



Benedictine Daughters of Divine Will



WINTER NEWSLETTER

MERRY CHRISTMAS



At the beginning of this newsletter, we want to clarify something that was written in our Fall newsletter that could be a bit confusing. We quoted something that came from the introduction in some of the Divine Will books put out by a dear friend who's very knowledgeable about the Divine Will writings.

Since we were quoting from what she wrote, we put the paragraph we took from her book in double quotes and what Pope St. John Paul said in the last sentence of that paragraph in single quotes. The confusion came about because we put the statement that this came from L'Osservatore Romano before that paragraph quoted from her book rather than at the end.



This is how it's written in the book that was quoted from –



This is not another devotion, nor a new charism to illuminate a part of the Attributes of God, but it is the Holiness of God Himself as True Life of the soul in whom He wants to infuse His very own Acts and in them His own Holiness. These Acts caused Jesus as many wounds, deaths and sufferings for as many sins that have been committed and as much good that has been omitted. He endured all in His Spirit of Love for souls to save and sanctify them and created for each a Divine Life. These Divine Acts of the Humanity of Jesus are eternal reparations for the great divorce of the human will from the Divine Will, from Adam and Eve to the last who shall live on the earth. All are done to draw the Kingdom on earth as in Heaven, through the sanctification of souls who will live in this “New and Divine Holiness with which the Holy Spirit wants to enrich Christians at the dawn of the third millennium so as to make Christ the Heart of the world”



(From Pope Saint John Paul II's letter to the Rogationist Fathers on the centenary of the death of their founder, St. Annibale di Francia, who lived in this divine Holiness having learned it from his spiritual child, Luisa Piccarreta, as censor of her writings and first to publish and propagate them.)

(L'Osservatore Romano, 9 July, 1997, p 3)

The part that Pope Saint John Paul II wrote was only the last part that's quoted, “*New and Divine Holiness with which the Holy Spirit wants to enrich Christians at the dawn of the third millennium so as to make Christ the Heart of the World*”. He spoke very often throughout His Pontificate about the “New and Divine Holiness” that we all await with great expectations.



Now, during this holy season of Advent and soon our joyful celebration of Christmas, we await His coming into our **hearts** in a very real and powerful way as our little Jesus, who came into the world to set us free, will fill us with His Love.

We're reminded during this season of Advent of the expressions of Jesus' great love for us in the **Christmas Novena** which Luisa prayed and meditated upon as she prepared for the Feast of Holy Christmas. Jesus provided this novena on the **"Nine Excesses of Love"** to comprehend His Divine Love leading to the Incarnation. These meditations illustrate the depth of God's love in becoming human, encompassing themes from the Love of the Holy Trinity to His agonizing Love. Since Luisa was seventeen years old, she would faithfully pray this beautiful novena which honored the nine months Jesus spent in the maternal womb of Our Lady with nine hours of meditation each day, always concerning the mystery of the Incarnation. You can find this beautiful novena on our website.



In His Mother's womb, Jesus pleads with us to make a little space for Him in our hearts. He begs us to remove everything from our hearts which is not according to His Will. Only then can we have perfect joy and peace. He expresses to us how each conceived soul brought Him the burden of her sins, of her weaknesses and passions, and that His Love commanded Him to take the burden of each one of them. His Love conceived not only the souls, but the pains of each one, as well as the satisfaction which each one of them was to give to His Celestial Father.

Jesus tells Luisa in the Fifth Excess of Love that all creatures were conceived together with Him. **He says, "I am with them, all love. I want to tell them how much I love them; I want to speak with them to tell them of My joys and sorrows -that I have come into their midst to make them happy and to console them; That I will remain in their midst as a little brother, giving My goods, My Kingdom to each one of them at the cost of My life".**

Jesus left Heaven where He was fully happy; there was no good which He did not possess. He came to earth in order to make a great exchange, giving us His destiny, His joys and His eternal happiness. But what ingratitude we show Him when we deny His Love and all that He wants to give each one of us for all eternity. His love wants to win over the hearts of all at any cost. What a great excess of His Love; that the Creator, in order to approach each of us, takes the form of a little baby so as not to strike fear in us.

Jesus comes as a helpless Newborn Child in a lowly cave to restore dignity to everyone. He brings hope to those overcome by doubt and discouragement. He comes to heal all life's wounds and He restores meaning to death itself. In the Divine Will writings, Jesus explains that for those who live in His Divine Will, it is always Christmas. This allows for a continuous experience of His Incarnation, contrasting with celebrating Christmas only once a year. As the year concludes, Jesus asks for our will as a gift. He explains that surrendering our will makes it soft and pleasing to Him, creating a "Christmas in the Divine Will" by embracing Christ's new life.

During His nativity, Jesus wept over the world, but was comforted when Luisa sang to Him. Every action done in the Divine Will becomes a song for Jesus, fostering harmony and a new paradise in our hearts. To live a perpetual Christmas in the Divine Will, we are encouraged to reflect on God's immense love, surrender our will, pray for the Divine Will to reign, and allow Him to relive His life in us, creating a song of love for Jesus. He desires to share His Kingdom and love with us.

Christmas is an opportunity to pause and give thanks for the love, hope and joy found in Jesus, our Savior and friend. As we exchange gifts with loved ones, it is our remembrance of the gift God gave us in Jesus. The gift that we are loved, are never alone and can have hope for the future.

During this very Holy Season, let us enter the cave of Bethlehem, to adore and to kiss the feet of our new-born King. Mary invites each one of us to come and adore Him. Be not afraid. His perfect Love for you will give you overwhelming peace and joy.



Check the Christmas Novena with this link:
https://benedictinesofdivinewill.org/upload/s/3/4/3/2/34324596/novena_for_holy_christmas.pdf

"For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
Isaiah 9:6



On the 8th of October our sisters who live in Talamello, Italy and San Marino were in Rome for the Jubilee of the Consecrated Life. The highlight of the day was to visit the San Marino's nunzio, Peter Rajic, who gave the sisters a very warm welcome together with other Monsignors and religious sisters. The sisters were able to share a little bit of our way of life with them and our enthusiasm for the Divine Will. On the following day, there was a solemn Mass with Pope Leo for all the religious. It was truly a very grace-filled day.



Christmas in Italy





Some of the sisters were sponsored to visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. You can see the Tilma of Guadalupe behind them.



Mother playing the lute and singing Christmas carols with some of the sisters.

Sister Francesca's sister, Melissa Doreson passed away on December 10th, 2025 at 8:29 a.m. We ask for your prayers for the repose of the soul of Melissa. Thank you!



"I am the Living Bread that came down from Heaven" John 6:51

Supporting the sisters

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