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"May the Divine Will always be blessed!"
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The Transfiguration of the Lord



A foretaste of the Kingdom: the Transfiguration

555 For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory, confirming Peter's confession. He also reveals that he will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order to "enter into his glory." Moses and Elijah had seen God's glory on the Mountain; the Law and the Prophets had announced the Messiah's sufferings. Christ's Passion is the will of the Father: the Son acts as God's servant; the cloud indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit. "The whole Trinity appeared: the Father in the voice; the Son in the man; the Spirit in the shining cloud."



You were transfigured on the mountain, and your disciples, as much as they were capable of it, beheld your glory, O Christ our God, so that when they should see you crucified they would understand that your Passion was voluntary, and proclaim to the world that you truly are the splendor of the Father. (p.142-143)

556 On the threshold of the public life: the baptism; on the threshold of the Passover: the Transfiguration. Jesus' baptism proclaimed "the mystery of the first regeneration," namely, our Baptism; the Transfiguration "is the sacrament of the second regeneration": our own Resurrection. From now on we share in the Lord's Resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ. The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he "will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body." But it also recalls that "it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God":

Peter did not yet understand this when he wanted to remain with Christ on the mountain. It has been reserved for you, Peter, but for after death. For now, Jesus says: "Go down to toil on earth, to serve on earth, to be scorned and crucified on earth. Life goes down to be killed; Bread goes down to suffer hunger; the Way goes down to be exhausted on his journey; the Spring goes down to suffer thirst; and you refuse suffer?" (p. 143)

Eucharist, Mystery of Light

By Padre Bernardino Bucci

The apparition sets the fire of the first Eucharist mystery that must be present in the devotion of the People of God: the Mystery of Light. Jesus himself defines Himself as the Light of the World. (John 8. 12). This characteristic of His, while put in evidence in the Transfiguration and Resurrection, where His Divinity and His are clearly proven, is veiled in the Eucharist. In this way, the Eucharistic Mystery becomes the mystery, par excellence, of faith. By means of His total hiddenness, CHRIST makes Himself Mystery of Light and of grace through whom the believer is introduced into Divine Life. The Eucharist is light because in the Holy Mass two meals are intertwined: the meal of the Word, and the meal of Bread. This is evidenced in the discourse of Capernaum where His mystery as Son of God and Eucharistic Mystery is presented: "My Flesh is real food, and My blood is real Drink." (John 6, 55.) It was these affirmations that threw the disciples and hearers into crisis and in the general confusion the words of Peter resound, "Lord, to whom should we go? You alone have the words of eternal life." In the disciples of Emmaus, the word precedes the Breaking of the Bread: "Stay with us, Lord." In Her wisdom, the Church has always desired that the meal of the word abundantly open to the Faithful the treasures of Sacred Scripture. The Christian community makes a profound examination. In fact, it is not enough to proclaim the Word if It does not happen with a prior preparation in devout heeding, in silence--necessary elements so that the word touch the most hidden fibers of man.

A Rough Sea

By Padre Bernardino Bucci



Fra Bernardino Giuseppe Bucci, a Capuchin student with the other students in a souvenir photograph (standing, second from the left beside the director)

Several years passed. My mother and father had died prematurely; our large family was dispersed. Three of us were married, one sister in Trieste, another in Bologna, my brother in Switzerland: the house, emptied of us, was lived in with our consent by Aunt Rosaria.

By then I was a theology student at the studentate in Santa Fara; I had already received the minor orders and the diaconate.

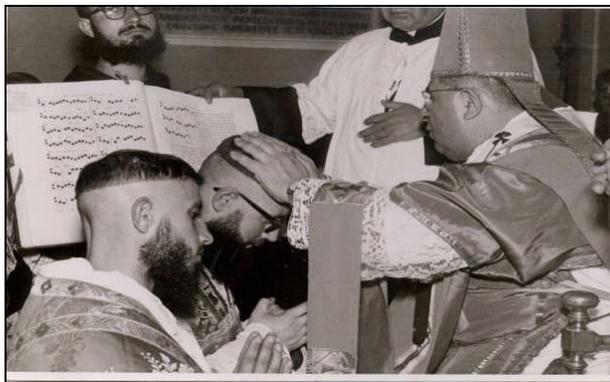
During the summer, all the students moved to the Friary of Giovinazzo. The building, virtually overlooking the sea, was an ideal place to spend a holiday and the major seminary was also based there. One day in August we went to the beach. The sea was very rough; a rash student flung himself into the water and was instantly submerged by the breakers. I and another two companions, expert swimmers, dived in after our confrere, but because of the turbulent water we were swept away by the waves, flung against the rocks and sucked back repeatedly.

In these circumstances, half dazed I meditated on my death and said to myself: "I will not be a priest after all!". Then I called upon Luisa and said: "**Luisa the Saint, help me!**" and abandoned myself without reacting. At a certain point I felt my body grasped by the hands of other confreres, who dragged me to safety before the waves sucked me back again once and for all.

I emerged from the water, bleeding and with cuts all over me, but alive. Luisa had saved me, together with the other three students, my companions in misfortune.

The following night I dreamed of Luisa who looked at me with those great eyes of hers that were imprinted upon my mind, but she said nothing. Was it a premonitory dream or delirium? It is true that during the next days I had a very high temperature, but I then recovered from the illness.

The following year I became a priest. I was ordained by the Archbishop of Bari, at that time Archbishop Enrico Cicodemo, in the Capuchins' church at Triggiano on March 14 A.D. 1964.



August 15, A.D. 2013
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Book of Heaven - August 15 A.D. 1938

The feast of Assumption is the most beautiful, the most sublime feast. It is the feast of the Divine Will operating in the Heavenly Queen.

While my mind was swimming in the sea of the Divine Will, I stopped at the act in which my Mother and Queen was assumed into Heaven. How many wonders, how many enrapturing surprises of love. And my sweet Jesus, as if He felt the need to speak about His Celestial Mother, all festive told me: "My blessed daughter, today is the feast of Assumption. This is the most beautiful, the most sublime, the greatest feast, in which we remain glorified, loved and honored the most! Heaven and earth are invested with an unusual joy, never before felt. The Angels and the Saints feel as if invested with new joys and new happiness, and they all praise with new songs the Sovereign Queen who, in her empire, rules over all, giving joy to all!

Today is the feast of feasts - the unique one, the new one, which was never repeated again. Today, the day of the Assumption, celebrated for the first time the Divine Will operating in the Sovereign Queen and Lady; the marvels are enchanting in each of her smallest acts, even in her breathing, in her motion. Many of our divine lives can be seen flowing in her act as many Kings which, more than bright Suns, inundate - surround and embellish her - making her so beautiful as to form the enchantment of the Celestial Regions. Do you think it's nothing, that each one of her breaths, motions, works and pains were filled with many of our divine lives? This is exactly the great prodigy of my Will operating in the creature: to form a divine life for each time It could enter the motion and the acts of the creature. Then, since my Fiat possesses the virtue of bilocation and repetition - doing again and again without ceasing everything she does - so the Great Lady feels these divine lives multiplied within herself, which do nothing other than further extend her seas of love, beauty, power and infinite Wisdom! You must know that the divine lives she possesses are so great and so many that, upon entering Heaven, they crowded the whole Celestial Region and, being impossible to contain them, they filled the whole Creation as well. Therefore, there is no place where her seas of love and power do not flow, along with the many of Our Lives of which She is possessor and Queen.

We can say that she dominates Us and that We dominate her. By clothing herself with our immensity, power and love, she populated all our Attributes with her acts and with the many of our divine Lives which she had conquered! Therefore, from every place and everywhere, we feel ourselves being loved and glorified - inside and outside of ourselves, from within all created things, in the most remote hiding places - by this Celestial Creature and by those same divine lives which our Fiat formed in Her. Oh! Power of our Will, only You can do such prodigies to make us loved and glorified as we deserve and want - to the extent of creating many of our lives in the one who lets You dominate. This is why She can give Her God to all, because She possesses Him. Even more, when She sees a creature disposed to receive our Will, without losing one of our Divine Lives, She has the virtue of reproducing, from within these divine Lives which She possesses, yet another of our Divine Lives to give to whomever she wants.

This Virgin Queen is a continuous prodigy. What She did on earth, She continues in Heaven; because, when the Divine Will operates, both in the creature and in ourselves, her acts never end, and, while remaining in It, they can be given to all. Does the Sun, perhaps, cease to give its light to the human generation because it has given too much of it? Not at all. Even if it has given much, it is always rich in its light, and does not lose a single drop of it. Therefore, the glory of this Queen is insuperable because She possesses our operating Will, which has the virtue of forming in the creature eternal and infinite acts. She loves us always and unceasingly with our lives which She possesses. She loves us with our own love. She loves us everywhere. Her love fills Heaven and earth and runs to pour itself inside our Divine womb. And we love her so much that we cannot live without loving her. While, in loving us, She loves all, making everyone love us. How could we resist and not give her anything She wants? It is our own Will that asks for what She wants, tying us with Its eternal bonds so that we can refuse her nothing. This is why the feast of the Assumption is the most beautiful one: it is the feast of my Will operating in this Great Lady, making her so rich and beautiful that the Heavens cannot contain her. Even the Angels remain speechless, and don't know how to describe what my Will does in the creature."

After this, while my mind remained stupefied in thinking about the great prodigies that the divine Fiat worked and continues to work in the Celestial Queen, my beloved Jesus added: "My daughter, her beauty is unreachable. It enchants, it charms, it conquers. Her love is such that She offers herself to all, loving all - leaving behind her seas of love. She can be called Queen of love, winner of love, because She loved much, and through love She won her God. You must know that, by doing his will, man broke the bonds with his Creator and with all created things. By the power of our Fiat, which She possessed, this Heavenly Queen tied her Creator to the creatures; tied all beings together - united them - put them back in order and with her love, gave new life to the human generations. Her love was so great as to cover and hide, inside its seas, weaknesses, evils, sins - the creatures themselves. Oh! If this Holy Virgin did not possess so much love, it would be difficult for us to look at the earth. Only her love makes us look at it, but we want to give our Will to reign in the middle of the creatures because She wants it so. She wants to give to her children what She possesses, and by love She will win Us and her children."

Fiat!!!

August 21, A.D. 2013
Feast Day Saint Pope Pius X



1908

December 28, Jesus foretells to Luisa the earthquakes in Messina, Sicily and Calabria and how large areas of the world will be destroyed by earthquakes, floods, and wars.

Five hours later, a massive earthquake destroyed the city of Messina, Sicily, burying thousands of people under a mass of rubble. Not a single one of Fr. Annibale's orphans died in the earthquake, but 13 of his nuns perished in the ruins. Responding immediately to the disaster, **Pope Pius X sent money to relieve the victims, including private funds specially earmarked for the orphans.** Through his fatherly concern for the orphans of Messina, the pope formed a deep admiration for Fr. Annibale Di Francia, an esteem destined to have a profound impact on Luisa Piccarreta's life and work.

Luisa's day began at about 5.00 a.m., when the priest came to the house to bless it and to celebrate Holy Mass. Either her confessor officiated, or some delegate of his: a privileged granted by Leo XIII and **confirmed by St. Pius X in 1907.**

Much still remains to be said about the relations between Blessed Annibale, the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta and St. Pius X, for whom Luisa had great veneration. At that time she already revered him as a saint, and on various occasions said these words: *"The Lord has given the Church two great Pontiffs in these times; the first, a beloved son of Our Lady", with reference to Pius IX, "the second, a great defender of the faith and of the Eucharist"*.

Annibale di Francia was the extraordinary confessor of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta, and it was he who published her works. Blessed Annibale belonged to that array of priests who built up the Church of God with their holiness and their institutions for orphans and abandoned children. The work of these men was of great benefit to Italy and the Church, in a period when anti-clericalism was triumphant.

According to Aunt Rosaria, the blessed enjoyed the great esteem of St. Pius X who willingly granted him private audiences. It seems that St. Pius X paid great attention to Luisa Piccarreta: **our blessed submitted her writings to him before having them printed.**

Aunt Rosaria remembered that Blessed Annibale once urged all the girls and Luisa's regular visitors to read and meditate upon the work. In giving it to them, the blessed said: *"Before having the manuscript printed, I was received in audience by His Holiness Pius X, to whom I gave a copy. Several days later, having returned to see the Holy Father for matters concerning my new Congregation, he said these words: 'Have Luisa Piccarreta's L'orologio della Passione printed immediately. Read it on your knees, because it is Our Lord who is speaking in it'".*

Since we have no other documents available, we cannot but trust the testimony of Rosaria Bucci.

(Excerpts taken from *Childhood Memories* by Padre Bernardino Bucci)

REPARATION, REPARATION, REPARATION



Jesus, Mama, hold me close to You; give me Your love, Your Volition; dart through my poor heart, clasp me in Your arms; and together with You, O sweet Mother, I want to follow, step by step, adored Jesus, with the intention of giving Him comfort, relief, love and reparation for all.

(from a letter of Luisa to her extraordinary Confessor, Blessed Annibale M. di Francia)

“Wherefore I also tell you that the purpose of these Hours of the Passion is, not so much that of recounting the story of the Passion, because there are many books which treat this pious subject, and it would not be necessary to make another one; but the purpose is the **REPARATION**, uniting together the different points of the Passion of Our Lord with the diversity of so many offenses and, together with Jesus, make worthy **REPARATION**, redoing for Him almost all that which all creatures owe Him. From this comes the different ways of making **REPARATION**. In these Hours, that is, in some passages one blesses; in others one compassionates; in others one praises; in others one comforts suffering Jesus; in others one compensates; in others one begs, prays and asks.”

Excerpt from Sergio Pellegrini:

¹The sanctity of “Living in” the Divine Will produces this typical way of praying, a way of uniting ourselves intentionally to God through prayer or - as Luisa calls it - of “fusing one’s self.” This is achieved by “making rounds” through the whole reality that God has fashioned: in Creation, Redemption and Sanctification (Cf. text n.6, page 28). Every reality, having come from God by the one unique Act of His Will, carries in itself the very same Love of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. The purpose of this “spiritual exercise” is to recognize Him and to respond to Him fittingly in praise, in thanksgiving, and in **reparation** for man’s ingratitude. The soul gives to God what comes from God, establishing in Him a reciprocity of love which benefits the creature who makes the rounds as well as all the creatures who are “visited” by her.

Book of Heaven - May 28, 1937

The Queen, bearer of Jesus; the great gift that was given to Her. The task She received from the Supreme Being.

...“Who can tell you everything? I am the Bearer of Jesus, He does not want to go to creatures without Me, so much so that when the Priest gets ready to pronounce the words of the Consecration on the Holy Host, I spread my maternal wings so that He descends from between my hands to be consecrated. Furthermore, if unworthy hands would ever touch Him, I would make **reparation** with mine, defending Him and covering Him with my love.

“This is not all. I am always attentive to see if creatures want my Son. Thus, if some sinner repents of his grave sins, and the light of grace appears in his heart, then I quickly bring Jesus to him as confirmation of the pardon, and provide all that is needed so that He may remain in that converted heart!

“The Divine Will which I possess reveals to Me who [it is who] wants Him, and I rush to him. [I] fly there, never leaving him, because I am the Bearer of Jesus. This is a task given to Me by the Supreme Being, and from which I must not evade. It is a task that at the same time makes Me experience the joys of my Motherhood, makes Me taste the fruit of my sorrows, gives Me the glory of the Kingdom that I possess, and the fulfillment of the Divine Will on earth.”



*Mary's Queenship is first based on her maternal relationship with Jesus. The ancient Hebraic notion of the Queen Mother applies to Mary as Mother of the Messianic King, Jesus Christ. In ancient Israel, the most important woman in the monarchy was generally the queen mother, not the queen. In the southern kingdom of Judah, the kings' wives were apparently never "queens." It was the queen mother (Hebrew, *gebira* or "Great Lady"), the king's mother, who was honored and who wielded authority as a counselor to the king. Kings 2:19 "Then he sat down upon his throne, and a throne was provided for the king's mother, who sat at his right." Psalm 45:9 the Queen Mother standing at the king's right hand, arrayed in gold. Hebrews 1:8-9 applies this psalm to Jesus as Messianic King. By extension, Psalm 45:9 would then apply prophetically to the Messianic King's Mother, Mary.*

From "The Virgin Mary in the Kingdom of the Divine Will"

. Know that I will go all over the world; I will go to each individual, to all families, to religious communities, to every nation, to all peoples, and if needed, I will go about for entire centuries until, as Queen, I have formed my people, and as Mother, my children, who may know the Divine Will and let It reign everywhere. Here is the purpose of this book. Those who will welcome it with love will be the first fortunate children to belong to the Kingdom of the divine Fiat, and with gold characters I will write their names in my maternal heart.

Book of Heaven - June 6 A.D. 1935

How the Queen of Heaven Wanders From Nation to Nation Trying to Save Her Children.

...At that time my sweet Jesus wanted to present to my mind so many sad and ghastly things before which the coldest hearts were shaken, and the most obstinate were terrified. With an unspeakable goodness He then said to me:

"My daughter, take courage. You will serve in the triumph of my Will. If I wound you, it is a sign that I want to heal you. My Love is such that if I cannot win by means of grace, I shall try to win by force of terror [chastisements]. These same men who often do not pay attention to my kindnesses, who remain deaf to my words and laugh at my love, when they see taken away from them the things that they need in their natural life, become very humble. Furthermore, unless they have a wicked and obstinate vice, they return to my arms as children to their father.

"Know, oh child, that when I am occasionally compelled to use punishment for the good of creatures, my Heart is such that, so they may not be hurt, I entrust them all to my Mother. Oh, how safe are those souls that are under her protection, and live sheltered under her mantle! In some cases, not even death has power over them!"

To better convince me, my dear Jesus showed me the Queen of Heaven. With unspeakable majesty and maternal tenderness She descended from Heaven, traveled through all nations, and marked with a particular sign all those who should not be touched by chastisement. My sweet Jesus was giving to his Mother the privilege of saving whomever She pleased, and everyone marked by Her remained immune.

How moving it was to contemplate the Celestial Empress as She wandered throughout different parts of the world to collect her creatures into her maternal arms, to press them to her bosom, and to hide them under her mantle so that no one could harm them! If all men were privileged to understand with what love and with what tenderness the Sovereign Mistress completes this duty, they would shed tears of consolation—
and they would love much more She who loves us so!

August 29, A.D. 2013
The Passion of Saint John the Baptist



The Church, honouring the saints in proportion to the part they played in the mystery of the Incarnation of the Word, gives to St. John a special place.

Each day in the Mass, as well as at the Confiteor, at the Suscipe and at the Nobis quoque peccatoribus, the name of St. John the Baptist precedes that of the apostles. It is the same in the Litany of the Saints. His feast immediately precedes that of the apostles St. Peter and St. Paul. By ending the mission of the prophets and commencing that of the apostles, he is the link between the Old and the New Testament.

Let us, also, give to St. John the Baptist the place of honour which is due to him in our worship of the saints. The worship must, indeed, be hierarchically ordered so that we may never forget that Jesus is the principal author of our redemption, and that the saints are more or less great as they are more or less united to Him as secondary instruments.

The feast of the nativity of St. John the Baptist falls in the season when the Cycle shows us the Church which, as this saint foretold, was born in the baptism of the Holy Ghost and of fire at Pentecost, and goes on continually developing herself. It is, indeed, to the holy Precursor that she owes it to have known Jesus, the Spouse that makes her the fruitful mother of many souls.

As with the Jews, a friend was the intermediary between the bride and the spouse and prepared the wedding-feast, St. John is called in the Gospel the " friend of the Spouse". It is he whom God has chosen to prepare for the Lord, by his preaching and baptism of penance, a perfect people. And after having adorned the bride, he presents the Spouse to her. " John was the man sent as a witness so that through him all should believe in Jesus."

Jesus comes to him in the waters of the Jordan and at this divine contact the water acquired the virtue which in baptism causes our souls to be born to supernatural life. As St. John baptizes Christ in the Jordan, he hears the voice of the Father proclaiming that Jesus is His well-beloved Son. He sees the Holy Ghost hovering over him in the form of a dove and he reveals that Jesus is "the Lamb of God".

Let us remember that after having baptized the Master, the one who is called John the Baptizer has also presided over our own christening, for all the baptistries (particularly that of St. John Lateran in Rome) are dedicated to him, and his image is to be used for the adornment of baptismal fonts. Having thus been brought by him to Jesus, let us also through St. John approach the Eucharist, reciting the words of the Agnus Dei, by which he indicated the Saviour.

FOUR MONTHS LATER! A personal reflection. Fr Peter

(After reading this post by Fr. Peter, I asked his permission to reprint
This article in this Newsletter which he graciously agreed to)

Dear followers of the Divine Will 'good news',

Four months ago yesterday, on the 13th May (the 'Fatima day'), Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio was elected as our new Pope. Many silly things were said about Pope Francis within a week of his election. This resulted in pointless and fruitless polemics. The dust has settled and the initial media frenzy has quietened as the Pope makes known by words and actions some of his agendas for the Church and God's people. Prominent in his homilies, addresses and in the recent Encyclical (*Lumen Fidei*), are the recurring themes obedience, the commandments, faith and truth, the evil of sin, and repentance to mention just a few. Very early into his Pontificate he spoke several times on Satan and the devil; so much so that Dr William Oddie asked, *"Is the Pope Obsessed with the Devil?"* And The Associated Press carried the headline, *'The Pope And The Devil: Is Francis an Exorcist?'* Ms. Blankley wrote in The Christian Post an interesting article making an appropriate response: *"No, Pope Francis is not 'Obsessed with Satan,' He's Just a Christian who Believes in the Devil."*

Now we are starting to hear talk that our new pope is turning the clock back and bringing all the old devotions and prayers back into practice; that he is highlighting things of a bygone Church. It is not surprising that some 'progressives' in the Church, both lay and in the ministry, would be nervous and unhappy with some of his pronouncements and actions.

However, for the more orthodox members of the Church (some would say 'traditional' which in my opinion has now become a coloured and emotive word), that is those in full communion with the Magisterium, Pope Francis is an instrument of the Holy Spirit guided by Mary, Mother of the Church. A Pope given for our troubled times. After the Conclave I was quite struck by the words of Cardinal Christoph Schönborn, the Archbishop of Vienna, who said that during the Conclave he had personally had two *"strong signs"* that Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio was *"the chosen one."* Cardinal Schönborn then went on to say that many Cardinals received similar signs during the Conclave.

There is no doubt that Pope Francis is Marian. Here are some examples:

Pope Francis has been one of the chief promoters of "Our Lady Untier of Knots" - a devotion which goes back to Saint Irenaeus of Lyons in the 2nd Century. When Pope Francis, then Jorge Mario Bergoglio, was undertaking his doctorate in Germany, he was stunned by a Bavarian painting of "Holy Mary, Our Lady Untier of Knots." He acquired a copy of the painting and brought it to Argentina and promoted devotion to Mary under this title. Apparently it has caught on with the faithful of Argentina and Brazil in particular. It is interesting that this Marian devotion of Pope Francis is rooted in Bavaria - it therefore creates a bridge between the Pontificate of Pope Benedict XVI and that of Pope Francis. In fact, Cardinal Bergoglio had an image of "Our Lady Untier of Knots" engraved into a chalice and presented it to Pope Benedict XVI. There is a novena to "Our Lady Untier of Knots" which can be downloaded from the Internet. For more information on "Our Lady Untier of Knots" go to: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Untier_of_Knots



On the first 'Fatima Day' of his Pontificate - 13th May - the cardinals and bishops of Portugal, at the request of Pope Francis, Consecrated Pope Francis' pontificate to Our Lady of Fatima. The Consecration composed for this solemn event may well be prophetic, as it alludes to the Third Secret, and "*the bishop dressed in white*". With his spartan wear, Pope Francis matches that description better than any of his predecessors. To my knowledge, no previous pope has requested such a consecration before, even though both Popes John Paul II and Benedict XV visited Fatima and exhorted people to pray to the Virgin of Fatima. May the triumph of Mary be upon us!!

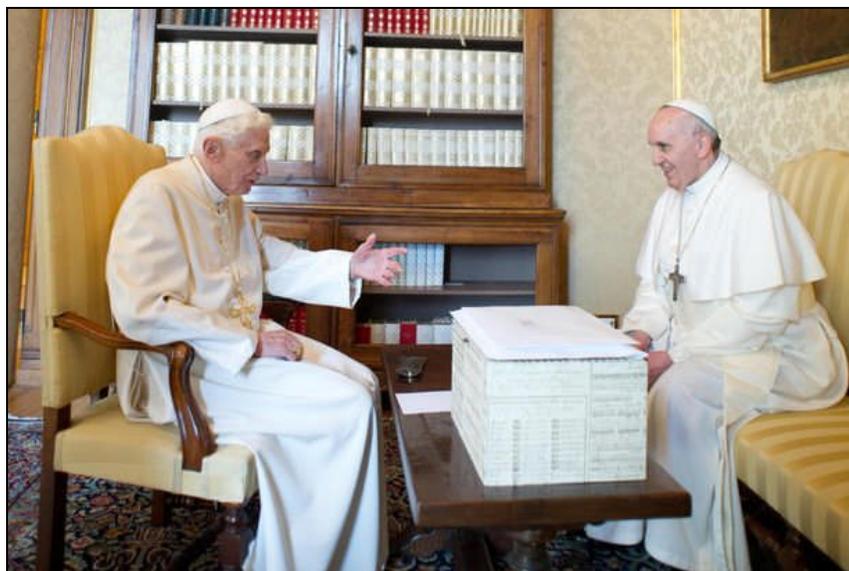
Coincidence???



Many of us signed and collected countless signatures requesting Popes John Paul II and Benedict XV to give St Joseph due honour by his inclusion in Eucharistic Prayers II, III, and IV. While Pope Benedict initiated the change that St Joseph will be permanently included in the Eucharistic Prayers at Masses of the Latin Rite, it was not until the 20th June this year that Pope Francis promulgated the decree.

A Vatican official announced that for "*the first time in the history of the Church*" on the Feast of Corpus Christi this year, Pope Francis would lead Catholics all around the globe in a first ever worldwide 'Holy Hour' of Eucharistic Adoration. People gathered in cathedrals, neighbourhood parishes and monasteries at the same time as the Pope in St Peter's Basilica, to pray for two general intentions penned by the Pope. The first was for those "*who still suffer slavery and who are victims of war, human trafficking, drug running and slave labour*" as well as for the "*unemployed, the elderly, migrants, the homeless, prisoners and those who experience marginalisation*".

And the second was for the 1.2 billion members of our Church, that it be "*without stain or blemish*", which I think is an allusion to our scandals and undermined credibility.



We have seen now many times in the media the spiritual and human warmth that clearly exists between Pope emeritus Benedict and Pope Francis. We now have two occasions when Pope Francis and Pope Benedict came together and have through their collaboration given the Church something special. Such collaborations are remarkable, historic and rare events in the history of our Church.

Firstly, it was reported that the Vatican City State workers were filled with joy on Friday 5th July when Pope Francis and Pope emeritus Benedict XVI came together in the Vatican Gardens for a ceremony in which the two Popes blessed a statue of St Michael Archangel, and at the same time consecrated the Vatican to the Archangel's protection. In consecrating Vatican City State to St. Michael the Archangel, the Pope said, "I ask him to defend us from the evil one and to banish him." The consecration prayer finishes with a powerful reference to Saint Joseph, patron of the universal Church: "We also consecrate Vatican City State in St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus, the guardian of the Holy Family. May his presence make us stronger and more courageous in making space for God in our lives to always defeat evil with good. We ask Him to protect, take care of us, so that a life of grace grows stronger in each of us every day."

Secondly, the new Encyclical, "*Lumen Fidei*" (The Light of Faith) the first encyclical to go out in his name, Pope Francis said he is indebted heavily to the work already done by his predecessor, Benedict XVI. '*I have taken up his fine work and added a few contributions of my own*', he says in the introduction. I strongly encourage a reading of this wonderful encyclical. My copy is already highlighted like a Christmas Tree. Church encyclicals are for all God's people, not just bishops, priests and religious. This particular encyclical is very accessible and does not need a theology or Christology degree to understand. I have to say the first time I read it I was so excited by the teaching, the hope and the imagery it contained. Please read.

It is noteworthy that Pope Francis very quickly stepped into action on some of the contentious ecclesial problems of our times. Not least the cleaning up of the Curia, the longstanding Vatican Bank problems, the issue of homosexuality/paedophilia in Vatican City, the perennial problems in some religious orders of nuns, the prevailing attacks on the sanctity of marriage, world poverty, the disparity of global wealth, the rampant abortion culture, and as many more again. I have admired his strong resolve to deal with disorder but also the pastoral manner in which he addresses these sores of our time - he seems to be 'a man for all seasons.'

I recommend without reservation and in the strongest terms the homilies give by Pope Francis. They are spiritual gems reminding me of the writings of St Therese of Lisieux - profound teaching with the simplest of words and beautiful imagery. Below are links to two Internet sites in Rome which have free daily newsletters covering Pope Francis' activities, but more importantly these two sites post all his homilies, address and teachings. They contain treasures of spiritual nourishment.



The voice of one single man, speaking for the one True God and to the whole world, cannot bring about true repentance and conversion on a global scale without our prayers and acts in the Divine Volition. Let us pray daily for Pope Francis that he will be led by the Holy Spirit, that he will be protected by Our Blessed Mother and strengthened by the continuous intercessory prayers of God's people. I think we should pray the more, because we have a very spontaneous Pope who wants a hands-on and fatherly relationship with his flock, and consequently he frequently gives his security people the slip and must surely be giving his minders the jitters!

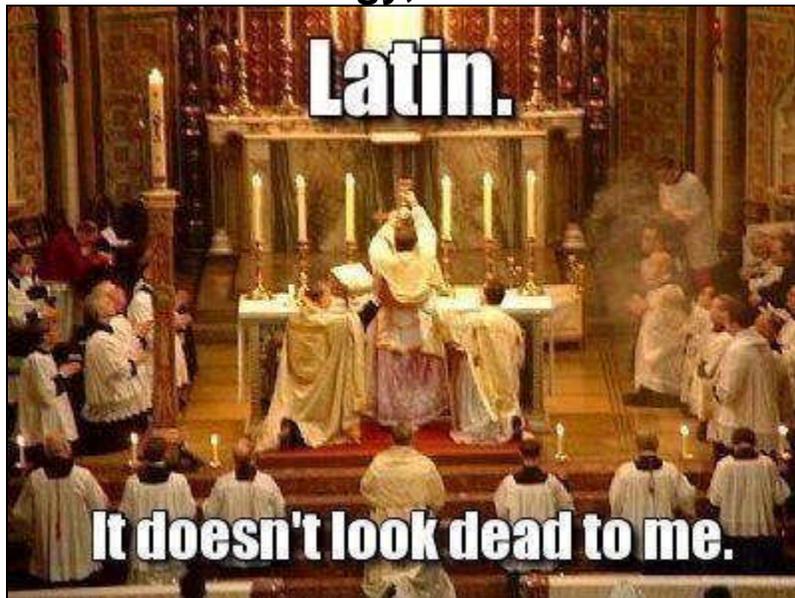
Sending you warm greetings, blessings and the assurances of mutual prayers for the eagerly anticipated coming of the Kingdom in its fullness here on earth.

Fr Peter

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“Save the liturgy, save the world”



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The Eucharist, its celebration and itself as *the* extraordinary Sacrament, is the “source and summit of Christian life”. If we *really* believe that, then we must also hold that what we do in church, what we believe happens in a church, makes an **enormous difference**.

Do we believe the consecration *really does* something? Or, do we believe what is said and how, what the gestures are and the attitude in which they made are entirely *indifferent*? For example, will a choice not to *kneel* before Christ the King and Judge truly present in each sacred Host, produce a **wider effect**?

If you throw a stone, even a pebble, into a pool it produces **ripples** which expand to its edge. The way we celebrate Mass must create spiritual ripples in the Church and the world. So does our good or bad reception of Holy Communion. So must *violations* of rubrics and irreverence.

Mass is not merely a “teaching moment” or a “celebration of unity” or a “tedious obligation”. Our choice of music, architecture, ceremonies and language affect *more* than one small congregation in one building. We are interconnected in both our common human nature and in baptism. When we sin we hurt the whole Body of Christ the Church.

If that is true for sin, it must also be true for our liturgical choices. They must also have personal and corporate impact. Any Mass can be offered for the intentions of the living or the dead. **Not even death** is an obstacle to the efficacy of Holy Mass. **Celebrate Mass well, participate properly – affect the whole world. Celebrate poorly – affect the whole world.**

In each age since Christ’s Ascension, people have felt they were in the End Times. They were right. In any moment, when the conditions are right, the Lord could return. Considering what is happening in the world now, I am pushed to think about the way Mass is being celebrated, even the *number* of Masses being celebrated. Once there were many communities of contemplatives, spending time before the Blessed Sacrament or in contemplation, in collective and in private prayer. There were many more Masses. Many more people went to confession. Who can know how they all lifted burdens from the world and **turned large and small tides** by their prayers to God for mercy and in **reparation** for sin?

A single droplet of Christ’s Precious Blood consecrated at Holy Mass is the price of every soul ever created in God’s unfathomable plan. So I repeat:

**SAVE
THE
LITURGY** **SAVE
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BOOK RECOMMENDATION
The Most Reverend Bishop Athanasius Schneider

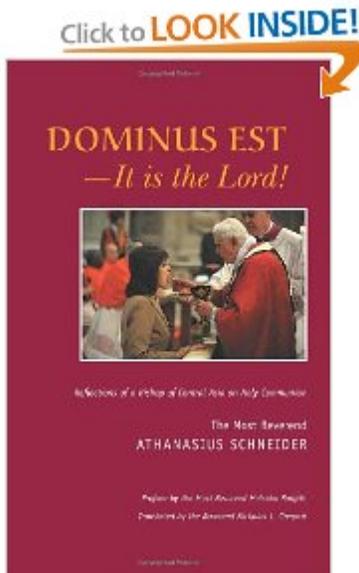


We interview the Bishop, who says that 'Vatican II must be clarified.'

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Prayer Requests – August A.D. 2013



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

Popes Francis & Benedict (SI), Luisa Piccarreta (to be declared Blessed – God’s Peace on earth – end to abortion), Mother Gabrielle Marie & Benedictine Daughters (Support & Vocations), Eugenie (SI) , Donna, Summer, Dustin, Chris & Family (SI), Jack and Gail (SI), Kaeln Boos (recovery), George (SI), Dr. Ramon Sanchez (SI), Edwin J.P. (SI), Peter H. (SI), Sammy and Dewayne (SI), Judith Marie (Family & SI), Clair Marie (SI), Nicole, Carly, Jake, Tad (SI), Nicole’s Father and Lisette (hip, hearing & conversion), Nephew (SI), Frank Kelly (protection/mission), Rose (SI), Jerry (SI), Dannette, Bobbie and Mikela (SI), Fr. Hennessee (SI), Michal Therese (employment), Lifers - Linda – Mura- Mary M, Jeff, Cheryl (SI), Ann (endometrial cancer), Paul S (SI), Fr. Peter D (SI), Fr. Celso (SI), Bud (SI), Fr. Lou (SI) Gary Z (SI), Sam Fuma (SI), Muriel & Gene (SI-family), JJ Rosana Garcia Family (SI), Liz Ann Garcia (SI), Aida Garcia (Health), Jamie Garcia (SI), Ana Ramos (SI), Christina (SI), robert (SI), Ninfa (SI), Sylvester (SI), Sandy, Karen, Kurt, Olivia (SI), Ann , Scott, Jacob & Samuel (SI), Fr. Mancini (SI), Jerry, Donsey & family (SI), Jennifer Raczcak (SI), Fr. Denis D (SI), Linda Burke (SI), Hilda Lopez & family (SI), Unice & David (SI), Meg & Tony (SI), Carol Braun (back recovery), John Braun (SI), Fran & Judy O’Brien (SI), Diane (SI), Charlotte & Rose Hafley (SI), Earl Duque Family (SI), Nicholette Gottlinger and family (SI), Anita Ramos (SI), Helen (SI), Troy (SI), Fr. Javier (SI), Fr. Carlucci (SI), Jennie (SI), Teresa (SI), Sara (SI), Thomas Peters (recovery), Fr. Francisco Orosco (surgery), Lydia Ford (SI), Marlaina (SI), Allison (surgery), Barbara (SI), Liz (SI), Lillian Pratt (SI), Steve (surgery), Antonie (employment), Pat (emphesema), John (rehab), Dick Leitten (SI), Jane Casey (heart surgery), Daniel Chamas (SI), Pearl Wolfe (cancer), Leigh (SI), Connie Newton (SI), Patricia (healing, forgiveness and reconciliation for family and relatives), Ceryl (son and grandsons), Nichole (nephew), Joe (heart, daughter and Sister in-law), John (pain), Jane (recovery), Emma Catherine (SI), Margaret (tumor), Sue (SI), Gloria (recovery) Dick Kane (SI), Patsy Boyd (SI), Peter K. (SI), Larry M. (recovery), Mrs. Faye Yates (recovery), Fr. Comellas (recovery), Matthew (SI), Tom (pancreatitis), Arthur Russi (lungs), Greg (blocked artery). Joseph Morency (SI), Father Comellas (Pneumonia), Liam (surgery), Steve (SI), Amanda (cancer), Mary Martha & Staff (SI), Dorothy Macaluso (SI), Julie (migrane headaches), Sr. Maria Grazia Talone (heart surgery), Estie Lacson (stroke), Judy Gagliardi (leukemia), Andy (brain tumor), Rita (surgery), Connie (SI), Maria Aniela Gabrielle (SI), Marlaina Cadena (SI), Lizzy Zarate (SI), Miss S. (miscarriage), Walter Buddy Dwyer (SI), Marlaina (recovery), Aaron, John Malachi Cadean (SI), Charlotte Brundy (cancer), Marsha (SI), Teresa Godbey (surgery), Thomas Peters (recovery), Lillian Rainville (loss of husband), Joanne (SI), Jim Alessi (stomach), Maria Felisa Chaires (SI), Eli James Turner (SI), Fr. T. Gronney (coma), Tom Mooney (cancer), Janece & Cliff (SI), Lizzy Zarete (SI), Jaquin (SI), Marlaina (SI), Christie (high blood pressure), Rosemary’s son (SI), Wobdrue (surgery), George (SI), Cheryl (SI), Pat (SI), Mary Jo (SI),

Pray for the souls of - **Arthur Simoneau, Teresita Lacson, Mary Rose, Paul Emile Rainville, Mary McMahon, Walter Buddy Dwyer,**

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!”

God, our Father, please send us Holy Priests, all for the Sacred and Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, all for the Sorrowful and Immaculate heart of Mary, in union with Saint Joseph. Amen.

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Youngstown National Divine Will Conference

August 17, 2013

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

343 Mt. Carmel Blvd., Youngstown, Ohio

Luisa Piccarreta living in the Divine Will

Father Edwin Joseph Paniagua a Franciscan Friar for 20 years and a priest for 12 years. He has served the Lord in the Franciscan Order and the Church in many different capacities, such as local Guardian, local Treasurer, and Pastor. He has also served the Lord thru Catholic Radio and as part of the National Organizing Committee of WYD in 2002, both in Canada. He studied Philosophy in Boston, Theology in Rome, and Sacred Scripture in Jerusalem. First time he came into real contact with **Luisa Piccarreta** was in the summer of 1996 when he went to Corato, Italy, for the first time. Since then he has been exposed to and studied her writings. He is currently stationed in Rome where he is offering his services at the General Headquarters of the Franciscan Order, the Vatican Radio, and the ministry of exorcism.

Fr. Nicholas Mancini - The History of Divine Will. Father Mancini is a well know pastor in the diocese of Youngstown as well as minister on our Catholic radio. He is the spiritual leader of the Youngstown Divine Will Prayer and Study Group. Father Mancini has studied the life of Luisa and has given many wonderful conferences on her writings.

Program begins with 8:00AM Mass and ends at 4:00PM

COST.....\$20.00 includes continental breakfast and lunch

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The Benedictine Daughters of Divine Will



Novena for the Eternal Father Feast Day and new BDDW video

Dear Friends in Christ,

We know it has been a while since we've been in contact with all of you, but please know you have never left our hearts and prayers! That's the beauty of the Body of Christ...no matter where we are or what we are doing, we remain always ONE...united in His Love and in His Most Holy and Divine Will.

Quick reminder...Sunday, August 4th (the first Sunday in August) is the *Feast of the Eternal Father*. A novena in preparation for the feast starts today - Saturday, July 27th. To learn more about the Eternal Father's messages to Mother Eugenia and for Mother Eugenia's novena prayer, visit

http://www.fatherspeaks.net/eugenia_msg.html#Content or download the PDF version attached to this email. Please join us in giving thanks to the most loving and generous of fathers. He awaits all of His little children with infinite love and mercy! And don't worry if you don't get this email in time for the start of the novena...you can jump in at any time.

Don't forget to visit our website if you haven't been there for a while - www.benedictinesofdivinewill.org. Our community videos are back up and running along with a new, brief documentary about the History of the Benedictines of Divine Will.

Be assured that each of you are in our continuous prayers, especially during our hours of Eucharistic Adoration. Please continue to pray for us...your prayers keep us afloat! God bless you.

United in the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts,

Mother Gabrielle Marie and The Benedictine Daughters of Divine Will

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