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ANNOUNCING THE THIRD FIAT OF GOD

*The Recall of the Creature to the Order, the Place,
and the Purpose for which it was created by God*

"That which I say to you about my Will is but the development of our Decree, made from all Eternity in the Consistory of the Most Holy Trinity, that Our Will must have Its Kingdom upon the earth; and our decrees are infallible; no one can impede Us from effectuating them. As was the Decree of Creation and of Redemption; so, too, the Kingdom of our Will upon the earth is our Decree." –

(Jesus to Luisa Piccarreta - Oct. 2, 1938)

Visit to Corato Finds Luisa's Cause: 'Steady on Course'



[L-R: Beth Lee, Archbishop Cassati, Dr. Ben Healey, Fr. Michael Adams-Oct '98]

This past October I had the blessed opportunity to visit Corato for few days to meet with Fr. Michael Adams and Archbishop Cassati. I was joined by Dr. Ben Healey of Rhode Island and later by Elizabeth Lee of Massachusetts. On Monday, October 12th, we all had a marvelous meeting with Archbishop Cassati. He was very friendly, kindly, and relaxed. He let us know that Luisa's Cause was proceeding with positive deliberation, and he informed me that he would be renewing his letter of 1994 authorizing me on behalf of Luisa's Cause to collect funds, writings, objects, etc. It was clear that the Cause was on course and not detoured by the incredible attacks against Luisa's writings on the part of some Americans; but the archbishop was concerned about lack of obedience on the part of some and about persons who

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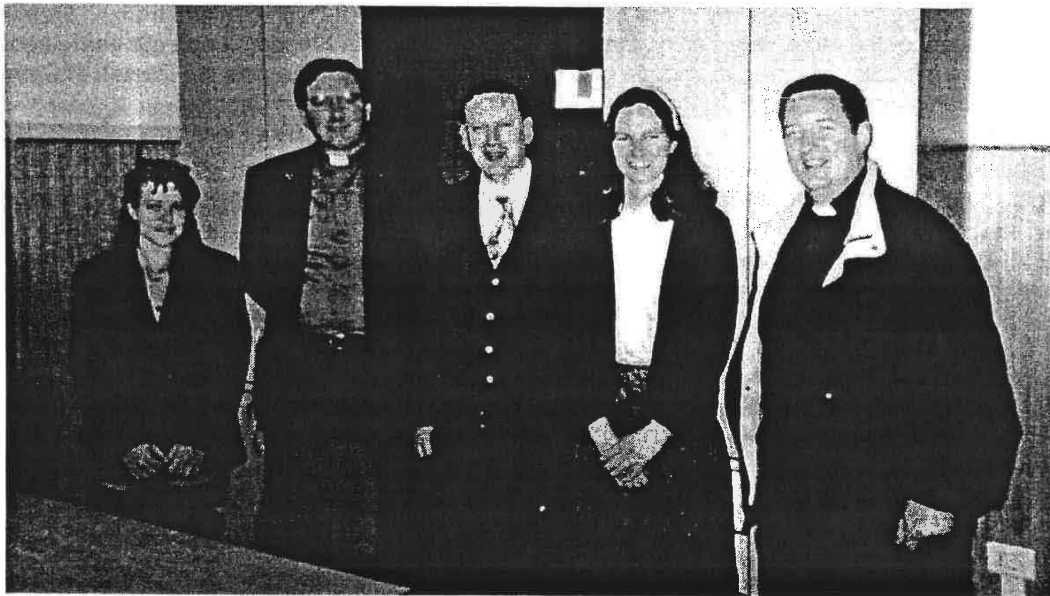
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misuse Luisa's writings to justify unorthodox behavior.

After our meeting with Archbishop Cassati, Fr. Michael attended another meeting with Archbishop Cassati and several of the Priests of the special commission which has been set up to govern the global diffusion of the name and writings of the Servant of God, Luisa Piccarreta, and her Cause. Dr. Healey, Beth Lee, and I made a very nice visit to Padre Pio's tomb in San Giovanni Rotundo and also the House of Prayer for the Reign of the Divine Will next to Padre Pio's monastery. Leaving San Giovanni Rotundo, we visited St. Michael's Cave at Monte San Angelo.



[L-R: receptionist, Fr. Tarantini, Tom Fahy, Beth Lee, Fr. Adams-Oct '98]

That evening, back in Corato we visited the new "Diocesan Office — Servant of God, Luisa Piccarreta" established by Archbishop Cassati, and we met its Director, Fr. Luigi Tarantini. Fr. Tarantini treated us very cordially and showed us around the building which had once been a Dominican Church but is no longer in use for liturgical functions. Concerning the Cause of Luisa Piccarreta and all related activities, this office surpasses in authority all other offices, associations, and organizations. Fr. Tarantini asked us to notify "everyone" that they are expecting ever increasing numbers of visitors and pilgrims to Corato, especially during the Jubilee Year 2000 and to please contact his office if you plan to come to Corato, so they can arrange things for your convenience and expectations. The address is as follows:

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Oh, yes. We did visit Luisa's room twice. The visitor's log showed that an American Priest from Virginia had been there only a few minutes before we arrived for our first visit.

The article which follows is contributed by certainly one of the greatest victim souls living in our times.-TF

— Suffering and Joy —

by John F. Downs

I rejoice in my sufferings, for it is then that I feel the power of Christ's work in me, said Paul to the Ephesians.

Thirty-eight years ago at age fifteen, when my life came to a crashing halt in a trampoline accident that left me a quadriplegic, had anyone suggested to me that I would one day rejoice in my sufferings, I would certainly have been skeptical, and I might well have considered the prophet more than a little crazy.

In all truth, however, the prophet would have been vindicated. I do rejoice in my sufferings because they have brought me the experience of Christ's power at work in me. Suffering which is accepted from God's hands will bring a personal Pentecost which fills the soul with joy. I am attempting to deal with this issue at length in a book, but now I will share the essential key to gaining this joy through suffering.

For an inspiring orientation from Jesus, hear what He said to Luisa about the Cross:

Adorable Cross, I embrace you at last! You were the longing of My Heart, the martyrdom of My Love. You, oh Cross, lingered until now, while My steps were always directed toward you. Holy Cross, you were the goal of My desires, the purpose of My existence here below. In you I place all My children. You will be their Life and their light, their defense, their guard and their strength. You will come to their aid in everything and will conduct them gloriously to Me in Heaven. Oh, Cross cathedra (seat) of Wisdom, you alone will teach true sanctity; you alone will form heroes, athletes, martyrs and saints. Beautiful Cross, you are My throne; and, since I must depart from the earth you will remain in my place. I give to you as dowry all souls. Keep them for me. Save them for Me. I entrust them to you. (Hours of the Passion / 10 AM: Hr.)

Joy in suffering is attainable only by those who possess *good will*. The Angels told the shepherds, *Peace on earth to men of good will -- God's Will*. This good will/God's Will is demonstrated in the following examples:

Behold the Handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to your word (God's Will). (Lk. :38)

My food and drink is to do the Will of Him who sent me. (Jn. 4:34)

Not all those who say to me, Lord, Lord shall be saved but only those who do the Will of my Father in heaven. (Mt. 7:21)

Father, If it be possible, let this chalice pass from Me, but not as I will, but as You Will. (Mt. 26:39)

These few examples reveal authentic good will, though often the choice is difficult.

Good will is the fruit of a deep and intelligent faith. From such a faith we firmly believe that there is a God who, out of love and a desire to share His infinite riches and happiness, created intelligent creatures who might arrive at the fullness of His life—but for which we must make a choice.

We are taught that we are brought to beatitude only through numerous trials that serve as so many opportunities for surrender of our wills in faith, trust and love to the Creator and His Will. We know that it is only through surrender to God's Will in the trials of life that we are brought to oneness with Him and can most fully experience His life and power at work within us. This oneness with God brings with it participation in the joy that resides in His Heart, a foretaste of Heaven, and a joy untouched by anything carnal or temporal.

God's formula is TRIALS -> SURRENDER TO HIS WILL-> JOY. It may be argued that we can surrender to God without trials and suffering. However, the simple truth is that only trials and contradictions can awaken us to the consciousness of how self-willed we really are and how far removed we are from surrender to God's Will.

It is a difficult thing to renounce self-will which is indispensable to union with God – union that yields the joy we yearn for. Remember the greatest prayer and covenant we make with our Father: *Your Will be done on earth as it is done in heaven!*

From the writings of St. Rose of Lima we find the following:

The Lord, Our Savior, raised His voice and spoke with incomparable majesty. 'Let all know,' He said, 'that after sorrow, grace follows; let them understand that without the burden of affliction, one cannot arrive at the height of glory; that the measure of heavenly gifts is increased in proportion to the labors undertaken. Let them be on their guard against error or deception; this is the only ladder by which paradise is reached; without the cross there is no road to heaven.'

No souls ever walked the earth who had more joy in living than the saints. For them life was a profound *adventure* filled with purist *romance*. They participated fully in what the poet called *wild tranquillity* and *passionless passion*. This is only possible by a life of oneness with God, and this union can only be achieved by the surrender of our wills which suffering brings to the greatest height and depth.

Hence, joy is found in suffering. Suffering in itself is not joyous; rather, it is the means by which we are brought to joy and to the perfection of God's image that we were created to be – God is Love and we are created to be love too.

Love is giving, surrender of one's self – one's will to the other. There can be no love without mutual giving. God has given His whole self—His whole Will to us. Before we can have any dignity, we must freely choose to give ourselves – our wills to the Creator in the context of a trial or a test. This is why the Angels, Adam and Eve were tried and we must be tried.

Finally, to find the surrender, the love, the oneness with God's Will and His Joy, simply persevere in reading the hours of the passion, the rounds, and the volumes of Jesus' great gift and dispensation to the world at the threshold of the new millennium.

The only reason someone like myself would be asked to write for you is that, due to my multiple and deep sufferings, I can be a living witness who encourages you to believe that you too can come to receive the Cross in the way that Jesus asks of you and have it yield its fruit. I do not dare claim that I have finished the race. My race continues and I humbly ask you to pray for my perseverance.



Holy Spirit – Champion of the Cross
Year of the Holy Spirit – Year of the Cross
by Thomas M. Fahy

The Vicar of Christ, Pope John Paul II, designated the year 1998 as the Year of the Holy Spirit in preparation for the Year 2000 Jubilee of Jesus' birth, and we can be sure that this was ratified in Heaven. All year long we have been receiving reports of our brothers and sisters in the Divine Will experiencing sorrows, sufferings, and crosses of every kind; and we have also received an unusual amount of orders from diverse places for Luisa's masterpiece on the sorrows, sufferings, and cross of Jesus, namely, the book, so blessed by Heaven, known as the "**Hours of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.**" We have been greatly edified this past year to learn that the heavy crosses you have borne this past year with such patience and abandonment, have been offered for the Glory of God, for Luisa's Cause and the

Reign of the Divine Will, and even for the good of our Center here in Jacksonville. You can be sure that the Center for the Divine Will here in Jacksonville has also had the abundant blessing to share in communion with you its crosses and sufferings of this past year.

The accepted Cross is where Our Lady's Divine Spouse, the Holy Spirit, works so effectively in his glorious mission of sanctifying souls. In Luisa's writings Jesus informs us that the Holy Spirit often communicates more Grace and greater sanctification to some souls through the Cross than the very Sacraments themselves!

The great saints and spiritual writers tell us that the Holy Spirit is the Champion of the Cross. How true this is! For love of us, it was He who arranged through his most perfect Wisdom the very Passion and Death of Jesus, whose Spirit He is! How much He must love us to arrange things so that we can share in some measure the sufferings of Our Lord in order that we might share one day in the very happiness of God in the glory of Heaven. Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us, and He delights when we accept the sanctifying action of the Champion of the Cross, the Holy Spirit.



A New and Divine Holiness by Hugh Owen, MS

Through various statements of the Magisterium and through many private revelations approved by the Church, Our Lord has confirmed that the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit are at hand. In his encyclical *Dominum et Vivificantem* (1986) Pope John Paul II wrote:

In the time leading up to the third Millennium after Christ, while "the Spirit and the Bride say to the Lord Jesus, Come," this prayer of theirs is filled, as always, with eschatological significance, which is also destined to give fullness of meaning to the celebration of the Great Jubilee. It is a prayer concerned with the salvific destinies towards which the Holy Spirit by his action opens hearts throughout the history of man on earth. But at the same time this prayer is directed towards a precise moment of history which highlights the "fullness of time" marked by the year 2000 . . .

In light of the significance that Sacred Scripture attaches to the phrases "fullness of time" (Ephesians 1:10) and "times of fulfillment" as well as similar phrases used in the Old and New Testaments to denote the fulfillment of God's providential plans—the pope's remarks strongly confirm the expectation of a Second Pentecost. By identifying the year 2000 as a "fullness of time" related in a special way to the working of the Holy Spirit, the pope seems to have expressed his expectation of an initiative of the Holy Spirit comparable in importance to the divine initiative of the Incarnation. Elsewhere in the encyclical, Pope John Paul II reinforced this interpretation by likening the period leading up to the year 2000 to a "new time of advent." He wrote:

In preparing for the Great Jubilee we must emphasize the "desires of the Spirit," as exhortations echoing in the night of a new time of advent, at the end of which, like two thousand years ago, "every man will see the salvation of God."

The Church with her heart which embraces all human hearts implores from the Holy Spirit the happiness which only in God has its complete realization: the joy "that no one will be able to take away," the joy which is the fruit of love, and therefore of God who is love; she implores "the righteousness, the peace, and the joy of the Holy Spirit" in which, in the words of Saint Paul, consists the Kingdom of God. Peace too is the fruit of love: that interior peace, which weary man seeks in his inmost being; that peace besought by humanity, the human family, peoples, nations, continents, anxiously *hoping to obtain it in the prospect of the transition from the second to the third Christian Millennium* (emphasis added).

In 1997, on the centenary of the founding of the Rogationist Fathers by Blessed Fr. Hannibal Di Francia, Pope John Paul II exhorted the spiritual sons of Blessed Hannibal to recognize and emulate the distinctive character of their founder's holiness. He wrote:

The modern means that human sciences and contemporary technology make available and that you rightly try to use in your apostolic work will only be effective if they are sustained and guided by the original charismatic inspiration of the blessed founder, who saw in the "Rogate" the means God Himself had provided to bring about that "new and divine" holiness with which the Holy Spirit wishes to enrich Christians at the dawn of the third millennium, in order to "make Christ the heart of the world."

Those familiar with the writings of Blessed Hannibal immediately recognized the reference to a "new and divine" holiness as an allusion to the founder's comments on the spirituality of his spiritual daughter, Luisa Piccarreta (1865-1947)—a Third Order Dominican victim soul whose writings, written under obedience to her bishop, foretold a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit which would bring about the social reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Indeed, in a letter to Luisa, Blessed Hannibal had called the teachings of Jesus on the Reign of the Holy Spirit a "new science" which would form "souls who surpass the saints of days gone by."

In his recent book, *Gift and Mystery*, Pope John Paul II described the decisive influence upon him of the *True Devotion to Mary* of St. Louis de Montfort. From St. Louis, the Pope drew the inspiration for his priestly ministry, his motto, "Totus Tuus," and his spirituality of total consecration to Jesus through Mary. In his introduction to the *True Devotion*, St. Louis had predicted a future period in which new prodigies of holiness would take place through the action of Our Lady and the Holy Spirit. According to St. Louis:

Toward the end of the world, Almighty God and his Holy Mother will raise up great saints who will surpass in holiness most other saints as much as the cedars of Lebanon tower above little shrubs . . . Mary has produced, together with the Holy Ghost, the greatest thing which has been or ever will be—a God-man; and she will consequently produce the greatest saints that there will be in the end of time. The formation and education of the great saints who shall come at the end of the world are reserved for her. For it is only that singular and miraculous Virgin who can produce, in union with the Holy Ghost, singular and extraordinary things . . . They shall be great and exalted before God in sanctity, superior to all other creatures by their lively zeal, and so well sustained with God's assistance that, with the humility of their heel, in union with Mary, they shall crush the head of the devil and cause Jesus Christ to triumph.

At Fatima, Portugal, in 1917, Our Lady delivered a message to the world which Pope John Paul II has called "more urgent" than ever before—a message which contains the promise of a future "Triumph" and an "era of Peace" in which the predictions of St. Louis de Montfort would be fulfilled. Reflecting upon the Fatima message, Pope John Paul II wrote:

[On] May 13, 1981 . . . I was wounded by gunshots fired in St. Peter's Square. At first, I did not pay attention to the fact that the assassination attempt had occurred on the exact anniversary of the day Mary appeared to the three children of Fatima in Portugal and spoke to them the words that now, *at the end of this century, seem to be close to their fulfillment* . . .

In a letter to the founders of the Apostolate for Family Consecration, the theologian of the papal household, Cardinal Luigi Ciappi testified to his conviction that the era of peace will arrive by the year 2001. He wrote:

Yes, a miracle was promised at Fatima, the greatest miracle in the history of the world, second only to the Resurrection. And that miracle will be an era of peace which has never really been granted before to the world . . . With His Holiness Pope John Paul, we look expectantly and prayerfully for this era to begin with the dawn of the third millennium, the year 2001.

Since, according to St. Louis, the greatest saints of all time will be the means of Our Lady's triumph, and the Vicar of Christ on earth hints that the Triumph is near at hand, it follows that the "cedars of Lebanon" of whom St. Louis speaks may already have entered the world. Indeed, a careful study of the lives of certain holy men and women of the twentieth century indicates that, in the words of Marie

Michel Philipon, O.P. "we are incontestably in *a new era of spirituality* . . . a calling of all, even the laity, even of married people, to the *greatest* holiness" (emphasis added).

We are privileged to live in this new era. Let us not be discouraged by the doubts of those who refuse to believe in the surprises of the Holy Spirit. Let us join our Holy Father in working and praying for the Second Pentecost, which will usher in the Reign of the Divine Will and the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

If the reader would be interested in knowing the exact sources for the quotations contained in this article, contact Hugh Owen through the Center for the Divine Will [or directly] and he will be happy to send them to you.



Congratulations to Those Who Persevered through the Trials of 1998

Here, at the center in Jacksonville, we have been heartened by all those persons in so many parts of the world who have held steadfastly to their place in the Reign of the Divine Will and have even been strengthened in their resolve to do all they *obediently* are able to do to foster the reign of the Divine Will on earth as in Heaven. Nothing could be more pleasing to the Holy Trinity and our heavenly Mother. We congratulate you who have persevered. A crown of great glory awaits you!!

Speaking of obedience, we are saddened to learn that some, trying to promote the Divine Will, have done certain things outside the realm of obedience. The Center for the Divine Will refuses to do anything outside of obedience and has been praised by more than one bishop for this obedient behavior.



The Costs of Publishing

When the Center for the Divine Will began to distribute the writings of Luisa, we began in conditions which might seem hopelessly impossible, working out of our garage, producing each volume basically by hand. Little by little, Jesus and Mary came to our aid, touching the hearts of many of you to help out financially so we could produce Luisa's works in greater quality and in greater numbers. As we began to grow, we consulted persons and companies in the Catholic publishing field and learned about costs and the necessary mark-ups needed to survive and provide for expansion, should that be what God should want. We listened and learned, but we did not want to mark up our books as much as has been suggested by a major publishing company. Our Lord seemed to repay this decision by directing us to a printing company who did excellent work noticeably below the costs of the general market. Not wanting to deprive those who could not afford the fair price we asked, we listed the books at a suggested donation, so anyone could request books at what they could afford.

Here are some of the costs that we have to incur in publishing and distributing Luisa's books: basic cost of printing; shipping from plant to our Center; warehouse rental for storage of inventory; insurance; materials for shipping to customer; postage when customer doesn't pay; damaged books; free books to missions and prisons; discounted books to religious; office costs: rent, telephone, utilities, the very modest salaries needed for basic personal needs, credit card transaction costs; purchase of equipment, supplies, maintenance of the vehicle, accounting and legal fees, technician fees for equipment breakdowns, and probably other things which I can't recall. In addition, provision has to be made for the expansion of our work in order to extend the Reign of the Divine Will.

Now, added to all these things, we provide funds to help Priests with travel related to Luisa's Cause and to procure items they need for their direct work on behalf of the same. So, we thank you very, very much for all the support you have given us; otherwise, these things would not have been possible. This year has been slow as you might guess. We are placing most of our books on sale through the Christmas Season up to the Feast of the Epiphany in January of 1999. Please take advantage of this sale.



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Letter to All from Fr. Michael Adams

[Fr. Adams is Secretary of the Diocesan Office of the Servant of God, Luisa Piccarreta.]

Dear Tom and all my friends,

I greet you in the most holy Will of God on this wonderful Sunday morning. I thank you in a special way for keeping me and my special intentions in your prayers. I apologize to you and to all the wonderful people who have written me for not writing back more often. The only reason why I don't is because I am dedicating all available time to working on Luisa's Diaries [the 36 volumes of the Book of Heaven].

My eyes water up as I take a moment to sit back and behold the wonders Our Lord is accomplishing as our work progresses and as I see the volumes beginning to approach that blessed future day when they can be presented to the Diocesan Commission for the Cause of Luisa's Beatification. I am unable to explain what it is like to be working on a project so holy and to be working with the people that I have had and am still having the grace to work with on this project. Only Our Lord can adequately recompense them for their countless hours of work in any and every form it has been given. To this group of collaborators, I want to add all those who are helping our efforts with their prayers. I really feel the difference. Please persevere in your prayers for my special intentions as well.

I thank you, Tom, for giving me this excellent occasion to share these few words with everyone who have demonstrated their desire to grow closer to Jesus following the extraordinary example of Luisa, the Little Daughter of the Divine Will. Again, a most special thanksgiving to everyone who is helping. I keep all of you in my daily prayers and Holy Mass intentions. Please continue to keep me and my special intentions in yours as well.

May God bless you always,

Fr. Mike

The following is a letter to the editor of the newspaper in Rome, GA

October 23, 1998

Editor, Rome News Tribune
Rome, Georgia

Dear Editor:

Last November our organization was very blessed to sponsor the Third International Conference for the Reign of the Divine Will in your city of Rome, Georgia. It was a phenomenal success, which we attribute, in great measure to the truly unique hospitality, generosity, and kindness of the people of Rome who helped us in every way to make that event be the happy and impressive event that it was.

Since last November I have traveled to many parts of the world and have been congratulated by persons from so many places, who came to that International Conference, for choosing Rome, Georgia. The people I met were so favorably impressed with the people of Rome, and many hope future conferences can be held in your city.

I was very proud to claim Rome as my home town and can say completely truthfully that the people of Rome whom we worked with, Linda Smith and the staff at the Greater Rome Convention and Visitor Bureau, the staff at the Roman Forum, the Police Department, and news reporters were the most gracious people I have met in my travels to all 50 states of our nation and dozens of foreign countries.

May Rome never lose the beautiful character of its people!

Signed: Thomas M. Fahy

Christmas Season Book Sale

The enclosed flyer lists our books which have significant discounts for the Christmas Season. We hope you will take advantage of this as an opportunity to provide friends, acquaintances, and relatives with an exposure to Luisa and her heavenly writings on the Reign of the Divine Will. Remember, the Jacksonville Center has permission from Corato to continue distributing books from our stocks.

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