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Come Supreme Will, down to reign in Your Kingdom on earth and in our hearts!



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“May the Divine Will always be blessed!”

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Divine Will - Luisa Piccarreta was born on April 23, 1865 the Sunday after Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday), in Corato, Bari, to Nicola Vito and Rosa Tarantino, who had five daughters: Maria, Rachele, Filomena, Luisa and Angela. A few hours after Luisa’s birth, her father wrapped her in a blanket and took her to the main church for baptism. Her mother had not suffered the pangs of labor: her birth was painless.

Divine Mercy - St. Faustina’s Diary - 299. *I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy.*

Divine Will - Luisa, having accepted the role of victim, came to experience a most peculiar condition: every morning she found herself rigid, immobile, huddled up in bed, and no one could move her because of her weight, as if she were a large piece of lead, nor could they stretch any of her members, to raise her arms or move her head or legs as they were strongly stiffened no one was able to stretch her out., Her body assumed a rock-like hardness. Her tiny frame grew so heavy that no one could lift it. In this death-like state, Luisa was totally paralyzed, although she retained consciousness and suffered excruciating pains. *As we know, it required the presence of a priest who, by blessing her with the sign of the Cross with his thumb on the back of her hands Reciting at the same time the Trisagion prayer of the Byzantine liturgy “Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, Have Mercy on us.”* This dispelled that corpse-like rigidity - then the body of Luisa came round and started to move, and her sister could lift her easily and with no strain, placing her in her usual and only position, sitting on her little bed.

Divine Mercy - St. Faustina’s Diary: 476. This prayer will serve to appease My wrath. You will recite it for nine days, on the beads of the rosary, in the following manner: First of all, you will say one Our Father and Hail Mary and the I Believe in God. Then on the Our Father beads, you will say the following words: “Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.” On the Hail Mary beads you will say the following words: “For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world.” *In conclusion, three times you will recite these words” Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

Divine Will - Volume 6, April 16, 1904 -Jesus and God the Father speak about Mercy. - Continuing in my usual state, I found myself outside of myself, and I saw a multitude of people, and in their midst one could hear noises of bombs and gun shots. People were dropping dead or wounded, and those who were left would flee up to a palace nearby; but the enemies would go up there and kill them, more surely than those who remained outside. So I said to myself: ‘How I wish I could see whether the Lord is there in the midst of these people, so as to say to Him: ‘Have mercy - pity on these poor people!’ So I went round and round and I saw Him as a little Child; but little by little He kept growing, until He reached the perfect age. I drew near Him and I said: ‘*Amiable Lord, don’t You see the tragedy that is happening? You don’t want to make use of mercy any more? Do You perhaps want to keep this attribute as useless, which has always glorified your Incarnate Divinity with so much honor, forming a special crown on your august head, and bejeweling You with a second crown, so wanted and loved by You - which is souls?*’

Now, while I was saying this, He told me: ‘Enough, enough, do not go any further; you want to speak of Mercy, and what about Justice - what are we going to do with It? I have told you and I repeat to you: ‘It is necessary that Justice follow Its course’.” So I replied: ‘There is no remedy - why then leave me on this earth when I can no longer placate You and suffer in the place of my neighbor? Since it is so, it is better if You let me die.’ At that moment I saw another person behind the shoulders of blessed Jesus, and He told me, almost making a sign with His eyes: “Present yourself to my Father and see what He tells you.’ I presented myself, all trembling, and as soon as He saw me, He told me: “Why have you come to Me?” *And I: ‘Adorable Goodness, infinite Mercy, knowing that You are Mercy Itself, I have come to ask for your Mercy - Mercy on your very images, Mercy on the works created by You; Mercy on nothing else but your creatures themselves.’ And He said to me: “So, it is Mercy that you want. But if you want true Mercy, after Justice has poured Itself out It will produce abundant fruits of Mercy*

Divine Mercy - In answer to Luisa’s request for Mercy, *St. Mary Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament was born the following year on August 2, 1905*

April 4 A.D. 2016 – The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Book of Heaven - March 1 A.D. 1936

Prodigies of the Incarnation of the Divine Word.

... I continued my day in his divine acts and arrived at the incarnation of the WordError! Bookmark not defined. such love was felt, as to feel oneself burn, consumed in his Divine flames. And my Highest Good Jesus, as drowned in his flames of love said to me:

“My blessed daughter, my love was so much in incarnating myself in the bosom of my Celestial Mother that Heavens and earth could not contain it, the act of incarnating myself happened in one act of love so intense, so strong, so great, that it was more than enough to burn everything and everyone with love. You should know, before incarnating myself my Celestial Father looked in himself and in the enthusiasm of his love not being able to contain it seas of love went forth from himself in torrents, in this enthusiasm of love he looked at his Son, and I found myself in the same flames of love and I commanded myself that I might incarnate myself, I wanted this, and in an impetus of love, without my Father leaving, nor the Holy Spirit, the great portent of the incarnation happened. I remained with my Father, and at the same time descended in the bosom of my Mother. The three Divine persons we were inseparable, nor subject to separate ourselves. Therefore I can say: I remained in Heaven, and descended in earth, and the Father and the Holy Spirit, they descended with me in earth and they remained in Heaven. Hence in this act so great our Divine Being overflowed so much in love, that the Heavens were stupefied and the Angels surprised and mute, everyone wounded in our flames of love. The incarnation was none other than an act of our Divine Will, what doesn't he know how to do and can do[?] everything; with his power and with his infinite love he arrives, even to work the prodigy not ever heard of, nor done, of making us remain in Heaven and descend in the prison of the Maternal bosom. Thus our Will wanted thus it was done.

“Now my daughter, every time that the soul wants to do my Will, my Celestial Father first looks inside of himself, calls as in counsel the SacrosanctError! Bookmark not defined. Trinity, in order to fill that act of our Will with all the possible and imaginable goods, then he issues it forth from himself and makes it invest the creature by his working, communicating, transforming Will, and as in the incarnation the three Divine Persons they remained in Heaven, and descended in the bosom of the Immaculate Virgin, thus my Will with his power transports with himself in his operative act the Divine Trinity in the creature, while he leaves him in Heaven, and forms there in the human will his Divine act.

“Now who can tell you the wonders that become enclosed in this act of our Will? our love rises and diffuses itself so much as to not find where to put itself, and when it has filled everything, it retires into our source, our sanctity feels honored with (the) Divine act from our same working Will in the creature and diffuses itself with surprising graces, in order to communicate his sanctity to all creatures, they are unreachable prodigies that He completes, when the creature calls him to work in her. Therefore make everything disappear in my Will, and we will give you everything in your power and you will be able to give us everything, even ourselves.”

April 5 A.D. 2016 – Saint Vincent Ferrer

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St. Vincent Ferrer is the patron saint of builders because of his fame for "building up" and strengthening the Church: through his preaching, missionary work, in his teachings, as confessor and adviser.

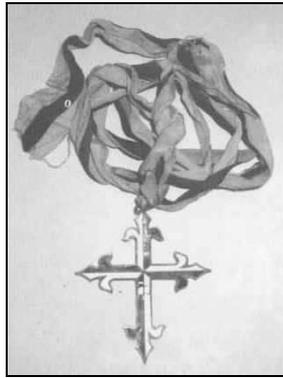
At Valencia in Spain, this illustrious son of St. Dominic came into the world on January 23, 1357. In the year 1374, he entered the **Order of St. Dominic** in a monastery near his native city. Soon after his profession he was commissioned to deliver lectures on philosophy. On being sent to Barcelona, he continued his scholastic duties and at the same time devoted himself to preaching. At Lerida, the famous university city of Catalonia, he received his doctorate. After this he labored six years in Valencia, during which time he perfected himself in the Christian life. In 1390, he was obliged to accompany Cardinal Pedro de Luna to France, but he soon returned home.

When, in 1394, de Luna himself had become Pope at Avignon he summoned St. Vincent and made him Master of the sacred palace. In this capacity St. Vincent made unsuccessful efforts to put an end to the great schism. He refused all ecclesiastical dignities, even the cardinal's hat, and only craved to be appointed apostolical missionary. Now began those labors that made him the famous missionary of the fourteenth century. He evangelized nearly every province of Spain, and preached in France, Italy, Germany, Flanders, England, Scotland, and Ireland.

Numerous conversions followed his preaching, which God Himself assisted by the gift of miracles. Though the Church was then divided by the great schism, the saint was honorably received in the districts subject to the two claimants to the Papacy. He was even invited to Mohammedan Granada, where he preached the gospel with much success. He lived to behold the end of the great schism and the election of Pope Martin V. Finally, crowned with labors, he died April 5, 1419. His feast day is April 5.

NOTE: When she was eighteen, Luisa became a **Dominican Tertiary** taking the name of Sr. Maddalena. She was one of the first to enroll in the Third Order, which her parish priest was promoting. Luisa's devotion to the Mother of God was to develop into a profound Marian spirituality, a prelude to what she would one day write about Our Lady.

At Luisa's death a sort of bib was placed on Luisa's breast, with the letters FIAT and the cross of the Dominican Tertiaries".



The cross of the Dominican Tertiaries which belonged to Luisa Piccarreta and is now in Fr. Bernardino's possession

Book of Heaven - **November 11 A.D. 1899**

Obedience prevents her from conforming to Justice.

As I was in my usual state, I found myself outside of myself, and I seemed to be going around the earth. Oh! how inundated it was with all sorts of iniquities! It is horrifying to think about it! Now, while going around, I arrived some place and I found a priest of holy life, and in another place a virgin of unblemished and holy life. We gathered, the three of us together, and we began to converse about the many chastisements that the Lord is sending, and about the many others that He keeps prepared. I said to them:

‘And you, what do you do? Have you perhaps conformed to Divine Justice?’ And they: “Seeing the strict necessity of these times, and that man would not surrender even if an apostle came out, or if the Lord sent another **St. Vincent Ferrer** who, with miracles and prodigious signs, might induce him to conversion; on the contrary, seeing that man has reached such obstinacy and a sort of madness, such that the very power of miracles would render them more incredulous – invested by this most strict necessity, for their good, in order to arrest this rotten sea that inundates the face of the earth, and for the glory of our God, so offended, we have conformed to Justice. Only, we are praying and offering ourselves as victims, so that these chastisements may turn out for the conversion of the peoples. And you, what do you do? Have you not conformed with us?”

And I: ‘Ah, no! I cannot, because obedience does not want it, even though Jesus wants me to conform; but since obedience does not want it, it must prevail over everything, and I am forced to be always in contrast with blessed Jesus, and this afflicts me very much.’ And they: “When it is the obedience, surely one must not adhere.”

After this, finding myself inside myself, I saw dearest Jesus for just a little, and I wanted to know where that priest and that virgin were from, and He told me that they were from Peru.

Saint Francis Solano: The Apostle of Joy



Saint Francis Solano is very dear to Latin Americans. He was a Spanish noble and an apostle to all of South America. To aid this exposition, there will be periodic excerpts from a book written by a Peruvian Franciscan about our saint. The first passage reads: Saint Francis Solano was a man raised up by Providence to participate in the Spanish Counter-Reformation. He was born of a noble family in Montilla, in Andalusia, in 1549. His father was a two-term governor of the city, which was capital of the region of Priego. His mother, as noble in virtue as she was in blood, was known as, “the noble.”

When she was pregnant with the future saint, she consecrated him to Saint Francis of Assisi, after whom he was named. Saint Francis Solano’s parents gave him an entirely Catholic formation, which he finished at the Jesuit school in his city. He was a splendid conversationalist and possessed a good bearing, beautiful voice and rare musical sense.

“A Road that Ends in Apostasy”

Through the influence of its Catholic King, there was a true religious renaissance in Spain that helped compensate for the damage and apostasy that the Church had suffered from the Protestant Revolt. The great Franciscan Saint Peter of Alcantara shone among the figures of this spiritual rebirth.

Saint Francis Solano, attracted by the example and prestige of Saint Peter of Alcantara and the Franciscan order, left the Jesuit school and put on the Franciscan habit. Due to his virtue and capacity, he was soon charged with positions of leadership. A defining characteristic of his virtue was that he would not tolerate anyone in his presence to express sadness in serving God.

Saint Francis Solano received the grace of communicating joy in doing holy things, a grace so rare and precious in our days, when joy is seen only in the things of the world. The joy he communicated was not the giddy joy of gags or jokes, but the joy of seriousness, the highest and noblest of all joys. Saint Francis Solano exuded this joy wherever he carried out his apostolate. He was always happy and enthusiastic, whether fighting spiritual battles, suffering or contemplating.

A Violin and a Cilice: A Magnificent Combination

When traveling, he always carried a violin, which was his great instrument of apostolate, together with his discipline and cilice. This combination explains a lot about Saint Francis. Had he brought the violin without the cilice, he would have been on the road to apostasy; but without the violin, the cilice would lose some of its meaning, because the proper use of a cilice makes one joyful.

This is also how religious should be. They should joyfully carry responsibility, face their vows and belong entirely to Our Lady. They should enjoy the happiness of one who possesses everything because he has nothing. The violin and the cilice – this is so magnificent a combination that it could fittingly decorate a South American Chapel, in remembrance of this apostle.

A Remarkable Joy

Saint Francis always had a remarkable joy when he was in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament or an image of Our Lady holding the Child Jesus. He would become so ecstatic at seeing the Child Jesus cared for in the arms of Our Lady that sometimes he would call all the priests in the monastery together and say: “Father come look, doesn’t this make you

happy? Look at how well treated the Child Jesus is in the arms of Our Lady. That is how He lived on earth! Let's be happy!" When he would become really enthusiastic, he would play the violin, sing and dance before the statue, or even before the Blessed Sacrament. His dance was one of rhythmic movements that were entirely innocent, noble, elevated and obviously pure.¹

The Love of Harmonic Contrasts. A Necessary Element for Apostolate

Next, the author explains that Saint Francis was zealous for the Sacred Liturgy. He diligently insisted that all the brothers learn the rubrics and liturgical songs well, to give the maximum glory to the Sacred Mysteries.

However, he would also sing and play popular music to please the people. This demonstrates his capacity to appreciate harmonic contrasts. He would play popular religious songs to please the people, but also could diligently demand a high appreciation and understanding for the superior beauty, theological thought and all the pious and supernatural aspects of the liturgy.

His spirit was so grand that it embraced both and was capable of enthusiasm for extreme, though not contradictory opposites. He would often pass through the streets of Spain, playing his violin. The children would run after him. Then he would stop playing and give them a little catechism class.. He would give the older ones a sermon in which he would condemn the bad customs and habits of the time and strive to instill virtue in them.

Understanding their innocent candor, he knew they would repeat what he said to everyone they saw. Thus, he would speak to the whole population of the town, through the children. This is how he fought the widespread Renaissance habits of his time. He was truly an excellent apostle.

Travels Throughout South America

His superiors decided to send him, at his request, to America. He was becoming quite famous in Spain and wanted to move. He then began to travel throughout Latin America on foot. He traveled in Panama, Colombia, Paraguay and Bolivia. The terrain through the Andes must have been torturous. Climbing up and down, there was always the danger of losing one's footing...

Saint Francis went as far as Paraguay, traveled into Argentina and ended up in the city of Tucumán where he did apostolate. The stretch between Panama and Tucumán would be enough to make an ordinary pioneer famous. However, since Saint Francis made the journey for the love of Our Lord, he is much less known.

He spent a good part of his life in Lima, called the City of the Holy Kings, where the Franciscan order flourished with 180 members. At that time, their virtue was so great that Lima became famous among the Franciscans of Europe. While he stayed in Lima, Saint Turibio of Mongrovejo was Archbishop and Saint Rose of Lima was just beginning her life of sanctity.

Saint Francis Converts a Tribe by Playing His Violin

After a stay in Lima, his virtues began to gain him prestige and important offices; so he fled. In the region of Tucumán, he sought after the most dreadful Indians. At a certain point in his travels, he became tired, having made a long journey through the thick of the forest. When perceiving a stranger, the Indians would often become suspicious and follow him a long time to see where he was going. Then, they would kill him. Since he was thirsty, he stopped close to a spring and bent down to get a drink.

The scene is very beautiful. In the midst of a virgin forest, a Franciscan friar wearing his habit, stops at a bubbling stream to drink water. He makes the sign of the cross and drinks the water. Afterwards, he sits down and rests a bit.

He hears numerous birds singing in the forest and the murmur of running water. Since he is a musical genius, he decides to accompany these sounds with his violin. He is deep within Indian territory and knows that he can be killed at any moment. Nevertheless, he calmly continues to play music and rest.

This is the advantage of having a clear conscience! He realizes that he could die in the midst of his music, but knows that he would go to Heaven. He would enter Heaven, playing music and the angels would be enchanted. Suddenly, an arrow

flies by one of his ears and sticks into a tree. It is merely a warning. The Indians' aim is flawless. They do this to frighten their victim before killing him. Saint Francis continues to play.

In the midst of his music, he sees an Indian face emerge from the vegetation. It is the chief of the ferocious tribe he is seeking. He sets down his violin and, inflamed with the love of God, embraces the Indian. The Indian is moved and allows him to continue playing his violin, rather than killing him. He then brings the friar to his tribe and Saint Francis begins to evangelize them. Thus begins this tribe's conversion.

However, his work had just begun. He still had to speak to the Indians. Since he did not know their language, he spoke to them in Spanish. He very nonchalantly explains that he was then given the gift of tongues so that the Indians understood his Spanish!

He spent the next thirteen years in this region, tirelessly working to make peace between the whites and the Indians, resolving disputes and winning both for the Faith. Saint Francis Solano, like Saint Francis Xavier, raised the dead, cured fatal illnesses, tamed fierce animals and irrigated dry lands. Thus, Indian and white man alike venerated him.

Saint Francis Commands Nature

At one point, a swarm of grasshoppers was devastating a plot of land that had been planted by the Indians and the saint ordered them to flee to a neighboring forest. He simply commanded them to leave and they left. When the settlers asked him why he did not exterminate the grasshoppers, he gave them two reasons: first, because grasshoppers had sustained Saint John the Baptist in the desert. Second, because the Indians also ate the grasshoppers and he did not want his brother Indians to be deprived of their food.

We have already spoken of his violin, but not of his cilice. According to his biography, he was not only chaste, but it was the only virtue that he allowed others to see that he had. He never allowed a woman to get within one hundred paces in any direction of his dwelling.

The Beautiful Death of Saint Francis Solano

At the time of his death, he ordered the construction of a cottage alongside the choir of the Church, so he could always be in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. When he was unable to do so, he brought a mat to the choir where he laid himself down. After a few moments of rest, he was inflamed with the love of God and he began one of his famous songs and dances, accompanied by the violin.

He was just about to die. To express his love of and gratitude to the Sacred Virgin, he sang the Magnificat in his last moments. He was always happy. Since he was a missionary, that is a propagator of the Faith, he also sang the Creed. He died precisely at the moment he sang: "Et incarnatus est ex Maria Virgine." At the same time, the bells of the convent were announcing the moment of the elevation of the Sacred Host in the Conventual Mass.

It all happened at the same time. It could not be more beautiful. In the convent, the bells were ringing for the elevation, while he was singing the Creed. When he arrived at the words quoted above, his holy soul rose to Heaven. On one hand it was a death, on the other it was a birth.

After his death, his body, which had been so mistreated during his life with fasting and penances, was miraculously rejuvenated. A doctor came to examine the body and certify the miracle. When he tried to touch one of the saint's legs, it recoiled from him. That is why his body was represented with one leg bent in the retreat that was made on the day after his burial. He worked yet another miracle. His dead body recoiled to show how much God loved him in life. He who had raised many from the dead, gave this manifestation of life.

The viceroy was away from the city. He ordered the burial to be postponed so he could be present. The viceroy as well as the Archbishop entered the funeral cortege and humbly kissed the saint's feet. When the viceroy noticed that the pillow supporting the saint's head in the casket was made from a very ordinary fabric, he switched it for a velvet one with golden embroidery. He took the original one with him and kept it as a relic. Saint Francis Solano was beatified in 1675 and canonized in 1726. Even before his beatification, he was already chosen as the patron of the cities of Lima, Buenos Aires, Cartagena in Colombia, Panama and Santiago in Chile.

April 30 A.D. 2016 – Saint Catherine of Sienna

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Dominican Tertiary, born at Siena, 25 March, 1347; died at Rome, 29 April, 1380.

She was the youngest but one of a very large family.

They belonged to the lower middle-class faction of tradesmen

From her earliest childhood Catherine began to see visions and to practice extreme austerities.

At the age of seven she consecrated her virginity to Christ.

In her sixteenth year she took the habit of the Dominican Tertiaries.

After three years of celestial visitations and familiar conversation with Christ, she underwent the mystical experience known as the "spiritual espousals".

Always suffering terrible physical pain, living for long intervals on practically no food save the Blessed Sacrament, she was ever radiantly happy and full of practical wisdom no less than the highest spiritual insight.

All her contemporaries bear witness to her extraordinary personal charm, which prevailed over the continual persecution to which she was subjected even by the friars of her own order and by her sisters in religion.

During the summer of 1370 she received a series of special manifestations of Divine mysteries, which culminated in a prolonged trance, a kind of mystical death, in which she had a vision of Hell, Purgatory, and Heaven, and heard a Divine command to leave her cell and enter the public life of the world.

She implored the pope, Gregory XI, to leave Avignon, to reform the clergy and the administration of the Papal States, and ardently threw herself into his design for a crusade, in the hopes of uniting the powers of Christendom against the infidels, and restoring peace to Italy by delivering her from the wandering companies of mercenary soldiers.

While at Pisa, on the fourth Sunday of Lent, 1375, she received the Stigmata, although, at her special prayer, the marks did not appear outwardly in her body while she lived.

Catherine spent the greater part of 1377 in effecting a wonderful spiritual revival in the country districts subject to the Republic of Siena, and it was at this time that she miraculously learned to write.

During a popular tumult (22 June) an attempt was made upon her life. She was bitterly disappointed at her escape, declaring that her sins had deprived her of the red rose of martyrdom.

Catherine returned to Siena, where she passed a few months of comparative quiet, dictating her "Dialogue", the book of her meditations and revelations.

In the meanwhile the Great Schism had broken out in the Church. From the outset Catherine enthusiastically adhered to the Roman claimant, Urban VI, who in November, 1378, summoned her to Rome. In the Eternal City she spent what remained of her life, working strenuously for the reformation of the Church.

Her strength was rapidly being consumed; she besought her Divine Bridegroom to let her bear the punishment for all the sins of the world, and to receive the sacrifice of her body for the unity and renovation of the Church; at last it seemed to her that the Bark of Peter was laid upon her shoulders, and that it was crushing her to death with its weight.

After a prolonged and mysterious agony of three months, endured by her with supreme exultation and delight, from Sexagesima Sunday until the Sunday before the Ascension, she died. Her last political work, accomplished practically from her death-bed, was the reconciliation of Pope Urban VI with the Roman Republic (1380).

Catherine was canonized by Pius II in 1461. The emblems by which she is known in Christian art are the lily and book, the crown of thorns, or sometimes a heart--referring to the legend of her having changed hearts with Christ.

Her principal feast is on the 30th of April, but it is popularly celebrated in Siena on the Sunday following. The feast of her Espousals is kept on the Thursday of the carnival.

The works of St. Catherine of Siena rank among the classics of the Italian language, written in the beautiful Tuscan vernacular of the fourteenth century. Notwithstanding the existence of many excellent manuscripts, the printed editions present the text in a frequently mutilated and most unsatisfactory condition. Her writings consist of

- the "Dialogue", or "Treatise on Divine Providence";
- a collection of nearly four hundred letters; and
- a series of "Prayers".

The "Dialogue" especially, which treats of the whole spiritual life of man in the form of a series of colloquies between the Eternal Father and the human soul (represented by Catherine herself), is the mystical counterpart in prose of Dante's "Divina Commedia".

Luisa and Saint Catherine

Volume 1 (Luisa's 1st Mystical Marriage)

The morning of the aforesaid day, Jesus made Himself seen again—all affable, sweet, and majestic—together with His Most Holy Mother and St. Catherine. First a hymn was sung by the Angles; St. Catherine assisted me, my Mama took my hand, and Jesus put a ring on my finger. Then we embraced each other and He kissed me, and so also did my Mama.

The Greatest Commandment



...But he said to him: What is written in the law? how readest thou? He answering, said: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind: and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said to him: Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. (Luke 10: 26-28)

*Taken from the Eulogy for Luisa's Funeral
by Angela La Stella*



...It can be surely said that in every one of her actions, every heartbeat, every breath, even every word, every glance, awake and at rest, day and night, working and praying, she was always with God in spirit and will; she always looked to Him, always thought of Him, always spoke of Him!

Divine love the animated everything, Divine love pointed to everything, Divine love touched everything!

O Luisa, dear heroine of the Divine Will, obtain for us miserable, imperfect travelers on this earth, a generous love in the Divine Will so that, imitating you we too can raise up with you a glorious, eternal hosanna in the highest! Let us be granted that we embrace the Divine Will as you precious legacy of love! Luisa grant us this wish!...

Like Jesus, Luisa suffered in body and spirit, she had people love her and oppose her; she too, went through very painful trials and struggles and forgave everyone. She even prayed and atoned for everyone; like Jesus, she was a willing and holy victim because she was good, pious, resigned, so pure and innocent. With Jesus, if it may be permitted to say, Luisa continued the work of human redemption...

“Love in the Divine Will”
Lessons from the Letters of Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta
THE LITTLE DAUGHTER OF THE DIVINE WILL



107. Letter of Luisa to Federico Abresch

In Voluntate Dei!

Most esteemed and dear son in the Divine Volition,

I delight and rejoice in hearing that you interest yourself in the Divine Fiat, and together with me, Jesus rejoices and delights. I say to you, **“Thank you from the heart”** together with my dear Jesus. Whatever you can do, do it; the rest will be done by Jesus, who so much wants, loves and yearns that His Will be known and possessed by the creature as her own life. In fact, only the Divine Will is the origin of our life, the means and the end of our existence, and will make us storm Heaven. Without It, we are turned upside down; we lose the right to our terrestrial and celestial goods; we lose the bond with the Divine Family. On the other hand, if we live of Divine Will, everything is ours; even God Himself is ours... If we love, our little love runs through all hearts, and even in future hearts, and loves God for all. It runs through the Angels, into the seas of love of the Queen of Heaven, in the divine seas of God, and loves - everywhere, in everything and in every place. The creature who loves in the Divine Will is not content if she does not find her place in all, to love the One Who so much loves her.

To love in the Divine Will astonishes Heaven and earth; the very Saints year to have within their hearts this conquering Love of one who lives in exile. So, if we pray, if we adore, and even if we sigh in this Will so holy, we become life of all, and we give God all that everyone should give Him.

Therefore, the prodigies of living in the Divine Will are inexhaustible, and maybe we will get to know them in Heaven. This is the reason for which the infernal enemy has closed all doors, using ecclesiastical people. But the time will come when Jesus will triumph over all, and His kingdom on earth will certainly come, because it is a decree of God, and He does not easily change His decrees because of the wickedness of men. However, blessed are those who interest themselves in His Will, because the Lord will use them to open the ways which had been closed, and will use their acts as many keys in order to open Heaven and to make It descend and reign upon earth. Therefore, dearest son, let us be attentive; let us never move from the Supreme Fiat.

As far as the round (...) I leave you in the Divine Volition to make yourself a great saint. Pray for me; I send you my regards from the heart in the Divine Will.

The little daughter of the Divine Will.

Mother Angelica, Foundress of EWTN, dies on Easter



Mother Angelica [passed away](#) at 5pm central on Easter Sunday. She was 92 and died of natural causes.

While we mourn the loss of this wonderful woman, let us also praise the Lord for what he accomplished through her! She was an incredible woman of God who helped lead many people closer to Jesus.

Yet, even though she was a public figure, there is so much about [her life](#) that isn't well known.

Here are 10 things you probably didn't know about this amazing woman:

1) Her birth name was Rita Antoinette Rizzo

She was born on April 20, 1923 in Canton, OH and was an only child.

2) Her full religious name is Mary Angelica of the Annunciation

“Mother Angelica” is just a shorter version.

3) She was miraculously healed when she was 20 years old

When she was 16 years old, she started to suffer from terrible stomach pain. By the time she was 18, it had gotten bad enough that she sought medical help. X-rays showed there was something wrong with her stomach and intestines. Doctors tried various treatments, but nothing helped the pain.

In January of 1943, she prayed a novena asking for relief from the pain. Then, on January 17th, 1943 when she woke up, the pain was completely gone! She believed it was a miracle, and it deepened her relationship with God.

4) She joined her convent secretly

Her mother was against her pursuing the religious life, but she felt so strongly that God was calling her to to it, she decided to join a convent anyway. To avoid more resistance from her mother, she secretly left one day and went straight to the convent, leaving only a note for her mother. It read, in part:

When you receive this letter, I will be in Cleveland. I have entered the Adoration Monastery... Something happened to me after my cure. What it was, I don't know. I fell completely in love with Our Lord. To live in the world for these past nineteen months has been very difficult. I love you very much and I have not forgotten what you have done for me. Please trust Him... I ask your blessing that I may reach the heights I desire. I love you very much.

5) She was nearly paralyzed in an accident in her 30s

After making her final solemn vows, she was scrubbing the floor with an electric scrubbing machine. She slipped on the soapy floor and was flung really hard against the wall. The accident injured her back severely. Over the next few months, her conditioned worsened and the pain became unbearable. She was eventually fitted with a body cast. Finally, doctors retorted to surgery to try to fix the problem.

The night before the surgery, worried she may never walk again or even die, she prayed: "God! You didn't bring me this far just to lay me out on my back for life. Please, Lord Jesus, if You allow me to walk again I will build a monastery for Your glory. And I will build it in the South!"

And the surgery worked! For months later, she walked out of the hospital.

6) She founded a new monastery in Alabama with money from selling hand-made fishing lures

True to her pre-surgery pledge, she worked to establish what would become Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Irondale, AL. And she raised the needed money in a unique way: she and a few other nuns made and sold fishing lures.

7) She was 58 years old when she founded EWTN

She first started filming a Catholic teaching series in the mid-1970s for a local CBS affiliate, but stopped after the channel aired an inappropriate movie. But that didn't stop her from making TV shows: she simply started her own network.

She converted a garage at the monastery in a TV studio and officially launched Eternal Word Television Network as a cable channel on August 15, 1981, just a few months after her 58th birthday.

8) She regularly had mystical visions of the child Jesus

In 1995 when she was on a missionary trip to Colombia, she had an encounter with the child Jesus. She says that a life-sized statue of the [Infant of Prague](#) came alive, smiled, and spoke to her, asking her to build him a temple.

Which she did: the [Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament](#) in Hanceville, AL. Apparently, the child Jesus continued to appear to her regularly, [even](#) in the hallway of her convent.

9) She received the highest papal award given to laypeople and religious

On October 4, 2009, Pope Benedict XVI honored her with the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* award. Started in 1888 by Pope Leo XIII, it's the highest papal award given to lay people and religious.

10) Until her death, she participated in Eucharistic adoration for several hours every day

Despite her great worldly success, Mother Angelica remained committed to her vows as a nun and to her faith in Jesus Christ.

She had to stop hosting TV programs in 2001 at the age of 78 due to health problems. And yet she continued with spiritual devotions as much as she could, including participating in Eucharistic adoration for several hours each day at the Shrine she established.

Pray for the repose of the holy soul of Mother Angelica!



Prayer Requests – April A.D. 2016



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

John 14 (13:14) **“Whatever you ask in my name I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”** Book Of Heaven - July 4 A.D. 1928 **“In Your Will I take the whole Creation in my arms the heavens, the Sun, the stars and everything to bring them before the Supreme Majesty as the most beautiful adoration and prayer to ask for the Kingdom of the Fiat.”**

Pray for the return of the last two original hand written volumes of Luisa.

Popes Francis & Benedict (SI), **Padre Bernardino Bucci** (SI), **Luisa Piccarreta** (to be declared Blessed – God’s Kingdom on earth – end to abortion), **Mother Gabrielle Marie & Benedictine Daughters** (Support & Vocations), **Fr. James W. D.** (SI), **Fr. Edwin J.P.** (SI), **Fr. Hennessee** (SI), (SI), **Fr. Celso Fr. Lou** (SI), **Fr. Mancini** (SI), **Fr. Peter D** (SI), **Fr. Javier** (SI), **Fr. Carlucci** (SI), **Fr. Henrique Fragelli** (SI), **Fr. Jim Giotti** (SI), **Fr. Nano** (miracle), **Fr. Alan White** (Parkinsons), **Fr. Leonard Chaires** (SI), **Fr. Denis D** (SI), **Fr. Tobin** (SI), **Fr. Omar** (health), **Fr. Tom** (freedom), **Msgr. J. Anthony Luminais** (SI), **Walter Zimmerman** (SI), **Br. Walter** (SI), **Eugenie** (SI), **Dave Gottlieb** (SI), **George** (SI), **Dr. Ramon Sanchez** (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/back), **Rose Patak** (broken arm), **Jerry Gouthro** (eyesight), **Dannette, Bobbie and Mikela** (SI), **Michal Therese** (employment), **Lifers - Linda – Mura- Mary M, Jeff, Cheryl** (SI), **Ann** (endometrial cancer), **Paul S** (SI), (), **Bud** (SI), **Gary Z** (SI), **Sam Fuma** (SI), **Muriel & Gene** (SI -family), **AMC** (SI), **JJ Rosana Garcia Family** (SI), **Donna, Summer, Dustin, Chris & Family** (SI), **Jack and Gail** (SI), **Liz Ann Garcia** (SI), **Aida Garcia** (Health), **Anna Pfeil** (SI), **Ana Ramos** (SI), **Christina** (SI), **robert** (SI), **Ninfa** (stroke recovery), **Sylvester** (SI), **Sandy, Karen, Kurt, Olivia** (SI), **Ann , Scott, Jacob & Samuel** (SI), **Jerry, Donsey & family** (SI), (), **Frank Pollock** (SI), **Jennifer Raczck** (SI), **Linda Burke** (SI), **Hilda Lopez & family** (SI), **Unice & David** (SI), **Meg & Tony** (SI), **Carol Braun** (SI), **Fran & Judy O’Brien** (SI), **Diane** (SI), **Charlotte & Rose Hafley** (SI), **Earl Duque Family John & Aniela** (SI), **Nichollette Gottlinger and family** (SI), **Anita Ramos** (SI), **Helen** (SI), **Troy** (SI), **Jennie** (SI), **Teresa** (SI), **Frank Ramirez.** (SI), **Sara** (SI), **Celine Powers** (SI), **Anita Sabin** (SI) **Kelly Bowring & Family** (SI), **Marry Noon** (recovery), **Frank Rega** (SI), **Rhonda Ricco** (SI), ...**David Stewart** (brain tumor), **Marcelea Murillo’s Dad** (chemo), **David Kramer** (SI), **Ed Flamick** (back), **Roger** (SI), **Teresa Ramirez** (brain aneurism), **Sandra** (SI), **Kara Gullo** (Melanoma), **Renee** (MS), **Fr. Luke** (cancer), **Fr. Neil Buchlien** (heart), **Fr. Peter D.** (SI), **Fr. Joseph Peek** (miracle), **Francis Boyd** (SI), **Henri** (SI), **Mary** (SI), **Francis Boyd** (SI), **Mary Chalupsky** (debt-knee), **Johnny Saxon** (ICU), **Tammy Holloway** (Cancer),

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

Dick Kahn, Dean Smith Sr., Betty Smith, Dean Smith Jr.
Fr. Thomas Uzhunnalil, Mother Angelica, Fr. Joseph Peek

“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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