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"May the Divine Will always be blessed!"

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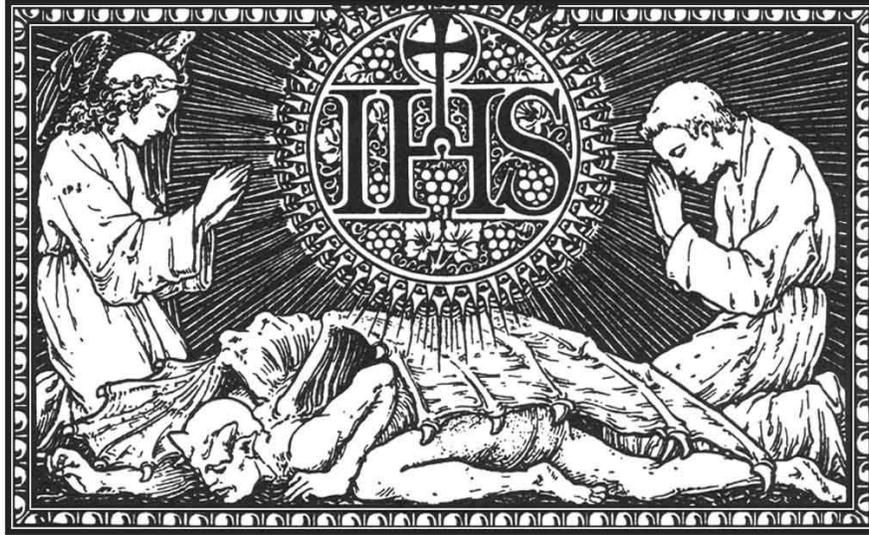
Jesus is God – Mary is the Mother of Jesus – Mary is the Mother of God



Deny that Christ is God (heresy); deny that He is both fully human and fully God and that those two natures are in perfect hypostasis and can't be divided (heresy); deny that Jesus is the Son of Mary (heresy); or claim that Jesus was God before His incarnation, but not while He was in the flesh (heresy). Luke 1:43 tells us of Elisabeth greeting Mary with, ***"And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"*** It's all very simple. Does this mean she is the Mother of God, the Father? No. Is she the Mother of God, the Holy Spirit? No.

But she *is* the Mother of Jesus, Who is God. She is the Mother of His human nature, not His divine nature -- but these two natures are now, since the Incarnation, in perfect union and cannot be separated. Jesus is not a "collection of parts" and "natures"; He is a Person. To say that Mary can't be the Mother of God because she isn't the Mother of His divinity is to say that your own mother can't be your mother because she didn't create your eternal soul. You are a person -- body and soul -- and your mother is your mother. You wouldn't say, "My mother isn't really 'my mother'; she's only the mother of my body." It is the same with Jesus, Who is fully human *and* fully divine -- Who is God.

January 3, A.D. 2013
The Most Holy Name of Jesus



Let us speak a word on the name given to Our Divine Lord on the Feast of the Circumcision. The gospel from the Feast of the Circumcision would have us understand that the shedding of Jesus' blood is related to His name. It is appropriate that He be given this name on the day of His circumcision, for He could not be Saviour without pouring out blood, nor give blood without being Saviour. He could, of course, have saved the world without shedding His blood, but that would not have been enough to satisfy the love He bears us. He could certainly have satisfied divine justice for all of our sins by a single sigh from His Sacred Heart, but this would not have satisfied His love, which desired that by taking the name of Saviour He should give His blood as a deposit of that which He willed to pour out for our redemption. The name of Saviour was rightly given Him on this day, for there is no redemption without shedding of blood [*Heb. 9:22*] and no salvation without redemption, since no one can enter Heaven except by this gate. Also, by making Himself Saviour and Redeemer of mankind, Our Lord begins, in taking this name, to pay our debts with no other money than that of His Precious Blood. He was, then, called Jesus, which means Saviour [*Matt. 1:21*].

All the ancient Fathers agree that, notwithstanding His many names and titles, Our Lord has only three which belong to Him essentially. The first is that of Supreme Being, reserved only to Him and applicable to no other [*Ex. 3:14-15; Is. 42:8*] In this name He knows Himself through Himself. The second is that of Creator, which also can be given only to Him, since no one else but Him is Creator. In this name He knows Himself through Himself, but He also knows Himself through His creatures. The third name is Jesus, which likewise belongs only to Him alone, since no one else can be Saviour [*Cf. Acts 4:12*]. Beyond this there is the title of *Christ* [*Matt. 1:16*], which means High Priest, Anointed One of God. We Christians participate in these last two names [*1Ptr. 2:9; Acts 4:12*]. In this life we bear the name of Christ, namely *Christians*, and we are anointed by the Sacraments which we receive. When we are in Heaven, we will bear the name of the Saviour inasmuch as there we will all enjoy complete salvation and be among those saved. Thus in heaven we will be called by Our Lord's other name. Jesus or Saviour, since we will be saved.

Now, how are we to pronounce the sacred name of Jesus so that it may be beneficial and profitable to us? This I am going to tell you by a story, with which I will conclude. This name certainly ought not be pronounced carelessly or thoughtlessly. It is not enough to be aware that it is a two syllable word, nor even less to speak it merely with the mouth. Parrots can do that! Infidels and Mohammedans name Him perfectly well, as far as that goes, but they are not saved thereby. Our Lord showed us how we are to say it. He shed His blood in receiving His name. In fact, He indicated His willingness to do what this holy name signifies: to save.

It is not enough to say it with your lips; it must be engraved upon your heart. Oh, how happy we would be to have alive in us all that our title signifies! For instance, it is not enough to simply call ourselves Christian. Our actual lives must be congruent with these title. We must take care of the charge we exercise and of the vocation in which we live. In short, we must assess how well our passions and affections are controlled and how submissive our judgement is, and whether our actions are congruent with our state in life?

It is recounted in the Book of Judges [*Jgs.* 11,12] that the great captain Jephthe was victorious against the Ammonites by a vow which he made to the Lord. After his daughter's tragic death and all his other troubles, Jephthe hoped that he would finally have peace and rest. But this was not to be, for sedition was stirred up. The sons of Ephraim reproached him for not having invited them to war, although they were brave soldiers. They believed he had acted thus to slight them. Astonished to hear of this new trouble, good Jephthe said to them: "Oh my dear friends, you know very well that I invited you, but you excused yourselves; this is why when the moment came for me to attack, I did." Unwilling to listen to his arguments, they declared war on him. God, however, took Jephthe's part because it was just, and so favored him that he slaughtered forty-two thousand and routed astonished Ephraim completely. Then Jephthe placed a guard and sentinels on the banks of the Jordan with watchword: "Ask anyone who wants passage who they are. If they answer that they are from Ephraim, kill them; and if they deny it, make them give the password, 'Scibboleth' if they say 'Sibboleth' put them to death, but if they say 'Scibboleth' give them free passage." "Scibboleth" and Sibboleth" are almost the same word ("Scibboleth" means "ear of corn" and Sibboleth" means "charge"), but "Scibboleth" is uttered gutterally and "Sibboleth" is said more lightly.

How happy we will be if, at the hour of our death, as well as during the whole of our lives, we pronounce the sacred name of the Saviour with due respect. It will be like a password by which we will freely enter Heaven, for it is the name of our redemption. In our last hour, if God gives us the grace not to die suddenly, we will have a priest near us who will hold a blessed candle in his hands and will call out to us: "Remember our Redeemer; say 'Jesus,' say 'Jesus.'" Blessed will they be who pronounce it reverently and with profound appreciation of our Saviour having ransomed us with His blood and by His passion. Those who call upon the name well at the time of death will be saved. The opposite will be the fate of those who do not speak it well and who pronounce it tepidly and without fervor. We ought most certainly to repeat it often during our lifetime, for it was given to His Son by the Eternal Father, It is a name which is above every other name, wholly divine, gentle and full of goodness. It is an oil poured out [*Cant.* 1:2(3)] to heal all the wounds of our souls. At this sacred name every knee bends. [*Phil.* 2:9-10]. It is the name which gives joy to the angels, saves men, and causes demons to tremble. This is why it should be deeply engraved upon our hearts and our spirits so that, blessing it and honoring it in this life, we may be worthy of singing with the blessed: Live Jesus! Live Jesus!

From a Sermon of St. Francis de Sales

on the Feast of the Circumcision, Jan. 1, 1622

January 6. A.D. 2013 - The Epiphany of the Lord

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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 6. A.D. 2013

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:

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Some interpret the letters to stand for

Christus Mansioni Benedicat!

May Christ bless this house!



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[46] And Mary said: My soul doth magnify the Lord. [47] And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. [48] Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid; for behold from henceforth all generations *shall call me blessed*. [49] Because he that is mighty, hath done great things to me; and holy is his name. [50] And his mercy is from generation unto generations, to them that fear him. [51] He hath shewed might in his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart. [52] He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble. [53] He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. [54] He hath received Israel his servant, being mindful of his mercy: [55] As he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for ever.

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

[1] When Jesus therefore was born in Bethlehem of Juda, in the days of king Herod, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem. [2] Saying, Where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to adore him. [3] And king Herod hearing this, was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. [4] And assembling together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where Christ should be born. [5] But they said to him: In Bethlehem of Juda. For so it is written by the prophet:

[6] And thou Bethlehem the land of Juda art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come forth the captain that shall rule my people Israel. [7] Then Herod, privately calling the wise men, learned diligently of them the time of the star which appeared to them; [8] And sending them into Bethlehem, said: Go and diligently inquire after the child, and when you have found him, bring me word again, that I also may come to adore him. [9] Who having heard the king, went their way; and behold the star which they had seen in the east, went before them, until it came and stood over where the child was. [10] And seeing the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

[11] And entering into the house, they found the child with Mary his mother, and falling down they adored him; and opening their treasures, they offered him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh. [12] And having received an answer in sleep that they should not return to Herod, they went back another way into their country.

The Flight Into Egypt



Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son."

This was when Jesus was three years old. The Holy Family fled into Egypt, a land of the Gentiles, on February 17, 1 A.D. They lived in Egypt, in a town called Fostat, near Heliopolis and not far from Cairo.

The Holy Family had to leave Bethlehem because of the wickedness and cruelty of the Jews, and had been warned to do so by the Angel Gabriel appearing to Saint Joseph. Herod, the King of the Jews, who tried to slaughter Jesus as an innocent Child, died in 3 A.D. Joseph and Mary then returned to Jerusalem with the Divine Child.

But they had no trust in Herod's successor, whose name was Archelaus and who was one of his sons.

They were warned again by an angel to avoid him, and so, on their return to the Holy Land, they traveled north of Judea, to Galilee, to the town called Nazareth, where Jesus was conceived.

There they lived for twenty-seven years in the little house where Mary also was conceived and where she was born.

This holy little house, miraculously transported, first to Dalmatia in 1291, and then to Loreto, in Italy, in 1294, is known as the Holy House of Loreto.

Special Remembrance
January 10, A.D. 2012 - Nancy Fowler Passed Away



Dear Friends of Our Loving Mother, with sadness we announce to you that the Visionary of Conyers, Georgia, known as Nancy Fowler, passed away on Jan 10, 2012, at 11:50pm. She died of cancer. A funeral Mass was already celebrated for the repose of her soul and she has been laid to rest. She is now with God.

Nancy Fowler was born on April 11, 1948, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. At the age of 11 years, her mother passed away. Shortly after that, in the silence of her room, as she was mourning the loss of her mother, she had a profound experience with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She also felt the closeness of the Mother of God and at that moment entrusted herself to her motherly care. Years later, she would speak of this beautiful experience to which she attributed the reason for not having ever gotten in trouble throughout her childhood. After a normal childhood, she went on to become a registered nurse, which she carried out with dedication. She was a married woman with two beautiful children.

On Feb 2, 1987, Nancy had her most profound encounter with Christ that would forever change her life. In a time of great suffering, the Lord appeared to her merciful and kind. She described the event, "He stood before me life-sized, His humanity clothed in a robe of dazzling white with long open sleeves. He bore a resemblance to the image of Divine Mercy. His piercing eyes, filled with love, compassion and forgiveness seemed to penetrate the very depths of my soul... I was enveloped in His love... No one on earth can paint the Divine image that I was privileged to see or describe the complete happiness that I experienced at that moment."

Nancy will also be remembered by many for saying "YES" to God, especially in Conyers, Georgia, USA, where for a period of 8 years from October 13, 1990 to October 13, 1998, Jesus sent His own Mother Mary to communicate heavenly messages calling all of humanity, but especially the United States, to conversion. She traveled around the country and abroad bearing witness to her central mission as Jesus revealed it to her, that is, "To Bear Witness that I am the Living Son of God." Many of her deep experiences with Christ and his Kingdom were written down.

The last three years of her life, she suffered very much and bore her terminal illness heroically. She offered all her sufferings for the conversion of sinners and for the souls in Purgatory, but what she had most at heart during this time was to pray and suffer for all Priests, both living and deceased. Although she prayed for a healing, she also prayed for God's will to be done in her life. She prepared well for death, knowing that all of us must face this reality one day.

Just a few days before she died, in my presence, she had a wonderful experience. She saw the Mother of God descend with the person of the Holy Spirit and she was filled with serenity. Her Spiritual Director administered the last sacraments to her in her room where she was dying. When the time to give up her soul was drawing close, she prayed, "Lord, I want what you want. Your will and not mine be done always." With that in mind, she expired, leaving a rich and beautiful spiritual legacy which her friends hope to continue to promote faithfully.

May this beautiful soul, Nancy, the Visionary of Conyers, who touched the lives of so many people and helped many come back to our Loving God, intercede for us that we, too, may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace!

Written by Nancy's Spiritual Director, who was at her bedside during the last week of her life.

January 13, A.D. 2013
Baptism of the Lord



Holy Trinity Is Revealed at Jesus' Baptism

by *Pope John Paul II*

1. The reading just now proclaimed takes us to the banks of the Jordan. Today we pause spiritually at the side of the river that flows through the two biblical Testaments, to contemplate the great epiphany of the Trinity on the day when Jesus is brought into the limelight of history, in those very waters, to begin his public ministry.

Christian art will personify this river as an old man looking with awe at what is happening in his watery depths. For, as the Byzantine liturgy says, "Christ the Sun is washed" in it. This same liturgy, at Matins on the day of the Theophany or Epiphany of Christ, imagines a dialogue with the river: "What did you see, O Jordan, that disturbed you so deeply? I saw the Invisible One naked and I trembled. How can one not tremble and draw back before him? At his sight the angels trembled, the heavens leapt for joy, the earth shook, the sea turned back with all the visible and invisible beings. Christ appeared in the Jordan to bless all waters!".

"This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased"

2. The presence of the Trinity at that event is clearly affirmed in all the Gospel accounts of the episode. We have just heard the most complete one, Matthew's, which includes a dialogue between Jesus and the Baptist. At the centre of the scene we see the figure of *Christ*, the Messiah who fulfils all righteousness (cf. Mt 3:15). He is the one who brings the divine plan of salvation to fulfilment, humbly showing his solidarity with sinners.

His voluntary humbling wins him a wondrous exaltation: the *Father's* voice from heaven resounds above him, proclaiming: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (ibid., v. 17). This statement combines two aspects of Jesus' messianism: the Davidic, by evoking a royal hymn (cf. Ps 2:7), and the

prophetic, by citing the first song of the Servant of the Lord (cf. Is 42:1). In this way Jesus' deep bond of love with the heavenly Father and his investiture as the Messiah are revealed to all humanity.

3. The *Holy Spirit* appears on the scene in the form of a "dove" "descending ... and alighting" on Christ. Various biblical references can be cited to explain these images: the dove that indicates the end of the flood and the dawn of a new era (cf. Gn 8:8-12; 1 Pt 3:20-21), the dove in the Song of Songs, symbol of the beloved woman (cf. Sg 2:14; 5:2; 6:9), the dove that is like a coat of arms to indicate Israel in several Old Testament passages (cf. Hos 7:11; Ps 68:14).

Also significant is an ancient Jewish comment on the passage in Genesis (cf. 1:2) which describes the Spirit moving over the primeval waters with motherly tenderness: "The Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters like a dove that hovers over her little ones without touching them" (Talmud, *Hagigah* 15a). The Holy Spirit descends on Jesus as the power of superabundant love. Referring precisely to Jesus' Baptism, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches: "The Spirit whom Jesus possessed in fullness from his conception comes to 'rest on him'. Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all mankind" (CCC, n. 536).

4. The whole Trinity is therefore present at the Jordan to reveal this mystery, to authenticate and support Christ's mission and to indicate that with him salvation history has entered its central and definitive phase. It involves time and space, human life and the cosmic order, but first of all the three divine Persons. The Father entrusts the Son with the mission of bringing "righteousness", that is, divine salvation, to fulfilment.

Chromatius, a fourth-century Bishop of Aquileia, says in a homily on Baptism and the Holy Spirit: "Just as our first creation was the work of the Trinity, so our second creation is the work of the Trinity. The Father does nothing without the Son or the Holy Spirit, because the Father's work is also the Son's and the Son's work is also the Holy Spirit's. There is but one and same grace of the Trinity. Thus we are saved by the Trinity, since in the beginning we were created by the Trinity alone" (*Sermon* 18A).

In Baptism Christians begin a journey of life and witness

5. After Christ's Baptism, the Jordan also became the river of Christian Baptism: in a tradition dear to the Eastern Churches, the water of the baptismal font is a miniature Jordan. This is shown by the following liturgical prayer: "To you we pray, O Lord, that the purifying action of the Trinity may descend upon the baptismal waters and give them the grace of redemption and the blessing of the Jordan in the power, action and presence of the Holy Spirit" (Great Vespers of the Holy Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ, *Blessing of the Waters*).

St Paulinus of Nola also seems to have been inspired by a similar idea in some verses he composed as an inscription for the baptistery: "From this font, which gives life to souls in need of salvation, flows a living river of divine light. The Holy Spirit comes down from heaven upon this river and joins the sacred waters with the heavenly source; the stream teems with God and from the eternal seed gives birth to holy offspring by its fruitful waters" (*Letter* 32, 5). Emerging from the regenerative waters of the *baptismal* font, the Christian begins his journey of life and witness.

January 24, A.D. 2013 - Saint Francis de Sales



St. Francis de Sales is the patron chosen for January. Besides being the founder of the Visitation Order, he is also honored as patron of authors, journalists, teachers, writers, confessors, publishers, and the deaf. It may be worth considering why he might have been chosen as patron for these various professions.

He was an appealing and successful teacher who instructed our first sisters in the ways of religious life according to his particular spirit, and also helped to reform and renew other religious communities of men and women by his gentle and tactful guidance. He regularly gathered groups of children around himself to instruct them in the catechism, and thereby enticed their parents to attend these lessons as well. So high was his esteem for learning that he made efforts to establish a "holy house of faith and science", a spiritual and technical center for training new converts to become evangelists in the regions dominated by Protestants.

He was a renowned confessor, much sought-after for his enlightened spiritual direction and compassion toward sinners; he spared no efforts to bring sinners to accept the mercy of God, often humbling himself before them and making himself vulnerable to their insults. Another meaning for "confessor" is illustrated by his missionary activity - he was a persuasive and steadfast defender of the faith, never hesitating to debate leading Calvinists in public. He always defeated them - sometimes he won by default because his opponents failed to appear for a scheduled debate, thus incurring the jolly ridicule of the citizens gathered to hear them.

He wrote thousands of letters of instruction, guidance, comfort, and encouragement, in addition to his correspondence as a bishop and an unofficial diplomat employed by the Pope, the King of France and the Duke of Savoy. He was the author of *The Introduction to the Devout Life*, drawn from some of his letters, and *The Treatise on the Love of God*, a unique philosophical and theological foundation for the life of prayer and union with God. At the time of his death, he was making plans for a companion treatise on the love of neighbor.

While laboring to re-convert the Chablais from the Protestant religion imposed upon it by its rulers, he published newsletters and pamphlets to reach the people who were afraid to come to hear him preach. He wrote out instructions on the teachings of the Church to counteract the false information given by the Calvinists and then made countless copies by hand. These were distributed in secret at night so that the people could receive them and read them without fear of reprisals from their magistrates. He regularly promoted the use of the printed word in his apostolic works and even had his own printing press which he made use of to proclaim the truth and to inform the consciences of his people.

He was one of the most popular preachers in Europe. Frequently he preached for missions and series of sermons during Lent and Advent, as well as for state funerals and weddings. Constantly he "preached the Word, in season and out of season", by word and example. During one of his missions in a little town called La Roche, he encountered a deaf-mute named Martin. St. Francis de Sales took a personal interest in this man and worked out a kind of sign language as a means of communicating with him. He patiently instructed him in preparation for receiving his First Holy Communion and from then on became the man's confessor, taking him into his household as a servant. It is no wonder that St. Francis de Sales is known for his gentleness and humility, charity and generosity, wisdom and learning, joyful self-forgetfulness and detachment from worldly values. He is a patron we can all study and confidently follow in the way of holiness.

January 25, A.D. 2013 - Conversion of Saint Paul



Conversion is the heart of the Christian experience. Conversion is best described in the New Testament in the Letters of St. Paul, and with good reason - no one experienced a more dramatic conversion than **St. Paul** on the road to Damascus!

As recorded in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus himself called for conversion when he announced *"the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel"* (Mark 1:15).¹

Paul briefly refers to his own conversion experience in only four places in but two of his Letters. In 1 Corinthians 9:1, Paul asks an emphatic question, *"Have I not seen Jesus our Lord"* Later in the letter, Paul is describing the Gospel teaching that Jesus died for our sins, was raised on the third day, and began appearing to the Apostles; in 1 Corinthians 15:8-9, he relates, *"Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God."*

He writes in Galatians 1:11-12 that *"the Gospel preached by me is not of human origin. For I did not receive it from a human being, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ."* He adds in Galatians 1:15-16, *"When he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles."*⁵

But it is in the **Acts of the Apostles**, written by his frequent companion the Gentile Luke, where the description of Paul's conversion is most complete. Paul calls Luke *"the beloved physician"* in Colossians 4:14, advises Timothy that *"only Luke is with me"* in 2 Timothy 4:11, and that Luke is his *"fellow worker"* in Philemon 24. We also know that Luke accompanied Paul on his second, third, and fourth missionary journeys from the "we" passages in Acts 16:10-17, 20:5-15, 21:1-18, and 27:1 to 28:16. Paul's conversion is recorded in Acts 9:1-28, and Paul relates his conversion experience to the Jews of Jerusalem in Acts 22:1-21, and to King Agrippa in Acts 26:4-23. Hedrick makes two important observations: first, that the three episodes should be considered as a whole as they supplement each other, and second, that Paul's mission initially was to Gentiles and Israelites (Acts 9:15).^{6,7}

Saul consented to the execution of Stephen, and had been persecuting the Church in Jerusalem before he was traveling the road to Damascus to do the same:

"Now as he journeyed he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed about him.

And he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him,

"Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

And he said, "Who are you, Lord?"

And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting;

but rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

Acts of the Apostles 9:3-6



Notice that Jesus identifies himself with his Church! In Damascus, Jesus appeared to Ananias and tells him that Saul *"is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before Gentiles, kings, and Israelites"* (Acts 9:15). Ananias laid his hands on Saul and his vision was restored, and Ananias baptized him.

Paul reports his mission and purpose given by Jesus before King Agrippa:

*And I said, "Who are you, Lord?" And the Lord said,
"I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.
But rise and stand on your feet; for I appeared to you for this purpose,
to appoint you to serve and bear witness to the things
in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you,
delivering you from the people and from the Gentiles -
to whom I send you to open their eyes,
that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God,
that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those
who are sanctified by faith in me.
Acts of the Apostles 26:15-18*

In essence this is Pauline soteriology - to bring salvation to mankind by proclaiming the message of Jesus, to open their eyes, to transfer them from darkness to light, from the power of Satan to God, to receive forgiveness of sins and a place among the people of God! The Gospel event of Christ communicates the reality of salvation!

The Letters of St. Paul reflect his conversion experience on the road to Damascus. ³

January 31, A.D. 2013 - Saint John Bosco



Saint John Bosco hearing confessions of his boys

Also known as Don Bosco or Giovanni Melchior Bosco, he was the founder of the Salesian Society. Born of poor parents in a little cabin at Becchi, a hill-side hamlet near Castelnuovo, Piedmont, Italy, 16 August, 1815; died January 31, 1888; declared Venerable by Pius X, July 21, 1907.

When he was little more than two years old his father died, leaving the support of three boys to the mother, Margaret Bosco. John's early years were spent as a shepherd and he received his first instruction at the hands of the parish priest. He possessed a ready wit, a retentive memory, and as years passed his appetite for study grew stronger. Owing to the poverty of the home, however, he was often obliged to turn from his books to the field, but the desire of what he had to give up never left him. In 1835 he entered the seminary at Chieri and after six years of study was ordained priest on the eve of Trinity Sunday by Archbishop Franzoni of Turin.

Leaving the seminary, Don Bosco went to Turin where he entered zealously upon his priestly labours. It was here that an incident occurred which opened up to him the real field of effort of his afterlife. One of his duties was to accompany Don Cafasso upon his visits to the prisons of the city, and the condition of the children confined in these places, abandoned to the most evil influences, and with little before them but the gallows, made such a indelible impression upon his mind that he resolved to devote his life to the rescue of these unfortunate outcasts. On the eighth of December 1841, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, while Don Bosco was vesting for Mass, the sacristan drove from the Church a ragged urchin because he refused to serve Mass. Don Bosco heard his cries and recalled him, and in the friendship which sprang up between the priest and Bartolomea Garelli was sown the first seed of the "Oratory", so called, no doubt, after the example of St. Philip Neri and because prayer was its prominent feature. Don Bosco entered eagerly upon the task of instructing thus first pupil of the streets; companions soon joined Bartholomeo, all drawn by a kindness they had never known, and in February 1842, the Oratory numbered twenty boys, in March of the same year, thirty, and in March 1846, four hundred.

As the number of boys increased, the question of a suitable meeting-place presented itself. In good weather walks were taken on Sundays and holidays to spots in the country to spots in the country about Turin where lunch was eaten, and realizing the charm which music held for the untamed spirits of his disciples Don Boso organized a band for which some old brass instruments were procured. In the autumn of 1844 he was appointed assistant chaplain to the Rifugio, where Don Borel entered enthusiastically into his work. With the approval of Archbishop Franzoni, two rooms were secured adjoining the Rifugio and converted into a chapel, which was dedicated to St. Francis de Sales. The members of the Oratory now gathered at the Rifugio, and numbers of boys from the surrounding district applied for admission. It was about this time (1845) that Don Bosco began his night schools and with the closing of the factories the boys flocked to his rooms where he and Don Borel instructed them in rudimentary branches.

The success of the Oratory at the Rifugio was not of long duration. To his great distress Don Bosco was obliged to give up his rooms and from this on he was subjected to petty annoyances and obstacles which, at times, seemed to spell the ruin of his undertaking. His perseverance in the face of all difficulties led many to the conclusion that he was insane, and an attempt was even made to confine him in an asylum. Complaints were lodged against him, declaring his community to be a nuisance, owing to the character of the boys he befriended. From the Rifugio the Oratory was moved to St. Martin's, to St. Peter's Churchyard, to three rooms in Via Cottolengo, where the night schools were resumed, to an open field, and finally to a rough shed upon the site of which grew up an Oratory that counted seven hundred members, Don Bosco took

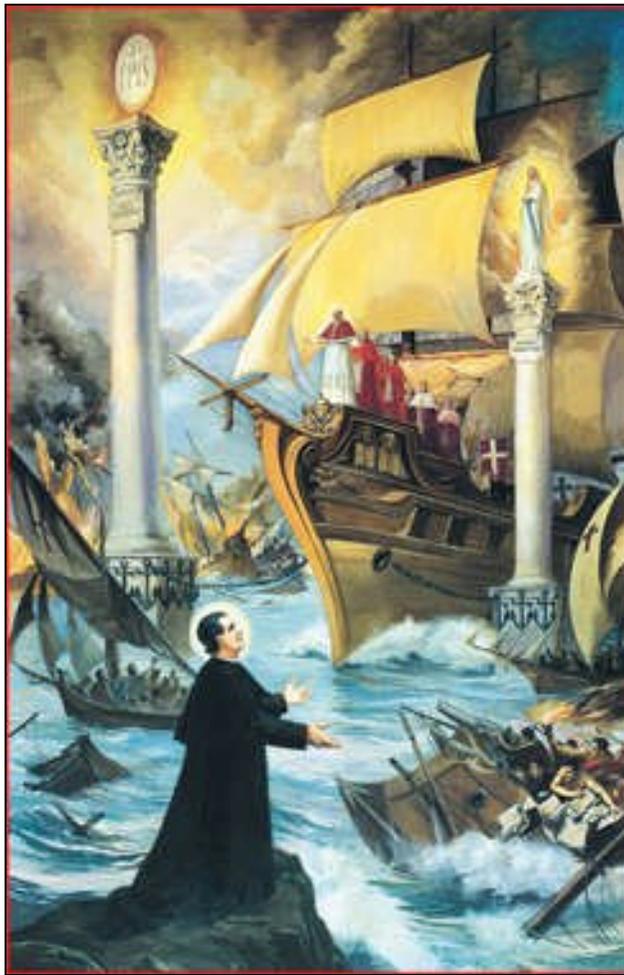
lodgings nearby, where he was joined by his mother. "*Mama Margaret*", as Don Bosco's mother came to be known, gave the last ten years of her life in devoted service to the little inmates of this first Salesian home. When she joined her son at the Oratory the outlook was not bright. But sacrificing what small means she had, even to parting with her home, its furnishings, and her jewelry, she brought all the solicitude and love of a mother to these children of the streets. The evening classes increased and gradually dormitories were provided for many who desired to live at the Oratory. Thus was founded the first Salesian Home which now houses about one thousand boys.

The municipal authorities by this time had come to recognize the importance of the work which Don Bosco was doing, and he began with much success a fund for the erection of technical schools and workshops. These were all completed without serious difficulty. In 1868 to meet the needs of the Valdocco quarter of Turin, Don Bosco resolved to build a church. Accordingly a plan was drawn in the form of a cross covering an area of 1,500 sq. yards. He experienced considerable difficulty in raising the necessary money, but the charity of some friends finally enabled him to complete it at a cost of more than a million francs (about 200,000). The church was consecrated 9 June, 1868, and placed under the patronage of Our Lady, Help of Christians. In the same year in which Don Bosco began the erection of the church fifty priests and teachers who had been assisting him formed a society under a common rule which Pius IX, provisionally in 1869, and finally in 1874, approved.

At the time of Don Bosco's death in 1888 there were 250 houses of the Salesian Society in all parts of the world, containing 130,000 children, and from which there annually went out 18,000 finished apprentices. In the motherhouse, Don Bosco had selected the brightest of his pupils, taught them Italian, Latin, French, and mathematics, and this band formed a teaching corps for the new homes which quickly grew up in other places. Up to 1888 over six thousand priests had gone forth from Don Bosco's institutions, 1,200 of whom had remained in the society. The schools begin with the child in his first instruction and lead, for those who choose it, to seminaries for the priesthood. The society also conducts Sunday schools, evening schools for adult workmen, schools for those who enter the priesthood late in life, technical schools, and printing establishments for the diffusion of good reading in different languages. Its members also have charge of hospitals and asylums, nurse the sick, and do prison work, especially in rural districts. The society has houses in the following countries: Italy, Spain, Portugal, France, England, Belgium, Switzerland, Austria, Palestine, and Algiers; in South America, Mexico, in South America, Patagonia, Terra del Fuego, Ecuador, Brazil, Paraguay, The Argentine Republic, Bolivia, Uruguay, Chile, Peru, Venezuela, and Colombia. In the United States the Salesians have four churches: Sts. Peter and Paul and Corpus Christi in San Francisco, California; St. Josephs in Oakland, California; and the Transfiguration in New York City. Very Rev. Michael Borghino, Provincial for America, resides in San Francisco.

By E. F. Saxton

Dream of The Two Pillars of St. John Bosco



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."

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SUFFERING?



“What do you know of suffering? In all our sacred history the chosen ones have always been known to have suffered.

Why then did God choose you? Why not me? I know what it is to suffer.

Look at my eyes they burn like the very fires for hell, why? because they need sleep, they need rest which I will not give them.

My throat is parched from constant prayer, my hands are narked from serving God in humiliation, my body is pain wrecked from stone floors.

Yes. I have suffered, because I know it is the only true road to Heaven.

And if I who have tortured myself cannot glimpse the Blessed Virgin, how can you who have never felt pain dare to say you have seen her.

If only I could find evidence, if only you could give me some proof, ,maybe then I could believe, maybe then these monsters of doubt and hate would stop consuming my very soul.

For the love of God, Sister give me some proof!”

I am hopeful that many of you have seen the great movie “The Song of Bernadette”, and remember this quote from one of my favorite parts of the movie where Bernadette becomes a nun at the motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity in Nevers, the [Saint Gildard Convent](#). She is subjected to normal although rigorous spiritual training and hard work, but also emotional abuse from a cold and sinister Sister Vauzous, her former teacher at school, and who is mistress of novices here. Sister Vauzous is skeptically jealous of all the attention Bernadette has been receiving as a result of the visions. She reveals this to Bernadette, saying she is angry that God would choose Bernadette instead of her when she has spent her life in suffering in service of God. She says Bernadette has not suffered enough and wants a "sign" proving Bernadette really was chosen by Heaven.

Bernadette is diagnosed with tuberculosis of the bone, which causes intense pain, yet she has never complained or so much as mentioned it. The jealous sister, realizing her wrongness and Bernadette's saintliness, begs for forgiveness in the chapel, and vows to serve Bernadette for the rest of her life. Knowing she is dying, Bernadette sends for Abbé Peyramale (who in reality died a few years before Bernadette) and tells him of her feelings of unworthiness and her concern that she will never see the lady again. But the lady appears in the room, smiling and holding out her arms. Only Bernadette can see her, however, and with a cry of "I love you!. "I love you! Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for me", she reaches out to the apparition, and falls back dead. Peyramale utters the final words of the film, "You are now in Heaven and on earth. Your life begins, O Bernadette”.

Back to the issue of suffering, in the Letters of Luisa, she knows, speaks and teaches extensively on this issue. Since our prayer lists seems to get longer and longer each month. I thought I might be appropriate to include excerpts from these letters to encourage and strengthen many who are in great pains, both spiritual and physical.

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J.M.J.
Fiat - In Voluntate Dei!

My good daughter in the Divine Volition,
I send you the greetings of the “Fiat”, which will bring Its life into your mind, so as to form the Divine Trinity within it, Its love in your heart, Its motion in the pain you suffer, and Its creative virtue in such a way that you will feel It flowing in your blood - in your breath. You will feel It palpating in all your being, and will feel Its company. It will never leave you alone, and you will often kiss It, squeeze It tightly in your arms, love It more and more, and say: “Give me the food of your Will, raise me in your arms, clothe me with your Light, heal me with your creative virtue.”

Look at what a beautiful gift the operating Divine Will is sending you, as It wants to make of you a saint. Do not get discouraged; these are works that It wants to do, and when It is determined to do them, It won't listen to reason: if It does not finish Its work, It is not content.

Therefore, my daughter, be at peace, rest in Its arms like a little baby. I repeat the greetings of the “Fiat”.

Most affectionately yours,
The little daughter of the Divine Will

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J.M.J.
The “Fiat” will give you strength

My good daughter,
Here I am. As to nature, I feel compassion for your painful state; but as to the soul, you would be worthy of envy from the very Angels... You know, as many pains as you suffer, as many tears as you shed, so many are the Angels around you, gathering, full handed, the pearls which you form with your sufferings, and bringing them to Jesus as pledges of your love. However, I beg you not to cover these pearls with the mud of your laments, or of not being perfectly resigned to the Most Holy Will of God. Therefore, be tranquil; let's hope that everything goes well for the soul and for the body.

With all my heart I pray and will pray for you. And you, be good; dignified. Always pray to Jesus that He may assist you, as you are far away from your family - from all of us. Learn a little bit to be alone with Jesus, and He will be with you. Be sure that I won't forget you.

Your family is doing well. Your mother will come on Sunday. Poor one, she suffers so much for you. Therefore, be cheerful; only a few days more and your purgatory will end. The Misses Cimadomo and the trainees remember you and return your greetings. I pray Jesus and the Celestial Mama to bless you always, and keep you hidden: Jesus in His Heart, and Mama under Her mantle; and I say,

Most affectionately yours,
Luisa

17. **Fiat**

My good daughter in the Divine Volition,
Thank you, thank you for all your attentions. Know that every additional book you promote is an additional right which the King of sorrows and the Queen of Heaven give you, to be faithful daughter of the Divine Will. Listen, my daughter, it is a mother that speaks to you. Listen to me; maybe these are my last words. Listen to the Celestial Mama and to sweet Jesus. They want you to not think of the past - to place a sepulchral stone on it, so that you may forget everything and say: “My life will start today; I am born again together with my Queen Mama, with Jesus, and with the Divine Will.” And your pains, your crosses, even though heavy, will

serve the Divine Beggar, Who looks for our sufferings in order to form and continue His life within us. Oh, how happy will you feel, if in every pain you say, "This pain serves Jesus"! Then you will feel His invincible patience, filial trust, and courage of heroes. Patience, trust, courage, is the bread of the strong, the heroism of martyrs. Therefore, courage! Those who think of the past lose the present. The Lord has disposed everything: crosses, illness, state of marriage; in a word - everything. The Lord had to prepare the material in order to make of you a saint; and He has prepared enough of it. So, all you have to say and do is this: "The Heart of Jesus wants me a saint: I must become a saint!" Have we understood each other?

Now I assure you of my prayers for your children; then the Lord will console you even more. I leave you in the Divine Volition to become a saint. Never get disturbed in anything; rather, give all to Jesus, so that He may change it into flames of love. Pray for me. With a thousand regards, I say,

most affectionately yours,
the little daughter of the Divine Will

Corato, January 5, 1935

18. To Mrs. Costanza Benedetta Pettinelli from Siena
In Voluntate Dei!

My most dear daughter in the Divine Volition,

How many blessings will your good daughter receive as she interests herself in promoting the Divine Will! Now let's come to us. I repeat to you my "thank you" in the name of the Celestial Lady and the King of sorrows, for all that you are doing for the Divine Will. You will see it in Heaven and you will also feel it down here - in the depth of your heart - the love they have for you and the glory that awaits you up there. You must know that He is the one who leads you, and the Celestial Mama, squeezing you to Her maternal Heart - the one who is pushing you to promote them. They use you as an ambassador to make the Divine Will known, and when they see that you are about to speak about It - oh, how they rejoice, how they celebrate and love you more!... But you tell me: "For us, the sea and the heavens are always stormy." Your enemies make fun of you; so much the worse for them! Jesus too was mocked in His pains; don't you want to be like Him? You must know that your pains are written in the pains of Jesus, as triumph of His Love toward you, and that for every pain you suffer, sweet Jesus adds one more degree of sanctity and one more touch of His likeness; aren't you happy? Yet, on some occasions you have said to dear Jesus that you wanted to suffer together with Him, so He took your words and made facts. But, in spite of this, be sure that beloved Jesus will be jealous that you don't lack what is necessary, and even the storms will calm down. Send everything - pains, bitterness, strains - into the Divine Will; tell Him from the heart that you want nothing but His Will, and look at all things as bearers of a Will so holy, and you will see that the Fiat will defend you. Don't get discouraged, do not fear, do not lose peace, abandon yourself more than ever in the arms of the Divine Will, and be tranquil, waiting in full confidence for the helps and means which are necessary to you.

My good daughter, how bad did your words sound to me, "I am afraid to be lost"! Don't you know that sufferings are the certainty, the seal, of our salvation? Sufferings form the carriage which brings us to Heaven, and the more the sufferings, the faster it will go. So, each additional pain is a faster ride which takes us soon and straight to Heaven.

Therefore, courage, courage. All other things are left; while sufferings are brought to Heaven, and form our most beautiful throne and never ending glory. Now I repeat my refrain: continue to promote the Divine Will. I expect a great deal from you, and so does Jesus and the Celestial Mama. I commend myself to your prayers, and I will not forget to keep you locked in the Divine Will as the dearest of my daughters.

Accept my respectful regards, as I say,

most affectionately yours,
the little daughter of the Divine Will

42. To Mrs. A. Savorani, from Faenza

In Voluntate Dei!

Blessed daughter in the Divine Volition,

Courage, trust and abandonment in the arms of our adorable Jesus, in your pains. I believe that they are nothing but raw material in His hands, in order to repeat His Life in you; and if you knew with how much love He is inside and outside of you, in order to shape you to Himself...! Jesus feels the need to make of the creatures the repeaters of His Life, and He does so on the stake of suffering and love. Sufferings are firewood, and love ignites it, while Jesus gives us the shape He wants, fully similar to Himself. And woe to the world, if these stakes were not there!

Therefore, my daughter, let Jesus Do - let Him, the Celestial Doctor, Do. And as He operates, your life will alternate, now with suffering, and now with sweet rest, which Jesus Himself will give to you. Do not listen to so many stories of doctors, with many opinions, each one contrary to the other. It is fair not to believe in any of them. Stay with your peace, and until you find doctors who are in agreement with their opinions, don't do anything. Jesus, Who has helped you until now, will continue to help you. Besides, He holds suffering in His hands; whenever He wants, He makes us feel it, and when He does not want, He gives the opium of His Will, and puts it to sleep. Therefore, think about making yourself a saint. In every pain, give Jesus a kiss, hug Him very tightly, and force Him to let the Kingdom of the Fiat come upon earth. (...)

103. To Teresa

In Voluntate Dei!

My good daughter in the Divine Volition,

I send you the Divine Will as life, help, support and perennial company, in which to hide in your sufferings. It will welcome you with love; It will carry you in Its arms, as Its beloved daughter. Every pain you will suffer together with It will embellish you with new beauty; it will give you new love; it will make you grow in sanctity. So, your state of suffering is nothing but a divine crafting which It is doing in your soul. If you are attentive in receiving this work, It will make for you a prodigy of Its Grace, a triumph of Its Love, a victory of Its Most Holy Will. Therefore, my daughter, I recommend that you never move away from the Holy Will of God. Call upon It in every instant, in every pain, in all circumstances. If you do so, you will feel Its divine strength, Its company, which can never leave alone a creature who is calling It. On the contrary, It is anxiously waiting for her call to give her a kiss, a hug, a smile of love, and to say to the ear of her heart: "Tell me, what do you want? I am here with you. Everyone can leave you, but I - never. Rather, I feel happy to be together with one who suffers, because I find sufficient raw material to carry out my divine crafting, to make her grow as I want, and as a child who belongs to me."

Therefore, with all my affection I send you the greeting of the Fiat, that you may remain enclosed in It, without ever leaving.

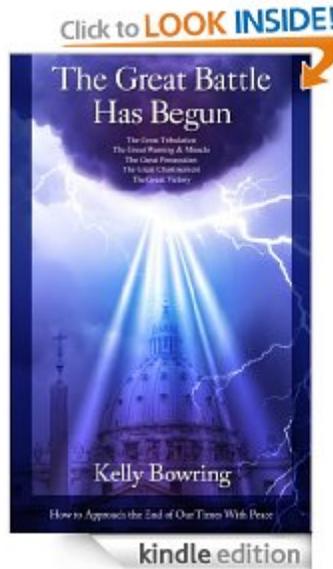
Most affectionately yours,
The little daughter of the Divine Will.

Corato, November 2, 1941



BOOK RECOMMENDATION!
The Great Battle Has Begun
By Kelly Bowring

Sharing some good news... Kelly's new book is now available on Amazon as an Ebook (print version in mid-Jan). Download it here: <http://www.amazon.com/dp/B00AQABG66>



Book Description

Publication Date: **December 18, 2012**

Jesus says: "Behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps this prophetic message." (Revelation 22:7)

From the best-selling author of *The Secrets*, *Chastisement*, and *Triumph*, which was honored as "Book of the Year", comes a new book about the Signs of the Times. An easily readable, well-researched, and inspiring book about the divine plan to bring true peace to the world, this book uses solid sources like the Bible, solid Christian prophecy, and regarded heavenly prophecies to detail the coming events of the last great battle as described in the Book of Revelation.

This book discusses the Middle East war against Israel, the one-world government led by the Antichrist with his new global economic system, and the False Prophet who deceives the people of the earth, influencing them to worship the Antichrist. It discusses the rising power of China (the Red Dragon) and Russia (the beast like a bear), the rebellion of the European Union (Babylon), and the great apostasy in the Church. And it shows how all of this is in the plans of divine Providence.

This book analyzes the credible reported heavenly messages of our times, which reveal the details of the Bible prophecies that include the full battle plan and the great victory to come. Finally, this book discusses what Heaven is telling us about how we can approach these times with peace.

Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place" (Matthew 24:30-34). We are the generation of the fulfillment of the biblical prophecies of the end times, and we will experience the beginning of the era of peace with the new heavens and new earth. The time of the great battle is upon us!

Prayer Requests – January 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

Pope 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), Deacon Bill S. (cancer) , Donna, Summer, Dustin & 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), Lifers - Linda – Mura- Mary M, Jeff, Cheryl (SI), Paul S (SI), Fr. Peter D (SI), Fr. Celso (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 Lozano (Parkinson’s), Sandy & Karen (SI), Ann , Scott, Jacob & Samuel (SI), Fr. Mancini (SI), Jerry, Donsey & family (SI), Fr. Denis D (SI), Linda Burke (recovery), 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. Jaavier (SI), Fr. Carlucci (SI), Jennie (SI), Teresa (SI), Sara (SI), Dolores (recovery), Kitren (cancer), Manny (SI), Ellen (surgery), Don (heart attack), Mary L. (SI), Don Jerome (fall), Dolores (testing), David (lung), Jacquie (SI), Sue (SI), Mary Beth Quant (SI), Allie & baby (SI), Mary (SI), Brian Swass (healing), Bill M (seizures), Don (hospital), Sheila (SI), Focus Team (SI), Courtney and Greg Rice (SI), Marie Gormley (SI), Ed Flamick (pain), Mary Laskowski (SI), Don Jerome (surgery), Marion Johnson (cancer). Sue (SI), Pam (SI), Mary (SI), Sarah (SI), Mary Jane Gentile (cancer), Zyhmere (Intensive Care), Omere (Asthma), Katherien (SI), Susan (cancer), Mary Kay Mangan (surgery), Amelia (Downs Syndrome), Richard and Jacquie (SU), Connie Newton (paralyzed),

**Pray for the souls of - Manuel Pardo, Jr., Larry Achille, Rob Leahy
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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