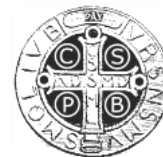




Benedictine Daughters of Divine Will



The Sun of the Divine Will: A Resurrection of the Soul

As the frost melts and the earth brings forth new life, we are reminded of the ultimate renewal promised to us by Jesus. Spring is more than a change in weather; it is a spiritual invitation to rise with Christ.

In the writings of the Servant of God, Luisa Piccarreta, Jesus tells her how blessed we are when we allow Him to relive His life in each one of us. This Spring, let us not just watch the flowers bloom; let us allow the Divine Will to bloom within our hearts, replacing our human, limited will with the infinite, life-giving power of the Fiat. Hopefully, this season will mark a resurrection in our souls- where fears, anxieties, and shadows are consumed by the Sun of the Divine Will forming a **"smiling spring"** in our daily lives.

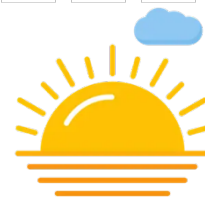
We learn from the Divine Will writings that living in the Divine Will is not passive. Luisa often speaks of doing her "rounds" in creation, a practice where she travels the earth, sky, and sea, recognizing God's Love to her in every created thing and she places her *"I love You"* to Him in each of these gifts that He has created and given to us for our delight and enjoyment.



As you walk outdoors this Spring and you see the greening trees and the budding flowers look at them not just as nature, but as acts of love from God. Return your *"I love You"* to Him. In doing so, in His Divine Will, Jesus will place the *"I love You"* for you on all these gifts and those *"I love You's"* will give glory and honor to Our Father in Heaven for all eternity. In your thoughts, say: *"Lord, I love You in this blossom, I love You in this breeze, etc.* How much honor and glory you can give to Our Father in Heaven by showing gratitude and love for all His gifts in creation. Just as nature requires the sun and rain to produce fruits, our souls require the **"Divine Sun"** of God's Divine Will to bloom in our souls in order to produce the fruits of sanctity.



Oh Most Holy Trinity...



One of the most essential practices taught to Luisa is the **Prevenient Act** or **Morning Offering**. At the start of each day, we ask Jesus to come into our hearts ensuring that every act, thought and word, etc. is done within His Divine Volition. The soul who lives in the Divine Will is like a flower blooming in Spring, radiating the fragrance of Heaven.

Every day in our community we pray this Prevenient Act:



O Most Holy Trinity, through the intercession of Mary, Our Mother, permit me to enter now in Your Will, what's more, give me Your Hand and put me in the immensity of Your Will, so that nothing is done that is not an effect of Your Most Holy Will. It is my intention, Lord, that all my acts of this day, small and large, natural and spiritual, serve to make the Life of Your Will grow in my person, in Your Church and be a continuous prayer which repeats: ***"Your Kingdom come, Your Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven".***

These life-changing writings offer a spiritual springtime for our souls. Living in God's Will is not just about obeying Him, but about asking Him to do His Will within us. It is a continuous flow of Divine Life. Jesus described these writings as a "new sun" rising in the midst of the Church, designed to heal the wounds caused by the human will and consequently, transform the face of the earth.

Living in His Will is not just doing God's Will, but possessing It through constant desire, prayer and surrender, making your thoughts, words and actions part of the 'eternal now'.



"Lord Jesus, I am in Your arms. I give You my will, my acts, and my heart. Take them, O Jesus, and let them rise again in Your Will, as in a new Spring. Let my daily tasks be holy, sealed by Your Divine Will, and let them shine with the light of Resurrection."

"Oh, how the Divine Will wants you a saint! But It wants you to call it continuously, in order to make the day of peace arise in your soul."

(From the letters of Luisa #63)



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. What a wonderful gift this is to each one of us.

These are the requirements necessary to obtain the great grace of Divine Mercy

	Have a sincere repentance for your sins. Go to confession within 20 days.		SUNDAY Receive Holy Communion.		Venerate the image of Divine Mercy.
Pray for the Pope's intentions.		Be merciful toward others.			Trust in Jesus.

Celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, provides the total renewal of baptismal grace. This means that the soul receives complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment, essentially restoring one's state to that of **baptismal innocence**.

Jesus told St. Faustina, *"The soul who will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion (on Divine Mercy Sunday), shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."*

It's like a second baptism. It removes both the guilt of sin (forgiveness in confession) and all temporal punishment (penance/purgatory) due to sin. Unlike a plenary indulgence, this grace does not require full detachment from sin, but it is a direct promise from Jesus.

The Divine Will and The Divine Mercy have some correlations. Luisa was born on April 23, 1865, which happened to be the Sunday after Easter. It wasn't Divine Mercy Sunday then. Luisa also made her First Communion and Confirmation when she was nine years old in 1874 on the Sunday after Easter.

From her late teens for about 60 years, Luisa would fall into a rigid, unconscious state, which was a result

of her offering herself as a "victim soul" and she experienced the sufferings of Jesus' Passion. Only a priest could call her out of this state and so he would come in the morning to wake her. The priest would bring her out of this state by making the Sign of the Cross over her and saying the prayer: "**Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and the whole world.**"

Now, that is the prayer we say at the end of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

HAPPY EASTER TO EACH ONE OF YOU! BE ASSURED OF OUR PRAYERS FOR YOU DURING THIS VERY HOLY SEASON. GOD BLESS!



The Divine Will forming a "smiling spring" in our daily lives.



Mother Gabrielle Marie with Bishop Domenico Beneventi from the Diocese of San Marino-Montefeltro,



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Mother Gabrielle and Bishop Domenico with the sisters in San Marino.

Father Elijah and Mother Gabrielle Marie clothing Brother Giovanni during his Transitional Diaconate Ordination in Italy on February 2nd, 2026.



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