reflections. Luisa will write stupendous pages about the Blessed Virgin and Her role in the Reign of the Divine Will. The Servant of God breaks new ground in the study of Mary, and deepens in a unique way her reflections about the Virgin. In fact, Marion experts always spoke about the Virgin by considering her life according to human terms. Luisa inverts this concept and states that: **“The Virgin, from the moment of Her conception, had the faculty of reason”**. For this reason, She was able to have from God the accurate perception of the sin perpetrated by the human free will which spoiled the treasures of grace that God wanted to give mankind.

The Virgin, in seeing all the evil that human will perpetrated, bound her will at the feet of the Blessed Trinity, so that in Her, might always reign the Divine Will. The Virgin never gave room to Her human will and became the Queen of the Divine Will, for which God filled Her with many, and such bountiful gifts, as to form in Her His reign, His glory, His power and prepare a worthy residence for the Eternal Word that would become flesh. In fact, Mary was the first heiress of the Kingdom of the Divine Will that one day would be given to all humanity. Mary is, therefore, the Queen of heaven and earth; it is She who would become The Mother of God.

Luisa asserts that the Church has barely begun to understand the merit of the Blessed Virgin: **“Mary is all to be rediscovered”**. There is no greater creature that could be compared to Her splendor; Mary is Creation's masterpiece. Mary is the Queen of martyrs, not because she shed Her blood for Her faith, not because of the pain caused Her by the crucifixion of Her Beloved Son, but because She never gave room to Her own will; everything She accomplished was done in the sole and single Will of God.

The love that the children of God should have towards Mary must be expressed in Faith, because She is the Mother of God. Faith, according to the definition of Piccarreta: **“is God, and God is Faith”**. Mary, the first true believer, lived the Faith that is God, (according to Piccarreta).



Mary will be the one who will contribute to the realization of God's plan. The heavenly Heiress of the Divine Will has transmitted this gift to all creatures that freely accept Her. Mary is the Mother of God and at the same time Mother of all. She does not resign herself to seeing her children deprived of the divine graces of which She herself is so richly endowed. Therefore, She continuously prays and exhorts humans to not sin and to accept the Will of God which alone can lead humanity to peace.

Mary puts at the disposition of all, Her merits as Mother of God and Bride of the Holy Spirit, so that the Reign of the Divine Will might have dominion among men. **Here is what the Blessed Virgin said to Luisa at the dawn of the last century: "I will search among all nations, in every Diocese, among all religious orders, even door to door if necessary, until such time as all have returned to God".**

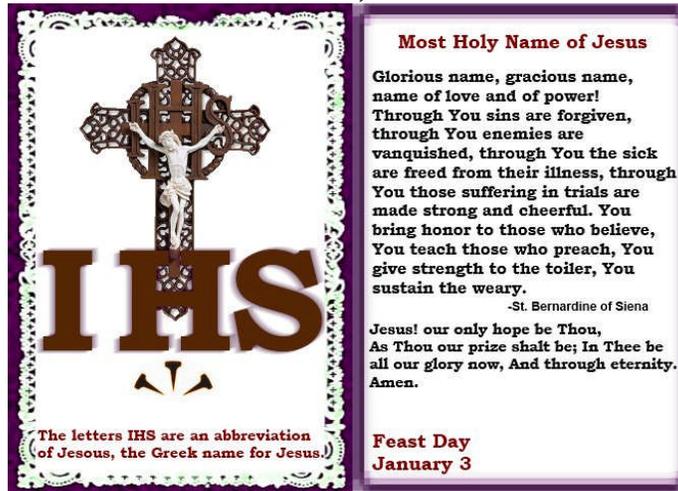
From the moment of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin, began the movement of the grace of God to all of humanity. This Child of God, having inherited the Divine Will, offered to God each moment, every heartbeat, every thought, every breath in order to satisfy the creative Power of God, so much so that God was able to form in Her the greatest wonder of His Holiness, of His Beauty and of His Grace.

In Mary, the kindness of God towards mankind, are realized; Mary became a Creature that belonged entirely to God, She Who would become the privileged Instrument of God Who would choose Her as the residence of His Son, the Word incarnate. Mary, for Her part, binds to herself the entire human family, like members of Her Body. The wonders of God fulfilled in this Creature are unheard of and not comprehensible to the human mind.

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FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

December 3, A.D. 2012



The Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, is associated with the Feast of the Circumcision. For in accordance to the Jewish culture of the days when Jesus dwelled on earth, a child became a full member of his family when he was circumcised, at which time he received his name.

The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus was officially granted to the Franciscans on February 25, 1530. From there, it spread over a great part of the Church. The Franciscans, the Carmelites, and the Augustinians kept this Feast on January 14th. the Dominicans on January 15. On December 20, 1721, the celebration of the Feast on the second Sunday after Epiphany was extended to the Universal Church.

Day Twenty-three The Queen of Heaven in the Kingdom of the Divine Will

Now, dear child, you must know that the eighth day arrived after the birth of the celestial Baby into the light of the day, and the Divine Fiat sounded the hour of sorrow, ordering us to circumcise the charming little Baby. It was a most painful cut which little Jesus was to go through. It was the law of those times that all the firstborn had to undergo this painful cut. It can be called the law of sin, but my Son was innocent and His law was the law of love; but in spite of all this, since He came to find, not the man-king, but the man-decayed, in order to become his brother and to elevate him, He wanted to lower Himself, submitting Himself to the law.

My child, Saint Joseph and I felt a shiver of pain, but fearless and without hesitation, we called the minister and we had Him circumcised with a most painful cut. At the bitter pain, Baby Jesus cried and flung Himself into my arms, asking for help. Saint Joseph and I blended our tears with His; we gathered the first blood shed by Jesus for love of creatures, and *we gave Him the name of Jesus – powerful name - which was to make Heaven and earth tremble, and even hell; a name which was to be balm, defense and help for every heart.*

Meditation 2 - The Queen of Heaven in the Kingdom of the Divine Will

...Now, dearest child, in so much pain, the most beautiful joy arises, such as to arrest our tears. As He was circumcised, we gave Him the Most Holy Name of Jesus, wanted by the Angel. In pronouncing this Most Holy Name, the joy, the contentment, was such as to sweeten our sorrow. More so, since in this name, whoever wanted would find balm for his pains, defense in dangers, victory in temptations, a hand so as not to fall into sin, and the medicine for all his evils. This Most Holy Name of Jesus makes hell tremble; the Angels revere It, and It sounds sweet to the ear of the Celestial Father. Before this Name, all bow down and adore. Powerful Name, holy Name, great Name; whoever invokes It with faith will feel marvels - the miraculous secret of the virtue of this Most Holy Name.

Now, my child, I recommend to you: *pronounce always this Name, "Jesus". When you see that your human will, weak and vacillating, hesitates in doing the Divine, the Name of Jesus will make it rise again in the Divine Fiat. If you are oppressed, call upon Jesus; if you work, call upon Jesus; if you sleep, call upon Jesus; and when you wake up, may your first word be "Jesus". Call Him always; it is a Name that contains seas of grace, which He gives to those who call Him and love Him.*

The Golden Arrow Prayer

(Prayer revealed by Our Lord to Sister Marie of St. Peter in 1843)



May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and ineffable Name of God be forever praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in Heaven, on Earth, and under the Earth by all the creatures of God and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. **Amen.**

Jesus said "This Golden Arrow will wound My Heart delightfully, and heal the wounds inflicted by blasphemy."

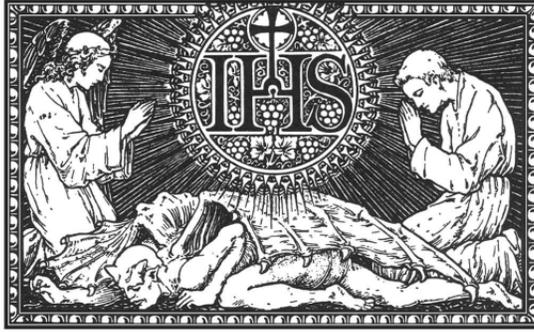
Our Lord told Sister Marie de Saint-Piere on March 16, 1844,
"Oh, if you only knew what great merit you acquire by saying even once,
'Admirable is the name of God',
in the spirit of reparation of blasphemy!"

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The Imprimatur for The Golden Arrow Prayer.



What's In a Name?



For centuries the practice of naming one's child after a saint was almost second nature. Typically, Catholics named their child after the saint on whose day he was born. Over the past few decades, however, the invasion of secularism and moral relativism has worked to undermine the family and religious faith—threatening, in turn, this and other such Christian traditions. Swept away by the lack of stable cultural references and by the rapid transformation of society we see more and more parents naming their children whatever seems to suit their fancy.

Recent records show that the name “Mary” — which in every year from 1910-1965 was either the first or the second most popular girls' name — is no longer even in the top 100. The names of the foster-father of Jesus and of the four evangelists were also firmly entrenched in the top ten each year during that period. The name Joseph is now 16th, Matthew is 13th, John is 26th, Luke is 48th, and Mark is 154th.

The name given to a child is the name that child will be referred to for the rest of his life. He will hear that name perhaps millions of times. It cannot help but have a profound impact on the child's development and self-identity. If a child is given a neologism or a name that is common to both boys and girls he or she is likely to have a lifetime of misaddressed envelopes, unnecessary hassles, and other tiresome or embarrassing gender-confused situations. Parents who name their child after a soap opera star, professional athlete, rock star, or reality show personality, will not only be manifesting a regrettable superficiality, but will also be linking their child to someone who almost certainly will be irrelevant when they become adults.

Sacred Scripture tells us that God took names very seriously. He changed the names of Abram to Abraham, Sarai to Sarah, Jacob to Israel, and Simon to Peter. He commanded Zechariah to name his son John, and Joseph to name Mary's Son Jesus; “You shall call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.” To give someone a name is a sacred act; it is a participation in God's creative plan. Such a solemn responsibility should be carried out with prayer and joyful seriousness rather than done capriciously and in careless ignorance of the consequences.

Pope Benedict XVI recently said that in baptism, the Christian “acquires the character of the son of God, beginning with their Christian name, an unmistakable sign that the Holy Spirit causes man to be born anew in the womb of the Church.” This “indelible spiritual seal” raises the baptized person to the supernatural order and sets him off on a lifelong “journey of religious faith.” After baptism the child must be educated in the faith, instructed in accordance with Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Church so that the seed of faith received in baptism will grow within him and that he may attain full Christian maturity.

Naming a child after a Christian saint or Biblical hero is a concrete reminder for the child and everyone else that God is calling that child, like his or her Christian namesake, to holiness and heaven where the mysterious and unique character of each person marked with God's name will eventually shine forth in splendor.

The patron saint provides a model of charity and the assurance of his prayer. For Catholics, naming their children after saints is an acknowledgment that they truly believe in the communion of saints. Thus, when we choose a Christian name for our child, we should have a particular saint in mind. Is Margaret named after Saint Margaret of Scotland or Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque? Is Francis named after Saint Francis of Assisi or St. Francis Xavier?

As our children grow, we should cultivate their devotion to their patron saint by teaching them about the life of that saint and helping them to learn prayers to that saint. As Christians, we never walk through this life alone, but in communion with all the saints. And that reality should be reflected in the names we give to our children.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 8, A.D. 2012



The Gospel of the Lord – When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance.

He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child.

When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."

After their audience with the king they set out.

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

- Matthew 2:1-12

The Queen of Heaven in the Kingdom of the Divine Will

Day 23

...Now, my child, another surprise: a new star shines under the vault of the heavens, and with its light it is searching for adorers, to lead them to recognize and adore baby Jesus. Three individuals, each distant from the other, are touched by it, and invested by supernatural light, follow the star, which leads them to the grotto of Bethlehem, to the feet of the baby Jesus. What was not the astonishment of these Magi Kings, in recognizing in that divine infant the King of Heaven and earth – the One Who had come to love and to save all? In fact, when the Magi were in the act of adoring Him, enraptured by that celestial beauty, the newborn baby made His Divinity shine forth from His little humanity, and the grotto turned into paradise; so much so, that they were not able to separate themselves from the feet of the divine infant - not before He again withdrew the light of the Divinity within His humanity. And I, exercising the office of mother, spoke at length of the descent of the Word, and fortified them in faith, hope and charity, symbolized by the gifts offered to Jesus. Then, full of joy, they withdrew to their regions, to be the first propagators...

20 C + M + B 12
May Christ bless this House...
All who dwell and pray in it...
And All Whom they Welcome in His Name

BLESSING OF A HOME AT EPIPHANY

Epiphany, the 12th day after Christmas, celebrates the visit of the three kings or wise men to the Christ Child, signifying the extension of salvation to the Gentiles. Epiphany falls on Sunday, January 8, 2012

V. On entering the house the Magi found the child Jesus with Mary his mother.

R. They did him homage and presented to Jesus symbolic gifts: gold to the great king, incense to the true God, and myrrh as a foreshadowing of his suffering and death. Let us pray, God, our Father, by the guidance of a star, you revealed your only Son as the Savior of all nations. Grant that we who already know you by faith, may be brought to the contemplation of your glory in our heavenly home. We ask this through Christ your Son Our Lord. Amen.

All may recite the Canticle of the Blessed Virgin Mary (The MAGNIFICAT) by which Mary praised God at the time of her Visitation to the house of Elizabeth. St. Luke's Gospel Chapter 1, verses 46-55.

V. Be enlightened, O Jerusalem, and shine forth for your light has come.

R. And upon you is risen the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

V. All nations shall walk in your light and kings in the splendor of your birth.

R. And upon you is risen the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

*Reading of the Gospel for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord.
St. Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 2, verses 1 to 12*

V. Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, has appeared and been revealed to the nations.

R. The prophets foretold his coming, and the angels and shepherds adored him.

V. The Magi rejoiced to find him and they lay their treasures before him.

R. All you nations and peoples, come and adore him.

All recite the OUR FATHER as the rooms of the house are sprinkled with holy water.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have received all benefits. Come, visit and bless + this house so that it may be a shelter of health, chastity, self-conquest, humility, goodness, mildness, obedience to the Commandments, - and thanksgiving to God, - The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit.

May the love and blessings of God, + The Father, and + The Son, and + The Holy Spirit, descend upon this house, all those who reside within it, and upon all those whom they welcome in the Name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. And may God's grace and peace remain with all of them forever. Amen.

The initials of the names ascribed by tradition to the Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar), and the numerals of the current year are written with the blessed chalk upon the entry doors of the house in the following manner:

20 C + M + B 12
*Some interpret the letters to stand for
Christus Mansioni Benedicat!
May Christ bless this house!*

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 9, A.D. 2012



....John addressed them, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water. But one mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Luke 3;16

"A collection of memories of the Servant of God

Luisa Piccarreta was born on April 23, 1865 the Sunday after Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday), in Corato, Bari, to Nicola Vito and Rosa Tarantino, who had five daughters: Maria, Rachele, Filomena, Luisa and Angela. A few hours after Luisa's birth, her father wrapped her in a blanket and took her to the main church for baptism. Her mother had not suffered the pangs of labor: her birth was painless. On another occasion, a great flame was seen to flare up from a little hill not far from the farm. Since Luisa liked to play on that hill, her mother and father hastened there immediately to put out the fire. It turned out to be unnecessary: Luisa was quietly sitting on a rocky peak, gazing into the sky without a trace of fire around her.

Book of Heaven - November A.D. 1925

If I see the newborn being baptized, I cry with sorrow, because while with baptism I restore his innocence - I find again my child, I give back to him the rights over Creation which he had lost, I smile at him with love and satisfaction, I make the enemy flee from him, that he may no longer have any right over him, I entrust him to the Angels and all Heaven makes feast for him -

Book of Heaven - March 23, A.D. 1910

"My daughter, I recommend that you not get out of my Will, because my Will contains such power as to be a new Baptism for the soul - and even more than Baptism itself. In fact, while in the Sacraments there is part of my Grace, in my Will there is the whole fullness of It. In the Baptism, the stain of original sin is removed, but passions and weaknesses remain. In my Will, since the soul destroys her own volition, she also destroys passions, weaknesses and all that is human; and she lives of the virtues, of the fortitude and of all the Divine qualities."

Book of Heaven - - March 13, 1912

The victim Baptism by fire has effects superior to the Baptism by water.

Jesus continues to speak about the state of victim, telling me: *"My daughter, the Baptism at birth is by water; it has the virtue to purify, but not to take away tendencies and passions. On the other hand, the Baptism of victim is Baptism by fire, therefore it has not only the virtue to purify, but also to consume any passion and evil tendencies. I Myself baptize the soul, bit by bit: my thought baptizes the thought of the victim soul; my heartbeat baptizes her heartbeat; my desire her desire, and so on. This Baptism is done between Myself and the soul, according to whether she gives herself to Me without ever taking back what she gave Me.*

This is why, my daughter, you don't feel evil tendencies and such. It comes from your state of victim, and I tell you this for your consolation. So, tell Father G. to be well attentive, for this is the mission of missions - the apostolate of apostolates. I want him always with Me, and all intent within Me."

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

January 24, A.D. 2012



*“One of the principle effects of holy abandonment in God is evenness of spirits in the various accidents of this life, which is certainly a point of great perfection, and very pleasing to God. The way to maintain it is in imitation of the pilots, to look continually at the Pole Star, **that is, the Divine Will, in order to be constantly in conformity with it.** For it is this will which, with infinite wisdom rightly distributes prosperity and adversity, health and sickness, riches and poverty, honor and contempt, knowledge and ignorance, and all that happens in this life. On the other hand, if we regard creatures without this relation to God, we cannot prevent our feelings and disposition from changing, according to the variety of accidents which occur.”*

St. Francis de Sales was born on August 21, 1567, at the Château de Sales in the kingdom of Savoy near Geneva, Switzerland. He came from a noble family and even as a child he desired to serve God completely. Though frail and delicate, he had a quick, intelligent mind and a gentle, kind disposition. His family educated him at the best schools of his day.

In 1580, he entered the University of Paris and was drawn to the study of theology. He then attended the University of Padua, where he received his doctorate in law at the age of twenty-four. His father wanted him to pursue a career in law and politics and enter into an advantageous marriage. But Francis wanted to be a priest. Against his father’s wishes he was ordained in 1593 by the Bishop of Geneva.

The Catholic Church at that time was losing many of its people to the new churches of the Protestant Reformation. Francis set out to restore Catholicism in the region around Lake Geneva known as Chablais. Tirelessly and patiently preaching the ancient faith, writing leaflets that clearly explained the Catholic view, he gradually re-established a strong Catholicism in that area. In 1602, he was appointed Bishop of Geneva.

From his residence at Annecy, he organized his diocese and with a winning gentleness ministered to his people. His encouragement and wise counsel inspired many people to a better way of life. In 1608, his most famous book, *An Introduction to a Devout Life*, was published and soon circulated throughout the world. In 1610, he founded the Order of Visitation with St. Jane Francis de Chantal, whom he guided in the spiritual life.

Francis de Sales was convinced that God sees humanity as a great and varied garden, each person beautiful in his or her uniqueness. The various callings of life – soldier, prince, widow, married woman – are like the various flowers of the field; God loves them all. Through his or her own calling, each person can find a way to a deeper friendship with his or her creator. Francis approached people with genuine respect and gently guided them to recognize the unique path they would take in life. He made the journey to God joyful and possible for everyone to make. Above all, he advised against despair and the burden of fear. He died at Lyons on December 28, 1622.

He is the Patron of Journalists and a superb model for overcoming temptation and depression.

CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

January 25, A.D. 2012



Acts Of Apostles 9:4

And falling on the ground, he heard a voice saying to him: *Saul, Saul*, why persecutest thou me?

Acts Of Apostles 9:8

And *Saul* arose from the ground; and when his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. But they leading him by the hands, brought him to Damascus.

Acts Of Apostles 9:11

And the Lord said to him: Arise, and go into the street that is called Stait, and seek in the house of Judas, one named *Saul* of Tarsus. For behold he prayeth.

Acts Of Apostles 9:17

And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house. And laying his hands upon him, he said: Brother *Saul*, the Lord Jesus hath sent me, he that appeared to thee in the way as thou camest; that thou mayest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

Book of Heaven - March 9, 1903

Jesus speaks about humility and about correspondence to grace.

He disappeared; but after a little while He came back and added: "*My daughter, how terrible it can be for those souls who have been much fecundated by my grace, but have not corresponded to it. The Jewish nation was the favorite one, the most fecundated, and yet, the most sterile; and the whole of my Person could not obtain that fruit which Paul obtained in other nations, less fecundated, but more corresponding. In fact, lack of correspondence to grace blinds the soul, it makes her deceive herself, and disposes her to obstinacy, even in the face of any miracle.*"

Book of Heaven - December 16, 1908

The privation of Jesus is the greatest of all pains.

I keep you more than ever clasped in my arms. Even more, I tell you that if to Paul I gave my efficacious grace at the beginning of his conversion, to you I give it almost continually – and this is the sign of it: that you continue in your interior everything that you used to do when I was with you almost continually - doing what now you seem to do by yourself. Your feeling all immersed in Me and bound to Me, always thinking of Me even though you do not see Me – this is not your own thing, nor an ordinary grace, but special and efficacious grace. And if I give you much, it is a sign that I love you much, and I want to be loved much by you."

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

January 28, A.D. 2012



*“Consider now, the crosses in your own life, and pray to increase in love and humility. **This way, you will surrender more completely to God’s Divine Will, and your prayers and sacrifices will be more worthy.**”*

St. Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church, patron of all universities and of students. His feast day is January 28th. He was born toward the end of the year 1226. He was the son of Landulph, Count of Aquino, who, when St. Thomas was five years old, placed him under the care of the Benedictines of Monte Casino. His teachers were surprised at the progress he made, for he surpassed all his fellow pupils in learning as well as in the practice of virtue.

When he became of age to choose his state of life, St. Thomas renounced the things of this world and resolved to enter the Order of St. Dominic in spite of the opposition of his family. In 1243, at the age of seventeen, he joined the Dominicans of Naples. Some members of his family resorted to all manner of means over a two year period to break his constancy. They even went so far as to send an impure woman to tempt him. But all their efforts were in vain and St. Thomas persevered in his vocation. As a reward for his fidelity, God conferred upon him the gift of perfect chastity, which has merited for him the title of the "Angelic Doctor".

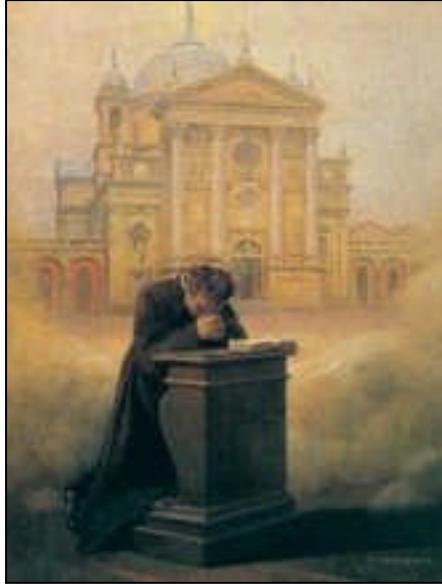
After making his profession at Naples, he studied at Cologne under the celebrated St. Albert the Great. Here he was nicknamed the "dumb ox" because of his silent ways and huge size, but he was really a brilliant student. At the age of twenty-two, he was appointed to teach in the same city. At the same time, he also began to publish his first works. After four years he was sent to Paris. The saint was then a priest. At the age of thirty-one, he received his doctorate.

At Paris he was honored with the friendship of the King, St. Louis, with whom he frequently dined. In 1261, Urban IV called him to Rome where he was appointed to teach, but he positively declined to accept any ecclesiastical dignity. St. Thomas not only wrote (his writings filled twenty hefty tomes characterized by brilliance of thought and lucidity of language), but he preached often and with greatest fruit. Clement IV offered him the archbishopric of Naples which he also refused. He left the great monument of his learning, the "Summa Theologica", unfinished, for on his way to the second Council of Lyons, ordered there by Gregory X, he fell sick and died at the Cistercian monastery of Fossa Nuova in 1274.

St. Thomas was one of the greatest and most influential theologians of all time. He was canonized in 1323 and declared Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius V.

SAINT JOHN BOSCO

January 31, A.D. 2012



No one is born a saint. Heroic sanctity, which is what our Holy Mother the Church honors in her canonized children, must be achieved. **It is achieved simply by total and unconditional surrender of the personal will to the Divine Will.** The operations of God's graces on the soul fulfill all other qualifying needs. On man's part, one has only to continue perfecting this discipline to the end to win the crown of sainthood.

When Giovanni (John) Melchior Bosco was born in Piedmont, Italy in the year 1815, his mother consecrated him to the Blessed Virgin. This more than anything else explains his surefootedness along the high road of holiness. Saint John said as much himself in advanced years when he remarked that he never undertook any task without Our Lady's guidance.

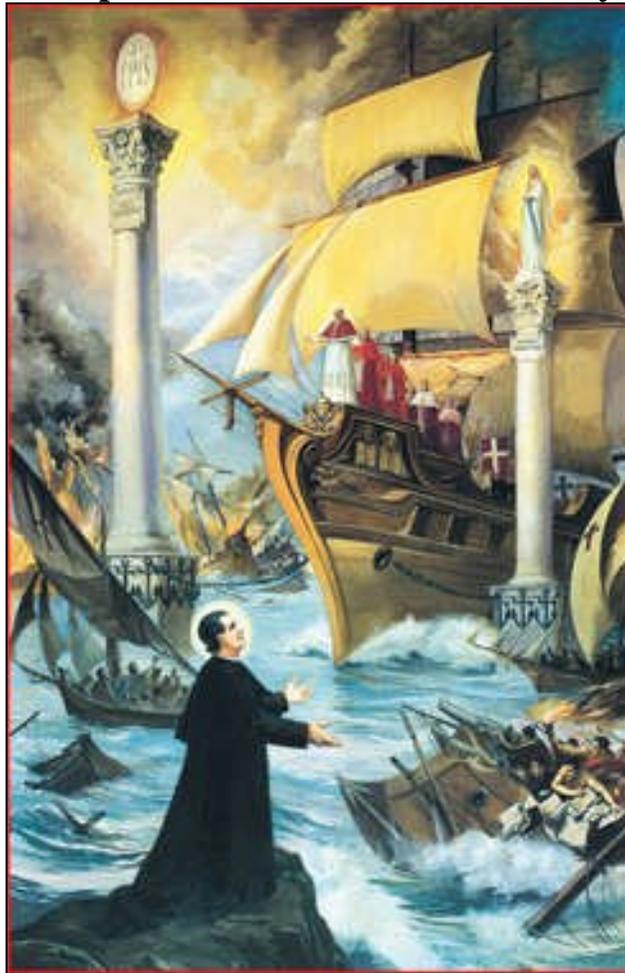
It is a fact that also tells us something of the rare virtue of his mother, Margherita Bosco. Indeed, this courageous woman, widowed scarcely two years after John's birth and left as the impoverished provider for three children and her aged mother-in-law, played no small part in the making of the saint. True, Mamma Margherita was unlettered, yet in matters of faith there was none wiser. Her patient moral instructions and pious example were the celebrated school in which John Bosco acquired perhaps his highest wisdom.

***"God always sees you." "God knows even your most secret thoughts."* These are typical of the oft-repeated aphorisms Margherita dispensed to her children. And for little Giovanni they were all the prompting he needed to conform his every thought, every action, to the Divine Will.**

At the age of four, John began to do small jobs to earn money to support the household. As a child, John's favorite pastime was going to fairs and carnivals and watching the jugglers, tumblers and magicians. When he returned home, he practiced their tricks until he had mastered them, and then he would go on the street and perform asking only prayers as payment. From his childhood, St. John Bosco had a great desire to become a priest and help young boys who like himself were not afforded all the pleasures in life. He worked hard so he could afford to leave his family and attend school. Eventually John entered the seminary. He excelled in his studies and served as a model to other seminarians on how to live a holy life of happiness. At the age of 26, John was ordained to the priesthood and set out to take his message to the world.

St. John began his ministry to the young by first forming catechism classes that met after Sunday Mass. At these classes he would offer schooling in the faith for free and he soon had a group of over 400 children to teach. St. John's enthusiasm and emphasis on teaching boys drew ridicule from some of his peers who did not see its value, but John saw the need to train the future of the Church and allow their youthful energy to be put to work for the greater glory of God. John's catechism school grew into a full-fledged school where boys could receive an education, learn a trade, and love Jesus. As much ridicule that John received, he also received assistance in the form of money and he also began to attract followers to his ideals. With the encouragement of Pope Pius IX, John gathered 17 men together into a community and founded the Society of St. Francis de Sales in 1859. This society is better known as the Salesians and concentrates on education and missionary work, especially aiming at the needs of the young. St. John Bosco died in 1888 after spending his whole life working for youth and is the patron of editors.

Dream of The Two Pillars of St. John Bosco And Photos of Pope Benedict at World Youth Day in Australia



John Bosco as an Italian priest, who from childhood onward had vivid and mystical dreams which helped him in directing his life and which described in great detail conditions and events that would occur in the future. He persistently astounded those around him with the accuracy and precision of the prophecies he made that came to pass during his lifetime. He was also a miracle worker, healing thousands, and he was the founder of the Salesian Order. He and his followers helped tens of thousands of street children in Italy and in the Western Hemisphere develop job skills and a moral and spiritual life. He died in 1888.



One of his more remarkable mystical dreams occurred in the spring of 1862, when he had a vision of the near-term future of his beloved Catholic Church. He described the dream as follows:

"Imagine yourself to be with me on the seashore, or better, on an isolated rock and not to see any patch of land other than that under your feet. On the whole of that vast sheet of water you see an innumerable fleet of ships in battle array. The prows of the ships are formed into sharp, spear-like points so that wherever they are thrust they pierce and completely destroy. These ships are armed with cannons, with lots of rifles, with incendiary materials, with other firearms of all kinds, and also with books, and advance against a ship very much bigger and higher than themselves and try to dash against it with the prows or burn it or in some way to do it every possible harm."

"As escorts to that majestic fully equipped ship, there are many smaller ships, which receive commands by signal from it and carry out movements to defend themselves from the opposing fleet. In the midst of the immense expanse of sea, two mighty columns of great height arise a little distance the one from the other. On the top of one, there is the statue of the Immaculate Virgin, from whose feet hangs a large placard with this inscription: *Auxilium Christianorum* - "Help of Christians"; on the other, which is much higher and bigger, stands a Host of great size proportionate to the column and beneath is another placard with the words: *Salus Credentium* - Salvation of the Faithful.

"The supreme commander of the big ship is the Sovereign Pontiff. He, seeing the fury of the enemies and the evils among which his faithful find themselves, determines to summon around himself the captains of the smaller ships to hold a council and decide what is to be done.

All the captains come aboard and gather around the Pope. They hold a meeting, but meantime the wind and the waves gather in storm, so they are sent back to control their own ships. There comes a short lull; for a second time the Pope gathers the captains around him, while the flag-ship goes on its course. But the frightful storm returns. The Pope stands at the helm and all his energies are directed to steering the ship towards those two columns from whose summits hang many anchors and strong hooks linked to chains.

"All the enemy ships move to attack it, and they try in every way to stop it and to sink it: some with books and writings or inflammable materials, of which they are full; others with firearms, with rifles and with rams. The battle rages ever more relentlessly. The enemy prows thrust violently, but their efforts and impact prove useless. They make attempts in vain and waste all their labor and ammunition; the big ship goes safely and smoothly on its way. Sometimes it happens that, struck by formidable blows, it gets large, deep gaps in its sides; but no sooner is the harm done that a gentle breeze blows from the two columns and the cracks close up and the gaps are stopped immediately. Meanwhile, the guns of the assailants are blown up, the rifles and other arms and prows are broken; many ships are shattered and sink into the sea. Then, the frenzied enemies strive to fight hand to hand, with fists, with blows, with blasphemy and with curses.

*"Suddenly the Pope falls gravely wounded. Immediately, those who are with him run to help him and they lift him up. A second time the Pope is struck, he falls again and dies. A shout of victory and joy rings out amongst the enemies; from their ships an unspeakable mockery arises. **But hardly is the Pontiff dead than another takes his place. The pilots, having met together, have elected the Pope so promptly that the news of the death of the Pope coincides with the news of the election of the successor. The adversaries begin to lose courage.***

"The new Pope, putting the enemy to rout and overcoming every obstacle, guides the ship right up to the two columns and comes to rest between them; he makes it fast with a light chain that hangs from the bow to an anchor of the column on which stands the Host; and with another light chain which hangs from the stern, he fastens it at the opposite end to another anchor hanging from the column on which stands the Immaculate Virgin.

At this point, a great convulsion takes place. All the ships that until then had fought against the Pope's ship are scattered; they flee away, collide and break to pieces one against another. Some sink and try to sink others. Several small ships that had fought gallantly for the Pope race to be the first to bind themselves to those two columns. Many other ships, having retreated through fear of the battle, cautiously watch from far away; the wrecks of the broken ships having been scattered in the whirlpools of the sea, they in their turn sail in good earnest to those two columns, and having reached them, they make themselves fast to the hooks hanging down from them and their they remain safe, together with the principal ship, on which is the Pope. Over the sea their reigns a great calm."



Book of Heaven - November 1, 1899

Purification of the Church. Her support: the victim souls.

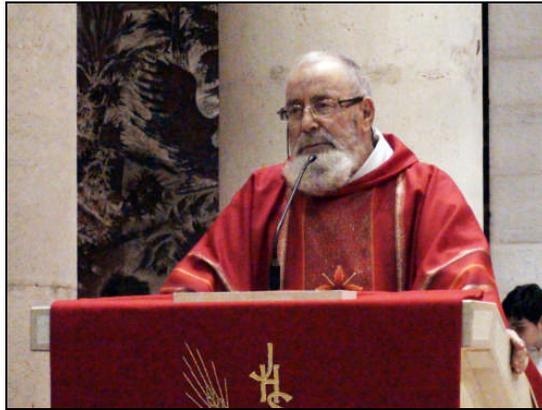
As I was in my usual state, I found myself outside of myself, inside a church, in which there was a priest celebrating the Divine Sacrifice, and while doing this, he was crying bitterly and said: ***“The pillar of my Church has no place to lean!”*** In the act in which He was saying this, **I saw a pillar; its top touched the heavens, and at the bottom of this pillar there were priests, bishops, cardinals and all other dignities, sustaining this pillar.** But to my surprise, I went about looking and I saw that of these people, some were very weak, some half rotten, some infirm, some full of mud. So very scarce was the number of those who were in a condition to sustain it. So, this poor pillar kept swaying, unable to remain still, so many were the quakes it received from the bottom. **At the top of this pillar there was the Holy Father who, with gold chains and with rays emanating from his whole person, did as much as he could to sustain it, and to chain and illuminate the people who dwelled at the bottom, although some of them would flee so as to be more comfortable in becoming rotten and covered with mud; and not only this, but he did as much as he could to bind and to illuminate the whole world.**

While I was seeing this, that priest who was celebrating Mass (I am not sure whether he was a priest or Our Lord; it seems to me it was Him, but I cannot tell with certainty) called me close to Himself and told me: ***“My daughter, see in what a heartrending state my Church is. The very ones who were supposed to sustain Her withdraw, and with their works they knock Her down, they beat Her, and reach the point of denigrating Her. The only remedy is that I cause so much blood to be shed as to form a bath to wash away that rotten mud and to heal their deep wounds, so that, healed, strengthened and embellished in that blood, they may become instruments capable of keeping Her stable and firm.”*** Then He added: ***“I have called you to tell you: ‘Do you want to be victim, and therefore be like a prop to sustain this pillar in these times so incorrigible?’”***

At first I felt a shiver run through me for fear that I might not have the strength, but then immediately I offered myself and I pronounced the *Fiat*. At that moment, I found myself surrounded by many Saints, Angels and purging souls, who tormented me with scourges and other instruments. At first I felt a certain fear, but then, the more I suffered, the more I wanted to suffer, and I enjoyed the suffering like a most sweet nectar; more so, since a thought touched me: ‘Who knows whether those pains might be the means to consume my life, so that I might take wing in the last flight toward my highest and only Good?’ But to my highest sorrow, after suffering bitter pains, I saw that those pains would not consume my life. Oh God, what pain! – that this fragile flesh prevents me from uniting myself to my Eternal Good!

After this, I saw the bloody slaughter that was made of the people who were at the bottom of the pillar. What a horrible catastrophe! So very scarce was the number of those who would not be victims; they reached such daringness as to try to kill the Holy Father. But then, it seemed to me that that blood which was shed and those bloody tormented victims were the means to render those who remained strong, so as to sustain the pillar without letting it sway any more. Oh, what happy days! After this, days of triumphs and of peace would arise; the face of the earth seemed to be renewed, and the pillar would acquire its original prestige and splendor. Oh, happy days! - I hail you from afar, days which will give great glory to my Church, and great honor to the God who is Her Head!

USE GOOD DISCERNMENT



Padre Bucci has received e-mails from many kind souls in the USA and other countries concerning serious errors that are being promoted and attributed to the Servant of God, Luisa Piccarreta confirming the statements of March 9th by Archbishop Picchieri of Trani (see below). These errors are being dispersed through public and private teaching conferences and unauthorized books on the Divine Will that promote the personal ideas and theories of these groups, not those of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta.

This is why it is so important to study the life and virtues of Luisa and the writings about her by her extraordinary confessor St. Hannibal Maria di Francia. Since it was Luisa who received this gift of the Divine Will, she needs to be the model to look to when discerning promoters, books and materials, which claim to teach the Spirituality of the Divine Will.

For example: Luisa never took a penny for the writings, which she never claimed for her own. Luisa always lived very modestly in a little room in her simple home. Luisa was always obedient to the Church and her confessors. Luisa was always humble, never making any private or public claims of herself or any other person, except our Blessed Mother and Lord Jesus, to be living fully in the Divine Will. Luisa never spoke against the Sacrament of Marriage and Luisa always remained peaceful in all circumstances. Therefore be very cautious when presented with books and materials on the Spirituality of the Divine Will which are not approved by the Archdiocese of Trani, especially if they are authored by laypersons or of unknown origin. Even books on the Divine Will by religious persons or groups must also be looked at with discernment to be sure they have approval of the Archdiocese of Trani and what they contain is true and Orthodox.

These problems are reason for Archbishop Picchieri organization of a “restricted by personal invitation only” study conference in Italy scheduled for October 2006. Their goal is *“to have a clear hierarchy of the truths that the Lord has given Luisa, so as to pass them on in order and with the suitable educational methods.”* In defense of Luisa and support of the Archbishop’s lead in this matter, Padre Bucci has issued the following letter which he requested to be distributed as widely as possible:

LETTER FROM PADRE BUCCI

At various times very alarming letters reach me about the interpretations of the writings of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta by others which contain errors wrongly attributed to Luisa as follows:

- 1. One who lives in the Divine Will has no need anymore of being subject to the Magisterium of the Church.**
- 2. One has no need anymore of praying.**
- 3. It is not necessary to be present at Holy Mass even on Sunday.**
- 4. It is not necessary to receive the Most Holy Eucharist.**
- 5. The Will of God supplies everything.**

These assertions are only and solely diabolical; they are works of the devil!

I, as well as all my family, have personally known the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta, therefore we are very well acquainted with the thought of the Servant of God and with her way of living.

The Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta is Catholic; her life was a total submission to the sacerdotal authority, that is, to the infallible Magisterium of the Church. The Servant of God constantly reaffirmed to who were near her, among whom also my aunt Rosaria Bucci, this concept:

“If the Church declares that everything that I have written is false, you must consider it false; if the Church in its infallible Magisterium, and in its age-old prudence, declares false everything that has been written, it means that the demon has deceived me, and only the Church has the power to unmask it.”

Every day the Servant of God attended Holy Mass celebrated in her room, receiving the Most Holy Eucharist daily. She urged everyone to go to Mass on Sunday, and one time rebuked my sister Maria because she had not gone there. This said, it is unthinkable to attribute to the Servant of God behaviors that are not conformed to the Magisterium and to the Precepts of Holy Mother Church.

In order to understand well the spirituality of the Servant of God, the following requirements are necessary:

- 1. The groups must be formed by Eucharistic souls;**
- 2. The groups must be devoted to the Most Holy Virgin, Mother of God;**
- 3. They must be submitted, in everything, to the authority of the Church and especially to their own Bishop, who is the only guarantee of the Faith in the local Church;**
- 4. All the writings that make reference to the diaries of Piccarreta, must be read and interpreted, only and solely, in the light of Sacred Scripture and of the Magisterium of the Church.**

The groups must have as spiritual father, priests of sure orthodoxy, and who are legitimately *incardinated* in their own dioceses or, if religious, in the order they belong to.

The groups must gradually form and **watch out for inappropriate fanaticism or inappropriate interpretations. Watching out for these inappropriate interpretations they should certainly avoid attitudes that border on heresy.**

Our duty is exactly this: **a correct interpretation of the writings of Piccarreta in the light of the Magisterium of the Church; this is the precise will of this soul all of God, and very faithful and very obedient daughter of the Church.**

One who acts otherwise, is certainly a diabolical being who wants to hinder the fulfillment of the Kingdom of the Divine Will, of which the Servant of God is the bearer.

...At this time, responding to these e-mails, I, Father Bernardino Giuseppe Bucci, urge you to not give credit to and to refuse whatever interpretations of the writings of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta that are contrary to the Magisterium of the Church, and I invite you to spread this letter of mine to all the groups who, like you, find themselves in difficulty.

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P. Bernardino Bucci

Archbishop, Msgr. Giovan Battista Picchieri

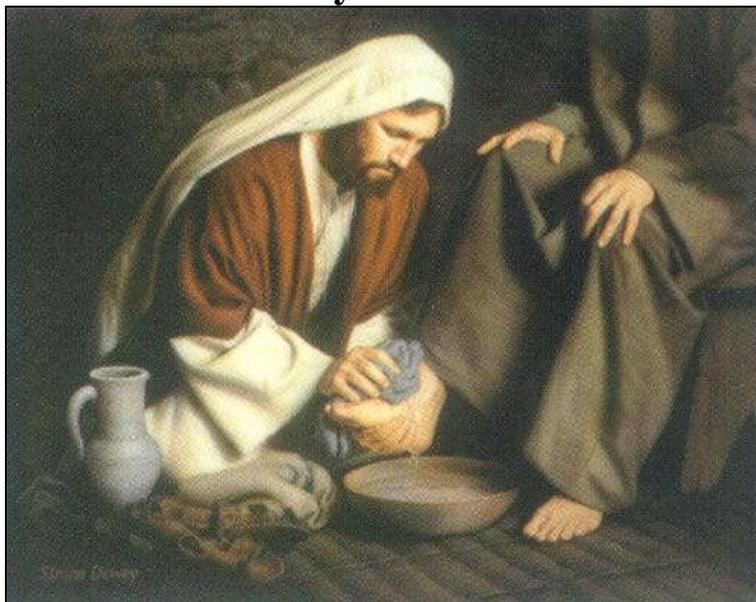


...“ All of you who have taken part in the meeting of October, certainly feel as one called and feel a duty shared with everyone in the Church, the spirituality lived by Luisa.

Nevertheless, the experiences of these years says to us that the doctrine of the Divine Will has not always been presented in a respectful and correct way, according to the Doctrine and the Magisterium of the Church, placing in the mouth of Luisa statements that one does not find even implicitly in her writings. This causes trauma in consciences and even confusion and refusal in the people and among the Presbyteries and Bishops.

Other times they distort certain essential themes or points of this spirituality, presenting them outside of the context and the totality of the writings. They make unauthorized deductions or conclusions; subjective thoughts are given as objective truth, or else they emphasis secondary aspects as if they were essential, in this way distorting the substance and diverting attention to less important things. From this is the need of seeing possible deformations, inaccurate interpretations, imprudent or inappropriate teachings, in order to correct them and to present everything in full conformity with the Doctrine of the Church.” (Excerpt taken from March 9, 2006 - Letter of Archbishop Picchieri of Trani – the complete letter can be read at: http://padrebucci.com/_wsn/page3.html)

Humility and Service



Prayer Requests – January, A.D. 2012



Prayers are placed on the altars of the Chapels of the Divine Will - Each prayer is remembered every day at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass where Luisa is invoked for her intercession

Luisa Piccarreta (to be declared Blessed), **Benedictine Daughters of the Divine Will** (Support & Vocations), **Eugenie** (SI), **Earl** (Mission & family), **Vocations**, **George** (SI), **Nancy** (cancer), **Dr. Ramon Sanchez** (SI), **Edwin J.P.** (SI-Special Intentions), **Peter H.** (SI), **Sammy and Dewayne** (SI), **Debbie** (SI), **Gail** (SI), **Judith Marie** (Family & SI), **Frank Kelly** (protection/mission), **Paul S** (SI), **Fr. Peter D** (SI), **Fr. Celso** (SI), **Fr. Tom's mother** (health), **Fr. Tom** (health), **Gary Z's father** (surgery/recovery), **Sam Fuma's mother** (cancer), **Dannette – Linda – Mura- Mary M** (SI), **Nicole, Carly, Jake, Tad** (SI), **Nicole's Father and Mother** (SI), **Ramon** (SI), **Fr. McCormick** (SI), **Fr. Rau** (SI), **AnnE Marie** (SI), **Robyn** (SI), **Muriel and Gene** (SI -family), **JJ Rosana Garcia Family** (SI-travel), **Aida Garcia** (Health), **Hymie Garcia** (SI), **Ana Ramos** (SI), **Christina** (SI), **robert** (SI), **Ninfa** (SI), **Sylvester Lozano** (Parkinson's), **Sandy & Karen** (SI), **Ann**, **Scott & Jacob** (SI), **Fr. Mancini** (SI), **Jerry, Donsey & family** (SI), **Therese Swango** (Breast Cancer), **Fr. Denis** (SI), **Linda Burke** (cancer), **Hilda Lopez** (SI), **Unice & David** (SI), **Meg & Tony** (SI), **Carol Braun** (eye), **John Braun** (SI), **Fran & Judy O'Brien** (SI), **Diane** (SI), **Charlotte & Rose Hafley** (SI), **Marilla** (giving a Kidney to brother 20 Donnie), **Nancy G.** (Cancer), **Erin** (needs Kidney transplant), **The Duque Family** (29th Anniversary), **Ray** (pacemaker), **Janet** (tumor), **Vito Marcello** (hospice), **Fr. Eugene** (colostomy), **Mr. Manni** (cancer), **Joan Rosser** (in hospital), **Sue's brother** (surgery), **Barbara Mehnert** (recovery), **Jeanne** (SI), **Bill Rowe** (cancer), **Annamay** (SI), **Rosmary** (SI), **Mary Ann** (Alzheimers), **Joe** (recovery), **Marty Ling** (kidneys), **John Enaco** (diabetes), **Stacy W.** (SI), **Michael** (recovery), **Werener and Irene Krenzer** (hospice), **Sue** (SI), **Sr. Alma** (procedure), **Agnes** (SI), **Rich** (SI), **Bill** (Leukemia), **C.O.** (SI), **Ciena** (chemo), **Kerry** (SI), **Janet G.** (cancer), **John McKinney** (tumor), **Victoria** (lymphoma), **Benin** (surgery), **Brian's daughter** (melanoma), **Catherine** (SI), **Bill** (Leukemia), **Nick R.** (fever), **Joe and Katie** (SI), **Alex** (stroke), **Roger Huguenin** (cancer), **Janine** (cancer), **Judy S** (cancer), **Caroline B.** (cancer), **Jed Hanna Sr.** (SI), **Alex** (tests), **Ben** (SI), **Mimim Connelly** (SI), **Paulette White** (hospital), **Jed** (travel), **Arly** (heart attack), **Mary Ann Grey** (broken leg), **John** (SI), **Dorothy** (SI), **Rachel** (SI), **Ryan** (SI), **Janine** (SI), **Jed Hanna Sr.** (SI), **Mother Joan** (SI), **Jessica** (school), **Bill** (SI), **Fr. Roos** (Parkinson's), **Fran** (tests), **Aileen** (tests), **Serena** (SI), **Connie and David** (SI), **John Lenhardt** (health), **K's husband and family** (SI), **Paul Kotchman** (heart attack), **Vivianna Martinex** (SI), **Muriel** (SI), **Jed Hanna Sr.** (SI), **Jan** (treatment), **Maria Theresa Rein T. Mai** (SI), **Betty H.** (heart attack), **Al** (ICU), **Amanda/Sandy** (SI), **Dorothy Macaluso** (SI), **Michelle** (MRI), **Rob** (lung), **Wally** (leg), **Claudia** (surgery), **Betty** (illness), **Susan's mother** (SI), **Jill's sister** (SI), **Sean and Julia** (SI), **Pat** (recovery), **Ann** (SI), **Hope** (tests), **Sharon** (lymphoma cancer), **Betsy** (cancer), **Ethel R.** (SI), **Mary H** (SI), **Fr. Gordilnier** (SI), **Pam's daughter** (recovery), **Michael** (SI), **Nancy** (SI), **Nicholette Gottlinger and family** (SI),

Pray for the souls of - **Alex, Lawrence Deldin, Angelo :Marsciallo' Mastrogiacomio, Jim G. , Terry Bronte, Bob Kelly, Venere Carrea, Patricia Deegan, Randell Terry, Thomas Allen, William Hong, Carolyn, Irene Krenzer, Arthur Wasserman, Adam Burton, John Pupo, Jeannetter Storino, Patricia Bartlett, Carol Zornow's Mother, Todd Parrot, Jeanne W., Thomas Mitchell, John Puppoo, Jeannette Sorino, Fr. Mark Illig, Joseph L Giorigi Jr, Len Miller**
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in peace

Book of Heaven – March 22, A.D. 1938 – The last sign of Love at the point of death.

“My Goodness is such, wanting everyone saved, that I allow the falling of these walls when the creatures find themselves between life and death – at the moment in which the soul exits the body to enter eternity – so that they may do at least one act of contrition and of love for Me, recognizing my adorable Will upon them. I can say that I give them one hour of truth, in order to rescue them. Oh, if all knew my industries of love, which I perform in the last moment of their life, so that they may not escape from my more than Paternal hands – they would not wait for that moment, but they would love Me all their life.”

DEO GRATIAS!



*Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta, “May the Kingdom of Your Divine Will come, May Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven!”
Saint Annibale, “Pray for us, Oh Lord, Send Holy Apostles into Your Church!”*

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