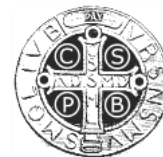




Benedictine Daughters of Divine Will



All About Maryville



Prayer, Work and Evangelization

Here in Tennessee, we've been remaining very busy between our many hours of prayer every day and continuing to evangelize by sharing the Divine Will writings of the Servant of God, Luisa Piccarreta with others. Every Thursday at 11am ET, we're regular guests on the Radio Maria program - *School of Mary, A Kindergarten of the Divine Will* - hosted by Peter DePalma. We also join Peter live every Sunday on *Mary's Hill*, an online contemplative Divine Will cenacle, where each sister reads some select passages from Luisa's writings and reflects on how she understands and seeks to live the beautiful truths contained. Each week we take turns with the sisters in San Marino and Talamello, Italy.

Over the last few months, I've also given talks at Divine Will retreats in Chicago, Garabandal - Spain, North Carolina, Indiana and Scotland. At the end of October, I'll be flying to Australia with three sisters. Please remember us in your prayers!

Everywhere I go for these Divine Will retreats, I enjoy the great joy and littleness I see in everyone. Those reading Luisa's volumes and striving to live more and more in God's Divine Will are so special. It's truly amazing what the Lord is doing as we move closer and closer to the time when the Divine Will will reign in all God's people.

May God open all hearts to this great and wonderful gift!



A New Benedictine Daughter from the Northeast



Meet Sr. Meghan from Boston, MA, our newest postulant and youngest sister in Maryville. She entered at 19-years-old this past August 22nd - Feast of Our Lady, Mother and Queen. Here's a little taste of Sister's journey to our community in her own words...

"I was 17 when I initially recognized an attraction to the religious life. The idea settled in the back of my mind as I discerned the next step to take after graduating from high school. During my first semester at college, the inspiration became more clear and, despite the fear of not being good enough, I knew I had to reach out to communities. The Benedictines Daughters of Divine Will were one of a few I contacted during Christmas break, and Mother Gabrielle Marie was quick to respond to my inquiry. After Zoom meetings and an invitation to discern with the sisters, I took a leap of faith and decided to visit the community instead of going back to college.

My time of

discernment there was delightful, and I soon felt at home with the life and community...making my decision to join very easy. I am very grateful to God for putting this inspiration on my heart and especially for leading me to a community that embraces the Divine Will whole-heartedly."



**Do
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If you are 40 yrs. old or younger and feel the Holy Spirit may be leading you to give your life entirely to Christ as a Benedictine Daughter of Divine Will, visit the "Vocations" page of our website and drop us an email at daughtersofdivinewill@gmail.com to begin the discernment process with us.

Updates on the New Monastery

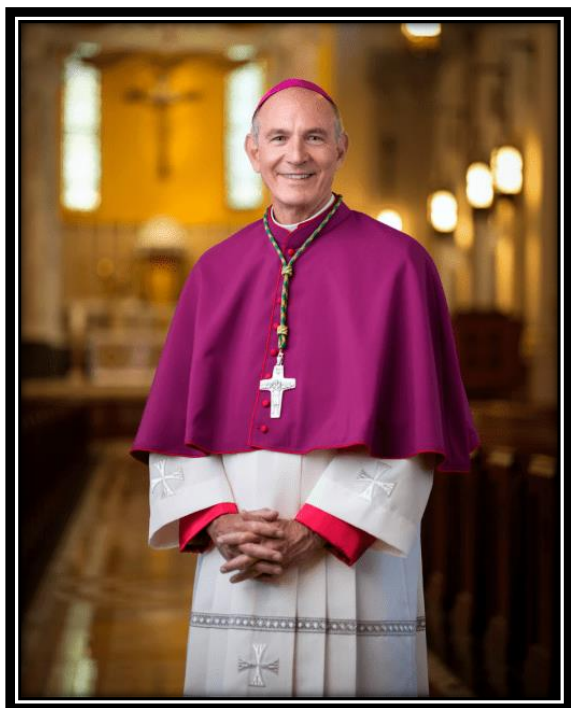
Construction of our monastery in Maryville, Tennessee, is progressing well. Situated in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains, this monastery will provide housing and formation facilities for current and future sisters. The monastery, along with the construction of a similar monastery for the Benedictine Monks of Divine Will, will be placed in a peaceful environment, perfect for a contemplative life of prayer and work. Accomplishments to date include: excavation and development of the land; over a half mile of roads constructed; drainage systems in place; building envelopes have been cleared and are ready for groundbreaking. There was some damage from the effects of Hurricane Helene which set us back a bit.

But once that has been repaired and the land has dried out, progress will continue. Once permits are received, concrete will be poured and construction will rapidly move forward.

In our next newsletter we will be able to share more details of the monastery. We are looking to construct a building with a true Tennessean design, a comfortable home suitable for the monastic life. While we have been blessed with the financial assistance of our main benefactor, we are seeking additional help to fund the continuation of God's plan for us. If you feel called to support this project, please see our address included at the end of this newsletter to make a donation of any amount you wish. Please indicate with your donation if you wish your gift to be specifically for the monastery. We appreciate your generosity and pray for our donors each and every day.



The Sisters enjoying the view from *Little Mountain*, the property where their new monastery will be built.



The Diocese of Knoxville, TN has a New Shepherd

Please join us in praying for Bishop Mark Beckman, who was ordained and installed as the fourth Bishop of Knoxville on July 26, 2024 at a beautiful ceremony which we were privileged to attend. Much to our great delight, he took "*Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, and Forever*" as his episcopal motto. When praying about what phrase he should choose, Bishop Beckman recalled the first time he heard that verse sung. "I immediately got chills down my spine," he said. "[I] knew it was perfect. It all goes back to Jesus." We can't wait to get to know our new shepherd!



Don't Forget the Poor Souls!

You may not know this, but the entire month of November is dedicated to the Poor Souls in Purgatory. Our dearly departed family members and friends along with brothers and sisters in Christ who we may not even know are all counting on us. They lovingly intercede for us but cannot help themselves. So whatever we may normally offer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, let's step it up a notch this month and get as many souls as possible into Heaven. And as much as they yearn for it, Our Lord yearns for it even more:

"The most acceptable charity to Me is to love those who are closest to Me. And those closest to Me are the souls who are being purified in purgatory, because they are confirmed in My grace and there is no opposition whatsoever between My Will and theirs. They live in Me continuously. They love Me ardently, yet I am forced to see them suffer in Me. They are incapable on their own of providing the slightest relief for themselves. O how My Heart is tortured by the condition of these souls, because they are not far, but close to Me. They are not only close, but within Me, and how pleasing to My Heart are those who take an interest in them."

(Jesus to the Servant of God, Luisa Piccarreta, Book of Heaven, Vol. 4, 1/16/1901)

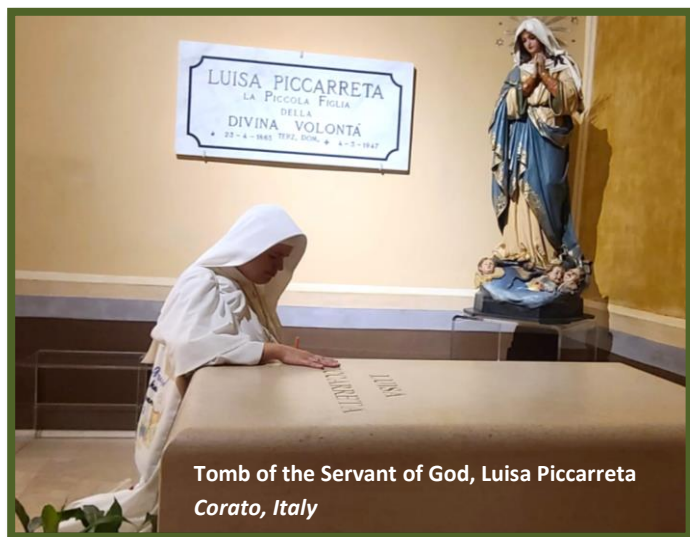
Supporting the Sisters

If you feel called to financially support the Benedictine Daughters of Divine Will this fall or throughout the year, visit the "Donations" page of our website to make a one-time donation by credit/debit card or to sign up for automatic monthly contributions...

www.benedictinesofdivinewill.org

You can also simply send us a check or money order at the following address:

(All donations are tax-deductible)



Tomb of the Servant of God, Luisa Piccarreta
Corato, Italy

Greetings also from Italy and San Marino!



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Your generosity not only helps support our sisters in the U.S., Italy and San Marino, but it will also contribute to the building of our new Motherhouse in the Diocese of Knoxville, TN.

Thank you for your goodness to us and be assured of our daily prayers!