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Many, many thanks to you who have contributed to the Cause of the Beatification of Luisa Piccarreta! We have recently forwarded a check for \$3000.00 to the Tribunal for Luisa's Cause in the Archdiocese of Trani, Italy, to help with their many expenses. The more contributors to Luisa's Cause the better, because the Church looks at the widespread, grassroots support from around the world as a sign of the action of the Holy Spirit. When a lay person is up for Beatification or Canonization they are usually at a disadvantage compared to Religious who have belonged to one of the many Religious Orders. In the latter cases, the Religious Communities are often spread throughout the world and may even have a Headquarters in Rome among other obvious advantages, which aid the advancement of Causes of Religious. Therefore, we hope all our readers will want to send a little something for Luisa's Cause. All donations are Tax Deductible. Checks should be made out to "Center for the Divine Will."

We hope the Thanks stated above compensates for not always having time to acknowledge all of you personally, and this also applies to those of you who have sent donations for our regular work on behalf of the Divine Will. But *we have been thanking you in a very special way*—working night and day on getting the works of Luisa into print for your benefit, with the help of volunteers around the country.

• We dedicate this Issue No. 10 to Luisa, the Little Daughter of the Divine Will. •

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The Cause for Luisa's Beatification Proceeds Onward

Luisa's mission on earth was always identified with the Official Church. Now that the Official Church has opened the Cause of her Beatification (November 20, 1994), it seems that from Heaven Luisa is giving every sign of her assistance here on earth. And Padre Pio seems to be really helping, too. There have been reports of miracles through Luisa's intercession in various places which have been forwarded to the Tribunal for investigation. Concerning this matter of possible miracles through Luisa's intercession, please send information here to the House of the Divine Will for forwarding to Italy.

Little by little, important and exciting developments are taking place. Luisa's home, which is the headquarters for Association Luisa Piccarreta, has been designated as the depository for the things associated with her life. More and more visitors are going to this Holy Place where the Third Fiat of God began here on earth. We hear of various Pilgrimages being planned, etc.

There is a Padre Pio Pilgrimage planned in September 1995, with a side trip to Corato. Its called the **Third Annual Pilgrimage to Padre Pio**:—from the U.S.A., Sept. 11–26: Rome (Papal audience is planned), San Giovanni Rotundo (5 nights) with an excursion to **Luisa's house in Corato** and to the Cathedral at Trani, as well as other side trips to Monte San Angelo, Incoronata, and elsewhere. Then to Lanciano, Loreto, Assisi, Venice and Padua in honor of St. Anthony's 800th birthday anniversary year.

[For information about joining this Pilgrimage contact **Pilgrimage to Padre Pio** -- P.O. Box 10-0249 -- Brooklyn, N.Y. 11210. You can also call Joan or Jeannete Salerno at (718) 258-0947.]

Divine Will Retreats and Conferences

Fr. John Olin Brown, our American brother who was ordained in the Archdiocese of Trani last November 19th, and is a member of the Church Tribunal overseeing Luisa's Cause, was invited to Zurich, Switzerland, in mid-April to give a conference on the Gift of the Divine Will.

About that same time in Cost Rica, **Fr. Carlos Massieu and Jose Luis Acuña** gave conferences the weeked of the Feast of Divine Mercy, which was also Luisa's 130th birthday. The first talk was at a Catholic Clinic attended by 2 Priests and 40 Nuns. Another conference was in Sarapiquí, and a third at a place called La Clarissa in San Jose. At one point Fr. Massieu spoke on the radio for 45 minutes. He also was in demand for many confessions. And Nicauraga had a representative in a lady sent by Sister Paula Hidalgo. She took two boxes of Spanish language books of Luisa's writings back with her to Nicauraga donated by one of our sisters in the Divine Will.

Here in the United States, **Fr. Michael Adams**, who is Chaplin for the Daughters of Divine Zeal in Corato, Italy, and one of the very first Americans to discover Luisa and her writings on the Reign of the Divine Will in the early 1970's, conducted a Divine Will Retreat that same weekend, in Chiefland, Florida. Added to Fr. Michael's presentations were talks by Nelson Darnell, David Sauls, Babs Martin, and myself. Like Fr. Massieu in Cost Rica, Fr. Adams was in great demand for confessions, a Sacrament which God has given him a special grace in administering it seems. [Note: We have since learned that many bilingual persons in the Miami area missed that Retreat because they didn't know of it. Please forgive our oversight in getting the word out. We would have loved to have had you there!]

And in Maine, at the end of May (26th - 28th) **Fr. Thomas Celso** will be conducting a Divine Will Retreat in Augusta. It seems that there is going to be a large turnout. For information on this Retreat contact *Denise Heisler* at 207-623-2675.

Fr. Pablo and the Madonna Who Weeps Tears of Blood

In the smallest Parish of the smallest Diocese of Italy on the Feast of the Presentation, Feb. 2, 1995, a statue of Our Lady of Medjugore began to weep tears of human blood. It was discovered by the smallest member of the smallest family in that Parish whose Pastor is a little Priest with a humble soul, whose name is Padre Pablo Martin Sanguiao. This same Padre Pablo, always obedient to the Official Church, is considered by many to be the world's foremost authority on the glorious writings of Luisa Piccarreta.

The Diocese is that of Civitavecchia-Tarquinia; the Bishop is Mons. Girolamo Grillo; the Parish is Saint Augustine; the family is the Gregori Family; the little girl is Fabio. Several months before the 20" statue of

Our Lady began to weep, Fr. Pablo had brought it from Medjugore to the Gregori family, who placed the statue in a small garden in front of their home. When little Jessica saw red liquid oozing from the eyes of the statue on February 2nd, she ran to her parents who disbelieved at first. Bishop Grillo also disbelieved at first when he heard of the reports. But all that has changed dramatically over the past weeks. The Bishop has even taken the statue to a secular institution in Rome to be x-rayed; and the statue wept tears of blood once while the Bishop held it in his arms. (Bishop Grillo was so affected by this that he stated on television that he was sleepless for three nights and wondered if Our Lady has a message for all the Bishops of the Church.) Without specifically referring to this statue, the Pope has said recently that we must console Our Lady. The Italian Government placed the statue under seal for two weeks in their anti-fraud investigation. Reports of these events are appearing in newspapers and on television all over the world. Thousands of pilgrims are coming from many nations. Reporters are exhausting Fr. Pablo for information—even tapping his phone lines. The Official Church has taken a serious and rapid interest, approving the remodeling of Fr. Pablo's church and the installation of the statue in his church as a place of pilgrimage. There are even reports that the Holy Father may go to Fr. Pablo's church. *We ponder in our hearts the mystery of God's Will in all this and what significance it may have for the future in making known the Kingdom of the Divine Will.*

Luisa and "Lady Obedience"—Some Points

Luisa's life was always in perfect tune with obedience to the Official Church. She would never undertake any spiritual enterprise or write a single word of her Glorious writings on the Divine Will without the command or approval of the Confessors assigned to her by her Archbishop. When Our Lord requested her to do certain things, she absolutely would not do them unless her Confessor also concurred. She would much have preferred not to write anything at all and had a great distrust in her own judgment and abilities. She often referred to "Lady Obedience" who required her to do so much which was contrary to her natural preferences. Yet, she always submitted willingly to the wishes of her Confessor who confirmed what Our Lord was requiring of her. If Our Lord told her to do one thing and her Confessor told her not to do it or to do something else, Luisa always obeyed the representative of the Official Church. In some cases there was obvious ill will and arrogance on the part of certain religious authorities, but Luisa humbly obeyed—always.

In this same vein, Luisa was wary of being deceived in her mystical life. She often tested the spirit who was revealing himself to her in visions or locutions. There were a number of times in which it was found that it was Satan who copied the appearance or voice of Our Lord. But, because of prudence and humble obedience to the Priests, Luisa was preserved from deception.

Speaking of mystical phenomena, we would do well to walk slowly before "jumping on the band-wagon," so to speak, of promoting the persons and messages associated with these reported mystical phenomena. The Church has provided plenty of guidelines to help us discern the "finger of God" in these matters. *[Because we receive so many reports of visions and locutions from many places, without judging anyone, we feel it would be appropriate to mention a few points by three Doctors of the Church taken from an excellent book titled, "Thoughts..." by Bill Reck of the Riehle Foundation.]*

Does the person experiencing the revelation take the revelation to a competent spiritual director and follow the lead of the Church? It is very easy to deceive oneself or be duped by the evil one. St. Catherine of Siena had many visions and apparitions. One day she became a little too sure of herself and told the devil: "Know that you could send me no temptation without my perceiving it." Following this imprudent boast, she had false apparitions of Our Lord and Our Lady for five years!

St. Theresa of Avila had this to say about locutions: "... if they treat of some weighty matter in which we are called to act, or if they concern any third person, we should consult a confessor who is both learned and a servant of God before attempting or thinking of acting on them, even though we may feel more and more convinced of their truth and of their divine origin." And St. John of the Cross warned that no one should seek locutions, for the devil is looking for that type of soul.

Among many signs of questionable authenticity are predictions of disasters even to the very month, which fall flat; and making rash statements attributable to Our Lady about a specific person, especially a Priest, who may be in opposition to the self-claimed mystic. Ultimately, these things, if connected with Luisa's name can only hurt the Process of Luisa's Cause. It is Luisa, whom God prepared in stages over many, many years with unnarratable suffering, that was chosen to be identified with the Reign of the Divine Will on earth!

English Translations of Luisa's Volumes

Perhaps the principle reason we have not been able to answer everyone's letters and send out "Thank you" notes in every case has been due to the enormous amount of work undergone to provide you with good English Translations of Luisa's writings. Volumes 14 and 15 have just come into print! And several more are getting closer to being published. Some have already been translated, but have to be proof-read and corrected, then typeset and printed. In the near future we hope to have Volumes 1, 3, and 10 available for you. We are especially grateful to certain persons who are doing a beautiful job of making the English flow so well. If God wills, we hope to have most of the first 20 Volumes in English by the end of the year. Another book which we hope to have available this summer is a wonderful book which has been printed in Spanish in Mexico and Ecuador. We finally have it translated into English. It was put together by an outstanding authority on the Divine Will, Mr. Jose Acuña of Mexico, from Luisa's writings with a very interesting introduction which includes testimony about Luisa by Priests and Doctors. It has been very effective in rapidly bringing readers to an understanding of the Gift of the Divine Will. It begins with a letter of endorsement by Bishop Guizar Diaz. The title assigned to this book is "When the Divine Will Reigns in Souls."

Note: We would like to begin publishing, little by little, Luisa's works in regular book style with normal "book store" bindings. It would be nice to begin this new phase of publishing with the book just mentioned and possibly with Volume 1. We could use help in financing the publishing of these two books, as this would mean publishing at a minimum 1000 or 2000 of each through a publishing house.

- Questions and Answers-

Q. How does one know that he or she has begun to live the Life of the Divine Will?

A. One cannot even know with absolute certainty that he is living in the state of Grace. The same can be said of the Grace of all Graces, Life in the Divine Will. However, we can have a moral certainty, which is based on Faith. Jesus said that the Kingdom of God comes without observation; therefore, there will be no exterior signs as with the Sacraments. After considering the sign of Luisa's obedient life in bed without material food or water for 64 years, consider the Omnipotence of God—that He can do all things, including letting us possess the Divine Will and be animated by It. Consider the Goodness of God which is infinite, and that He loves us so much that He wants us to share fully in the Life of the Trinity, which is the Life of the Divine Will, which He gave to our first parents, Adam and Eve. Then, with an insight into the nature of the Gift of the Divine Will, and with a desire to accept the offer God is extending, one should utter one's own Fiat in whatever sincere words come to mind. At that moment Jesus, who has been waiting so expectantly, immediately gives the person the Divine Will (on loan). At that very moment the soul's activity, as a newborn infant in the Divine Life, becomes the activity of God, fused in the Eternal Act of the Three Persons in one God. This is not to say that this soul, newly born in the Real Life of God, won't make little visits to her human volition as she begins her way in this sublime new Life! [Yes, there is more to all this—in the Volumes of the Book of Heaven.]

Q. Should people get together to form prayer and study groups on the Writings of Luisa? Do such groups have to have a Priest in charge?

A. By all means people should get together periodically to pray, study and share their insights on the Kingdom of the Divine Will. This is highly recommended; and I for one would insist upon this. No, it is not necessary to have a Priest in charge nor to make one's Consecration to the Divine Will in the presence of a Priest; but if a given group has the good fortune to have an Priest available (as some groups do) then they should rejoice and give him their loyal obedience.

We are enclosing a new Publication List with 3 new items and some information on suggested donations, which many have asked about.

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Catholic Church Sponsors Major International Gathering for the Reign of the Divine Will In Beautiful San José, Costa Rica !!

— December 13 - 17, 1995 —

This historic gathering titled "**The Divine Will Family Comes Together**" is open to all people of good will who want to share the happiness, the joy, and the knowledge of the Divine Will coming to Reign on earth as in Heaven. This most wonderful news of the Reign of the Divine Will has been given to humanity through the glorious writings of the Servant of God, Luisa Piccarreta, whose Cause of Beatification was opened, by instruction from the Vatican, in the Archdiocese of Trani, Italy, by Archbishop Carmelo Cassati on the Feast of Christ the King, November 20, 1994.

Members and Representatives of the Official Church Tribunal are working most diligently to prepare everything for the convenience and joy of the participants at this gathering. **Archbishop Cassati; the Postulator, Msgr. Posa** and other members of the Official Tribunal for Luisa's Cause, as well as other Bishops and Priests, plan to attend. **Fr. Bucci**, nephew of Rosaria Bucci who took care of Luisa, expects to come. There will be several speakers from among the Clergy, Religious, and Laity. Accommodations for room and board are being arranged at very economical costs by the local Bishop. There are also plans to have the talks interpreted through electronic apparatus, similar to the ways used in the U.N., for instant translation in one's own language.

Plans are for round-trip air flights to Costa Rica from Miami at a cost of about \$270 per person. Accommodations in the gorgeous San José environs will be about \$100 or less (total for all four nights). Weather should be very pleasant.

More information will be forthcoming. Meanwhile please make inquiries to the Gathering Coordinators, **Miguel And Marianela Machado - 5900 Leonardo St. - Coral Gables, FL 33146 FAX: (305) 667-7173**. This envisions to be a truly great event. Blessed be God forever!

Priest/theologian, **Fr. Carlos Massieu** is working with the Episcopal Curia in Trani, Italy and in Costa Rica to set up a **Permanent Center in Costa Rica** on behalf of the **Reign of the Divine Will**, and will be coordinating things in Central America for the December Gathering in San José.

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