

LETTERS OF GOLD

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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)

7th Anniversary of "Letters of Gold"

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Sharing Research on Fulfilling the Purpose of Human Existence

It was in June of 1993 that the first issue of "Letters of Gold" came forth from the **House of the Divine Will** (our own home) here in Jacksonville, Florida. With a 25-mhz computer and a printer provided by the generosity of friends, the first "Letters of Gold" came into being and copies were made at Office Depot for mailing to interested parties in America. That first issue spoke about how the name "Letters of Gold" was chosen.

We related how Our Lady, our heavenly Mother, the Queen of the Divine Will, had said She would write in her Heart, with letters of gold, the names of her children who would live in the Kingdom of the Divine Will. In the book, "The Virgin Mary in the Kingdom of the Divine Will," which She gave to Luisa to write, referring to that book, Our Lady says, "Those who will welcome it with love will be the first fortunate children to belong to the Kingdom of the Divine Fiat; and I will write their names in my Maternal Heart with letters of gold." Those words filled my heart with a loving zeal to share the great and good news about the coming of the Kingdom and fulfillment of Jesus' prayer to his Father. I could easily understand how the early Christians felt when they received the good news of the Redemption.

We have published at least 4 issues of "Letters of Gold" every year; sometimes more. It actually takes more effort than one may think just to get these newsletters written; and then comes the printing, collating, folding, stuffing, addressing, stamping, and mailing.

Almost from the start we also began to translate and publish the writings of Luisa in 8-1/2 by 11, "manuscript" format. We took the original typed pages to Office Depot for copying. Then we had to find a way to bind these "manuscripts." I took my wife's advice and went to a church bazaar; and, within a few minutes, I found a used binding machine for \$25, and it worked! Later we were able to buy a copy machine and print the manuscripts in our bedroom. We bought a \$29 paper cutter to cut the full size pages down to normal size books. We had to collate by hand. Little by little, demand rose and so did economic support. Before long our garage was stuffed with inventory and packages ready for mailing all over the world. In September of 1996 we moved into a roomier office where we are today.

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Very Encouraging Words from Corato

On Friday evening, March 31, 2000, I was very, very blessed to meet for 35 minutes with Archbishop Giovanni Battista Picchieri, the very saintly new Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Trani Italy, which includes the city of Corato, where Luisa Piccarreta lived her incredible life of a very elevated sanctity and fulfilled her marvelous mission of heralding the practical fulfillment of the Lord's Prayer that the Father's Kingdom would come so that the Divine Will would be accomplished on earth according to the Eternal ideal, namely, as in Heaven. Fr. Michael Adams, a Priest esteemed for great personal sanctity and the one chosen by Providence to produce the official, Italian, grammatical revision of Luisa's 36 volume diary, which she wrote under strict obedience to Church authority over a period of 40 years, accompanied me and graciously acted as interpreter.

When Fr. Adams and I arrived at the Archbishop's residence shortly after 6:00 PM, we were greeted by two smiling nuns who informed us that Archbishop Picchieri was saying his personal Rosary and that he would meet with us shortly.

Twice during those precious 35 minutes, I was moved almost to tears as I listened to the most encouraging words of this holy Archbishop, 56 years of age, who is responsible for Luisa's Cause of Beatification. The high esteem he has for Luisa is obvious. He wanted me to convey to those who love and understand Luisa to not be discouraged because of the current slowdown of the promotion of her spirituality in the public arena. He told me that offsetting this is the fact that Luisa's Cause is intensifying from the ecclesial point of view, as the Church is giving great care to harmonize her very profound doctrine with the deposit of the Faith. Archbishop Picchieri said that so much worldwide interest in Luisa is a favorable sign of her work being from God. He said that he wanted to keep the Center here in Jacksonville informed about matters concerning Luisa's Cause and for us to inform others. He emphasized the importance of praying for this Cause. He said, "Pray, pray, pray," and he reminded me of the support needed to pay the costs involved in this important Cause. As we were leaving the Archbishop's residence, he walked with us to the door, encouraging us, saying that Luisa will be helping from Heaven. He asked me to convey his best wishes to everyone on the pilgrimage I came with and that he hoped he could see us in the United States one day.

Note: The occasion for my visit was the pilgrimage of 37 persons who went to Rome, to a papal audience, to Corato, and to Garabandal, Spain for the blessing of the House of Sanctification. Our Chaplain, Fr. Joseph Iannuzzi also had a fruitful, private meeting with Archbishop Picchieri.

Blessed Padre Pio and Luisa's "Hours of the Passion"

While in Rome with our pilgrimage group, Fr. Iannuzzi, Hugh Owen, Steve Patton, and I had a wonderfully joyful, 3 hour meeting with the Postulator and the Historian for the Cause of Canonization of Blessed Hannibal Di Francia, Luisa's saintly and learned Confessor of 17 years and Church appointed censor of her profound and marvelous writings.

We were given the royal treatment and presented with several photocopies from their archives of very interesting and helpful literature relating to Blessed Fr. Hannibal. One of these gifts to us was a copy of a letter written on March 21, 1921 from Blessed Fr. Hannibal to a nun. In this letter Blessed Fr. Hannibal spoke about Luisa's book, "The Hours of the Passion..." He mentioned that he and others were very sad about the delay (apparently in the printing of one of the many editions). He went on to say, "The Lord has blessed that book because it contains very many reparations for actual sins, and thus the Lord will spare many scourges. Padre Pio is enamoured with it, and recommends it to everyone. Many are the devotees who want it." This discovery in a 1921 letter concerning Padre Pio's

attitude towards Luisa's "Hours of the Passion..." lends considerable credence to a story about the day he received the visible stigmata in the monastery choir loft on September 20, 1918. The story relates that when Padre Pio fell on the floor as a result of the painful wounds of the stigmata he had just received, he dropped a book on the floor, which is said to have been the "Hours of the Passion" by Luisa.

Note: Although Blessed Padre Pio never met Luisa in person or corresponded with her, his esteem for her is well documented and easily proven. The very first Prayer Groups based on Luisa's writings (other than the group of young women who met often in her bedroom) were started in San Giovanni Rotondo, with his blessing, by his close friend and photographer, Frederico Abresch. Padre Pio actually pointed out those persons whom he felt should form these Prayer Groups. He defended Luisa's saintliness when she was calumniated; and in the 1960's he positively encouraged a member (still living) of those Prayer Groups to help finance the publication of Luisa's volumes.

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Absorption of the Soul in God

(Sharing our Research)

Many of the admirers of Luisa around the world are doing their own private research into her vast spiritual legacy, so rich and compact with celestial light. The following are just a few results of research on the term "absorb" which is so often used by many Church approved mystics when referring to their souls being absorbed in God.

Jesus to Luisa: "My daughter, how beautiful it is to see a soul operate in my Will! She plunges her action, her thought, her word in my Will. She is like a sponge that absorbs all the goods that the Supreme Will contains. There are seen in the soul so many divine acts that expand life, and one can hardly distinguish if they are acts of the Creator or of the creature. Since they are impregnated with the Eternal Will, they have absorbed in them the power, the life, and the manner of operation of the Eternal Majesty. Look at yourself and see how beautiful my Will has made you. Not only this, but in each of your acts you enclose Me, Myself, because when you enclose my Will in yourself, you enclose everything."

"There you will find all my acts, all in act of giving themselves to you. You will love them and will take the gifts of your Celestial Father. He is unable to bestow on you greater gifts than these of the fruits and effects of his Will; but you will take them to the extent you cooperate and live with your will absorbed in mine."

"My daughter, how beautiful and delightful it is to see the creature living in our Will! It lives in our reflections; and, while it lives in our reflections, it absorbs in itself the likeness of its Creator, such that it embellishes, enriches and enlarges itself so much to be able to take in everyone and bring Us everything. It draws from Us so much love to be able to love Us for everyone, and We find everything in her, all our Love put forth in Creation, all our satisfaction, our contentment and the correspondence of our works."

"My daughter, it is true that Confession remits sins. However, the most sure and certain means, in order to escape Purgatory, is love. Thus love must be the predominant passion in the soul. Love in thought, in word, in movements--everything, everything, must be evolved from this love! Then Uncreated Love, finding everything to be love, absorbs into Itself created love. In fact, what does Purgatory do except fill the voids of love that are in the soul? Moreover, when it fills these voids, it sends the soul to Heaven. If these voids are not present, the soul does not belong in Purgatory."

Luisa: "Oh, if everyone could just see how we are contained in God, oh, how careful we would be to keep from causing Him the slightest displeasure! Then He showed Himself so exceedingly tall that He absorbed within Himself the span of the Heavens as I saw all the Angels and Saints contained within God Himself; I heard their song, I understood so many things of our eternal felicity."

Luisa, speaking of the souls in Heaven: "Their love is the love of comprehensors. They see You, they enjoy You continuously, and are absorbed in your Most Holy and Divine Will; they are all lost in You. How great their love is, receiving continuous life from You."

Luisa; "He transported my soul into Paradise with Him many times, to hear the canticles of the blessed spirits who incessantly extol hymns of glory and thanksgiving to his Divine Majesty. I contemplated, in God, the various choirs of angels and the order of saints. All were immersed in the Will of God-- absorbed and identified in Its immensity."

Jesus, "The cross absorbs my Divinity into the soul. It makes her resemble my Humanity, and she copies in herself my own works."

"Further, she is so hidden in God that earth sees little or nothing of this soul. The Divine Will has her absorbed in Itself; only Jesus is the Life, the artisan, and the form of this enviable creature. She has nothing of her own, rather all is in common with Jesus. Her passion is the Divine Will, her characteristic feature is the Will of her Jesus, and the Fiat is her continuous motto."

"They (the souls who live in the Divine Will) are the order and the harmony of all. Jesus, jealous of these souls, makes Himself Actor and Spectator of all that they do. There is not even a heartbeat, a breath, or a thought that He does not regulate and dominate. Jesus has this soul so absorbed in the Divine Will, that only with difficulty does she remember that she lives in exile."

"When I instituted the Eucharistic Supper... I called around Me the souls that were to live in my Will, and oh, how happy I felt! I felt as if surrounded by these souls which the Power of my Will had absorbed and the center of whose life was my Will. I saw in them my own immensity; within them I found myself protected from all creatures, and I entrusted to them my Sacramental Life. I deposited my Sacramental Life in them not only for them to cherish, but also for them to reciprocate Me with a life of their own for each consecrated host. This is natural for them to do because my Sacramental Life takes its life from my Eternal Will, which these souls have as the center of their lives."

"As often as a soul enters into the Divine Will to pray, work, love, or to do anything else, it opens many paths between the Creator and the creature. The Divinity, seeing that the creature is coming to It, opens up paths in order to meet with Its creature. In this encounter, the creature imitates the virtues of its Creator, absorbs into itself Divine Life, and enters more fully into the eternal secrets of the Supreme Will.... This divine action in the creature creates golden heavens where the Divinity walks, delighting in the sight of Its action in the creature... That is how, in my Will, the creature approaches likeness to Me, how it realizes my designs, and how it fulfills the purpose of Creation."

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R I R R = Recognize, Invite, Receive, Return: Please refer again to **Issue 29 of Letters of Gold**. Reflect upon the article; "On the Essence of Living in the Divine Will." This is very important for the Glory of God and the coming of the Kingdom. **Recognize** the Divine and Infinite Love for you in everything and from everywhere. **Invite** God to flood all your life and activity with his Divine Life and Love. **Receive** this torrent of Divine Charity with gratitude and **Return** it to Him in a continuous cycle of reciprocity.

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The International Conference on the "New and Divine " Holiness with which Pope John Paul II said the Holy Spirit wishes to enrich the Church at the dawn of the Third Christian Millennium is set for November 2 - 5, 2000. It will be sponsored by the John Paul II Institute of Christian Spirituality. Three Bishops along with many Priests and laity plan to attend. This Conference in Jacksonville, FL is planned to be something very, very special in keeping with the Jubilee Year and the coming Heavenly Triumphs. See the information enclosed separately. You will be welcomed with great love and esteem.

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**Good News from New Archbishop in Charge of Luisa's Canonization
and
Answers for Clearing up the Confusion**

Archbishop Carmelo Cassati, who, with Vatican approval, opened the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta in 1994, retired on January 26, 2000. He was immediately succeeded by Archbishop Giovanni Battista Pichierri, who has demonstrated his great favor for Luisa, saying that she will help us from Heaven in our work for her Cause. He said that we should not be discouraged but take heart in the fact that the Church is intensifying its work towards her canonization. He realizes that the doctrine contained in her writings is very profound and therefore the Church is taking the necessary steps to harmonize everything with the Deposit of the Faith. "Don't be discouraged," he said; and he asked for prayer for Luisa's Cause.

**The Following Questions and Answers Should Clear up Some of the Confusion
about Various Things Regarding Promoting Luisa and Her Writings:**

1. **Q. Has promotion of the name of Luisa and her writings been stopped?**
 A.No. Although Archbishop Cassati, in his letter of January 1998 to the authorized promoters at that time, asked for a moratorium on Public Conferences and new printings [of her writings], he did not request a cessation of unadvertised, private promotion or of prayer groups studying Luisa's writings, nor of newsletters about Luisa and her doctrine. In his letter he even spoke about future Centers of promotion of Luisa.
2. **Q. Is it still O.K. to obtain or distribute Luisa's writings?**
 A.Until now, only those writings which were in print as of January 1998. Specifically, Archbishop Cassati gave permission to the Center for the Divine Will in Jacksonville, Florida to continue the distribution of its inventory of Luisa's writings, which happened to be very large at that time. Understood was that, with certain exceptions, no reprintings would be done without permission when stocks gave out. Persons are entirely free to obtain the writings of Luisa which are still in print and give them away if they wish.
3. **Q. There were some Public Conferences on Luisa during the several weeks following Archbishop Cassati's letter. Wasn't this improper or disobedient?**
 A.Archbishop Cassati authorized the fulfillment of those Conferences which had already been advertised and prepared prior to his letter.
4. **Q. Does the Center for the Divine Will in Jacksonville, Florida have an Internet Web Page promoting Luisa?**
 A.The Center the Divine Will has never had such a Web Page. Many people think that one of the Web Pages promoting Luisa belongs to the Center for the Divine Will. This is a mistaken idea. Years ago, before Archbishop Cassati's letter, we encouraged someone else to form such a Web Page. We do not endorse making copies of any new printings of Luisa's writings or posting them on the Internet.
5. **Q. Some individuals and organizations are giving conferences and retreats on the Divine Will or other very elevated spiritual themes which closely relate to the Divine Will. Isn't this against the wishes of Archbishop Cassati? Isn't this just another way of getting around the restrictions on Public Presentations of Luisa's doctrine?**

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- A. Quite the contrary!! The Divine Will is the most fundamental theme of Christianity! No one can go to Heaven without doing the Divine Will. Anyone speaking correctly about the Divine Will should be highly praised. Archbishop Cassati asked for a moratorium on Public Presentations of Luisa Piccarreta's special and unique revelations about the Divine Will. Several other 20th Century holy persons have also had very lofty insights about the Divine Will, which have even been approved by the Vatican. Some of these insights are similar to Luisa's. Some seem even identical to some of Luisa's. It is absolutely permitted to speak publicly on these ecclesiastically approved doctrines on the Divine Will even if they have concepts in common with Luisa's.
6. Q. **Why did Archbishop Cassati request a moratorium on Public Presentations of Luisa's writings?**
 A. Among many possible reasons, he asked for such a moratorium in order to provide a tranquil atmosphere for those appointed by the Church to carry out their work on behalf of Luisa's Cause. Certain parties, mostly in the United States, raised such an outcry against Luisa's sublime, mystical doctrine, in spite of the various, authentic Church approvals, that it became necessary to tranquilize the atmosphere, allowing Luisa's Cause to proceed along its ordinary course.
7. Q. **I read that Luisa's doctrine amounted to the heresy of Quietism. Is that true?**
 A. Since the 1920's, none of the many theologians appointed by the Church to review Luisa's writings ever arrived at such a conclusion. Precisely the opposite is obvious.
8. Q. **Did Luisa claim to be equal to the Blessed Virgin Mary?**
 A. No. Of course not. Luisa was born with Original Sin and often spoke about her defects and weaknesses. Her writings probably exalt Our Lady more than any others in Catholic history.
9. Q. **What about the 1938 condemnation?**
 A. The 1938 condemnation had nothing whatever to do with Luisa's 36 Volumes of the "Book of Heaven." Following a campaign of persecution against Luisa during the 1930's the Holy Office confiscated one edition of the "Hours of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ" and one edition of "The Virgin Mary in the Kingdom of the Divine Will." The one edition of these two works as well as a compilation of extracts from Luisa's writings edited by Luisa's last Confessor, with his own prefaces and appendices, were placed on the Index, which was abrogated by Pope Paul VI in 1966. All other several editions of the "Hours of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ" and "The Virgin Mary in the Kingdom of the Divine Will" with several imprimaturs even as late as 1997 have never been disapproved in any way and are highly recommended for reading. Pope St. Pius X and Blessed Padre Pio both enthusiastically recommended the "Hours of the Passion." **Read Stephen Patton's paper, "Does the Catholic Church Condemn Luisa Piccarreta's Writings?"**
10. Q. **When will Luisa's Cause go to Rome?**
 A. God alone knows. Meanwhile, we all would do well to spend our time learning and applying the marvelous doctrine discovered in Luisa's writings and pray fervently for the Coming of the Kingdom. This will bring a wonderfully new and most happy era for the world.

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Please consider the eternal benefits for your soul that may result from the International Conference on the "New and Divine Holiness" of the Third Christian Millennium to be held in Jacksonville, Florida, in November. Enclosed is the information you need about this Conference. Find out, among many other wonderful things, how to fulfill the purpose of your existence and how to do a "transtemporal Rosary."

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