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The Divine Will



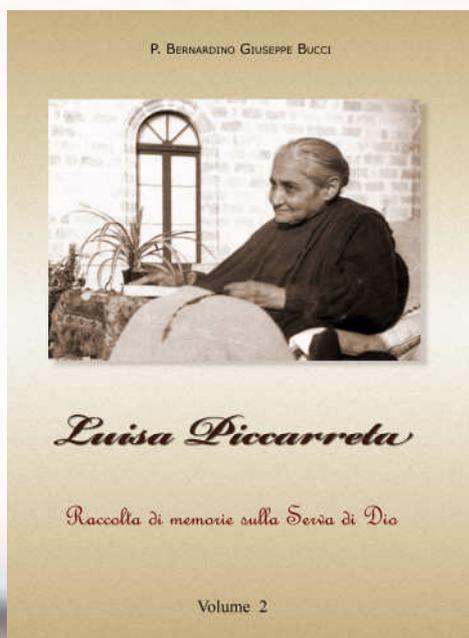
The Triumph of Luisa

By means of this newsletter, we wish to bring to light some meaningful testimonies on the death of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta. The testimonies of these persons express their astonishment at the phenomena that took place during Luisa's death. They share with us not only the details of her death but also the mysterious atmosphere that was created. They all had the impression that a great soul who was loved very much by God had left the threshold of time.

The death of Luisa was the coronation of her life, lived in total faith and submission to sacred authority in announcing the gift of the Divine Will, becoming a door leading man to the path of the holiness that comes from God.

Father Bernardino Bucci

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the artist of the painting on the cover
titled "Come Down Divine Will!"*



The testimonies published in this newsletter along with numerous others are from the new book by Father Bernardino *"The Collection of Memories"*.

Testimony of don Benedetto Calvi

(Luisa's last confessor)

Fiat !!!

In Voluntate Dei !

Corato, 12/3/1947

"Luisa is no longer with us... she is in Heaven, in the immense light of the Divine Will, in the glorious triumph of the Saints.

I assisted her until her last moment... she died in my arms, while I murmured my last prayer of absolution!....She died like the Saint, her last act in the Divine Will.

....although I was under a tremendous blow, yet it quickly it left me with the most painful but sublime impression of her last breath, leaving me with a storm of questions:



"A Saint has died."

We have lost our Luisa...

but we have acquired a Protector in Paradise.

Her body remained inexorably erect seated on her bed. Her limbs did not undergo *rigor mortis*. It was possible to move them in any direction, including all the joints of her fingers. Her eyelids were raised slightly, but the pupils of her eyes were still shining. She been exposed to several medical visits and this gave the impression that she was not dead. There was never any sign of decomposition after remaining exposed for four days.

All the people of Corato and crowds of foreigners came with great devotion and admiration to visit her remains. They candidly kissed and moved her hands and touched her with religious objects which they jealously kept as relics. It proved impossible to straighten her body even a centimeter, so her erect position forced the city to construct a specially shaped coffin for her. Therefore she seemed to be alive, sitting in her coffin which the authorities quickly made and

kindly included with the front and sides of glass so she could be seen even from far away.

Her Funeral?... a true triumph!

Nobody went to work that day and everyone took part except those who were indifferent to her. Several photographers continuously took pictures and there are many photographs of the event. It was an enormous manifestation of sorrow, but also of great joy. And from her coffin, visible to all, even though her eyes were only slightly opened, it seemed as if she wanted to bless the immense crowd of people who all accompanied her to her final resting place. It was a truly rare spectacle for those who had the unique fortune to assist her, they would never be able to fully relate all its magnificence.



I do not have the strength to continue: I can only tell you in conclusion that our Luisa was taken to the chapel of my family a meter away from the Altar where I celebrate Mass.

United in life in the Divine Will, united in death in the cemetery, united forever, by the mercy of God in the Glory of the Divine Will.

In the Will of God, Parish priest don Benedetto Calvi



The death of this woman, this Servant of God whose spirituality was centralized on the Divine Will represents an act more sublime than **total submission to the authority of the Church.**

Luisa had transformed her life totally in submission to the Divine Will. **The last act of her life was completed in the arms of sacred authority** like a child who places herself between the arms of a loving mother who will surely lead her to the splendor that God gives only to elect souls.

Luisa loved the Church very deeply and wanted to die in its arms. The Priest who represented her mother (The Church), received her with all the gifts that the Church lavishly gives to the souls She is entrusted with. **With the blessing of his hand, it cancels all the waste that a creature contains so it is free to fly to the fullness of God.**

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Testimony of Sister Letizia Lotito

We are bringing back a part of the Testimony of Sister Lotito who was born in Corato and knew the Servant of God. She now carries out her apostolate in the "House of Relief for the Suffering" in San Giovanni Rotondo.

Sister Lotito expressed her desire: *"Thus I have known Padre Pio while he was still alive and lived to see him become a Saint, I also want to see the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta be raised to the altar of the Saints quickly while I am still alive".*

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...it was possible for me to participate in Luisa's funeral which we can call *"The Triumph of Luisa"*...dressed in white, groups of little ones were given the opportunity to see Luisa, if just for a few minutes. From the largest to the smallest (The Catholic Youth Movement), everyone followed Luisa's coffin over the long distance. It was also carried on the shoulders of the larger of us and also that of the nuns. Even the Daughters of Mary and other congregations had the joy to carry it on their shoulders. The memory of that day always remains alive in my mind, the pain for the loss of a person so very much beloved but at the same



time the great joy in seeing the participation and accompaniment of the entire country which was like a sign of affection and thanks that everyone gave to Luisa...

Testimony of Luisa Bucci

I think it is opportune to bring back part of the long testimony of Mrs. Luisa Bucci, who everyone calls Lisetta. Of all the members of the Bucci family, other than Aunt Rosaria, she was the person, more than the others, who visited the house of the Servant of God and established a great close relationship with Luisa and her sister Angelina. Lisetta was perhaps the only one that did not feel uneasiness when in contact with the Servant of God, contrary to others who saw Luisa like a creature who was out of the ordinary. Her testimony was very much appreciated by the Diocesan Court for the cause of the beatification of the Servant of God. When she was interrogated, she spoke with much simplicity and reverence. It was like a river flooding with the many details she knew about Luisa Piccarreta.



..."When Luisa died, all of creation was silent in wonder and astonishment. Everyone had the impression that a great saint had left this world. Nobody dared to touch her; Luisa remained in the position she was accustomed to. Her confessor did not dare to touch her, and only made the sign of the cross to awaken her, but Luisa remained serene as if asleep....They did not know what to do; then taking the initiative calling her name, as it was done to dress the dead, I said to her: *Aunt Luisa, let me remove the sweaty shirt that you hold and I will clean you up.* Thus I dressed her with a clean dress and moved the body of Luisa easily... I took her in my arms and placed her on the portable bed

that had been prepared in the other room for the viewing of her body. It was then that I had the impression that Luisa did not weigh anything: the body of Luisa weighed less than a newspaper. It was how Aunt Rosaria was easily able to move her when cleaning had to be done... The funeral was a triumph, all of Corato participated and stopped to honor Luisa their Saint. The Headmaster of the School, Lagrasta, convened the pupils of the Grammar school in order for them to pay homage to Luisa and remember the words said into the microphone:

*“In front of us is the body of Luisa Piccarreta,
a creature totally of God, who has raised people by her virtues,
and grandiose example of an authentic Christian life.*

*Hail this creature, Heaven and earth,
hail this privileged creature who has illuminated Corato
and the world with a life of faith.*

***Hail, Luisa the Saint,**
you have not died because you will always remain alive in our memory
and one day the world will speak of you”.*

These words pronounced by the Headmaster Lagrasta seem inspired because they have the ring of prophecy. In the beginning nobody would ever have thought that the name of Luisa Piccarreta would flow to the other continents. In fact, Luisa is know allover the world, also in lesser know countries: Siberia, China, Russia, Denmark, Norway, Korea, Australia, Mozambique, etc...; a great spread has happened, above all, in the continent America.

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