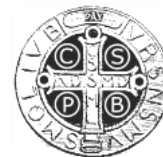




Benedictine Daughters of Divine Will



Echoing God's Love in Nature



Now that Summer is here, we should look forward to spending more time outdoors, offering praise, thanks and glory to God through the beauty of His Creation. We remain ever mindful that God is omnipresent, reflecting His Holy Presence in all that He has created.

Through the practice of doing "rounds" in the Divine Will, we unite our own voices with all created nature to constantly praise, thank, and glorify our Creator.

In Volume 27 (January 2, 1920) in the "Book of Heaven", Our Lord tells Luisa, *"My daughter, one who lives in My divine Will is in communication with all things created by Us... all things are to It like members to the body... they are inseparable from Him"*.

Jesus explains to Luisa that because nature cannot speak, the soul who lives in the Divine Will becomes its voice, giving God the love and glory He deserves.

In Volume 20, (October 9, 1926) Jesus says: *"Creation is mute, it has no voice and while it gives Us continuous glory, it cannot say to Us: 'I love You'. Therefore, it was necessary to give this voice to creation - to give it reason, intellect, and love. And this voice is the soul who lives in Our Will."*

And so, as you gaze on the beauty of the outdoors, verbally or silently thank God for the specific things you see. He's shouting out to you in all creation *'I love you'*. You can return His Love by expressing your *"I love You"* back to Him.



Recently, we witnessed a wonderful thing as God stirred the hearts of His people to seek Him and live entirely for His Glory. As part of America's 250th anniversary celebrations, the '**Rededicate 250**' event took place on Sunday, May 17, 2026, marking 250 years since the Continental Congress first called for a day of prayer and fasting in 1776. Bringing America together for prayer and reflection, this gathering united hearts to officially **re-consecrate** our land to God.

We are blessed by another wonderful milestone since the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops have consecrated our nation to the *Sacred Heart of Jesus* on June 11, 2026. This act calls us to foster true national unity and a renewed faithful reliance on God. In light of this, we should all consider consecrating ourselves, our families and our homes to the *Sacred Heart of Jesus*, bringing His peace and protection into our everyday lives.



"I give myself and consecrate to the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ, my person and my life, my actions, pains and sufferings, so that I may be unwilling to make use of any part of my being other than to honor, love and glorify the Sacred Heart.

This is my unchanging purpose, namely, to be all His, and to do all things for the love of Him, at the same time renouncing with all my heart whatever is displeasing to Him.

I therefore take You, O Sacred heart, to be the only object of my love, the guardian of my life, my assurance of salvation, the remedy of my weakness and inconstancy, the atonement for all the faults of my life and my sure refuge at the hour of death. Amen."



Summer is a beautiful time on the liturgical calendar, packed with joyful feast days and solemnities that celebrate the mysteries of the faith. Since we just celebrated the beautiful feast of **Our Lady of Mount Carmel** on July 16th, it's a very appropriate time to encourage everyone to truly be devoted to Our Lady and to wear the Brown Scapular. The Brown Scapular is one of the Catholic Church's most widely used sacramentals. This feast of Our Lady commemorates the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Saint Simon Stock in 1251. During this vision, She bestowed the Brown Scapular and promised her maternal protection and salvation to all who wear it. Wearing it is an outward, visible expression of entrusting oneself to Mary's maternal protection and dedicating oneself to her Son, Jesus. According to Carmelite tradition, Mary promised that *"whoever dies clothed with this habit (scapular) shall be preserved from eternal fire"*. Tradition holds that those who wear the Scapular and faithfully fulfill certain daily prayers will receive Mary's assistance in leaving Purgatory soon after death - specifically on the Saturday following their death. The daily prayers that should be said are either the recitation of the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary or pray the daily Rosary. This is a very good insurance policy to reach Heaven quickly.

Another beautiful summer feast is the **Assumption**, celebrated on August 15th. Jesus revealed to Luisa that this day is



truly the *"Feast of the Divine Will"*, since Our Lady lived her life completely surrendered to the Divine Will and she was the first to enter Heaven in this total state of grace. (Vol. 18 - August 15, 1925)(Book of Heaven).

Then on September 14th, we celebrate the **Triumph of the Cross**. In this wonderful feast, we joyfully commemorate Christ's victory over sin and death, transforming the cross from an instrument of suffering into a symbol of ultimate love and salvation. By dying on the cross, Jesus sanctified human suffering. He transformed our pain into a beautiful gift that molds our souls into the image of God. In the "Book of Heaven" in Volume 17 (October 11, 1924) Jesus tells Luisa, *"Each suffering I have sent you was one more communication between Me and you, and therefore one more adornment with which I embellished your soul... to portray in you my various beauties and My Likeness."*



People often wonder how contemplative sisters spend their days. Our life is a beautiful rhythm of prayer, scripture and communal devotion. Here is a look at how we dedicate our time to the Lord:



Each sister spends two hours in adoration daily (one in the morning and one in the afternoon). This ensures that a sister is always praying before the exposed Blessed Sacrament throughout the day.

We sing and chant the seven hours of Divine Office together in choir and we pray the rosary together daily following Vespers. Sisters are also encouraged to pray two additional rosaries on their own each day, embracing this deeply powerful prayer recommended by Our Lady. Most mornings before Mass, we gather for Lectio Divina, dedicating thirty minutes to reflecting on and discussing the daily Gospel.





Our daily Mass is followed by 20 minutes of silent thanksgiving. We do this to honor our Lord's physical presence within us. Our Catholic faith teaches that Jesus remains physically present within us for approximately 15 minutes until the Eucharist is digested. Those moments immediately following Mass are profoundly special.



We dedicate an hour daily (30 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon) to spiritual reading. We focus primarily on the Divine Will writings of the Servant of God, Luisa Piccarreta, and are also encouraged to read the Holy Scriptures.

Although we are a contemplative community, we are not enclosed. Our sisters in San Marino and Talamello, Italy teach CCD classes to the children on Saturday mornings.

Here in Tennessee, as well as in San Marino and Talamello, Italy, we are dedicated to evangelizing by sharing the profound writings of the Divine Will that Our Lord entrusted to the Servant of God, Luisa Piccarreta. We invite you to join us as we discuss these teachings live on Radio Maria every Thursday at 11AM EST, and during Mary's Hill online cenacle every Sunday from 2PM until 3:30PM EST.

From cooking and cleaning to sewing, computer work, gardening and working in the Sacristy, we receive our daily tasks as a beautiful gift from God. Staying active in both work and prayer fills our convents with profound joy and peace. Every duty is an opportunity to live more fully in God's Most Holy Divine Will. With approximately seven and a half hours of prayer each day, please know that we are lifting you and all your intentions up to the Lord.

Every day, we faithfully mention in prayer our benefactors, the poor souls in Purgatory and everyone who has asked for our intercession.



Sisters with Mother Gabrielle Marie in Italy

Beneath our altar, we keep a special prayer box for all the petitions sent to us. Your specific prayer requests are place directly under Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, resting continually in His Divine Presence.



Sisters at the sight of our future monastery

HORARIUM OF THE BENEDICTINE DAUGHTERS OF DIVINE WILL

Adoration takes place from 9AM and ends at 6PM

(When a sister is not at adoration she goes to her assigned work.)

6:15 AM Arise

6:40 AM Divine Office: Matins, Lauds and Terce

7:30 AM Spiritual reading

8:00 AM Holy Mass

8:50 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM Adoration begins

12:00 PM Lesson given by the superior

12:30 PM Divine Office - (Sext) and Rounds in Divine Will

12:50 PM Lunch (The sisters listen to spiritual talks during lunch)

1:30 - 2:30 PM Free time

2:30 PM Spiritual Reading

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet, Divine Office -(None), and Rounds in Divine Will

3:20 PM Work

6:00 PM Divine Office (Vespers) and Rosary

6:50 PM Dinner

7:45 PM Recreation

8:45 PM Divine Office (Compline) and Rounds in Divine Will

9:15 PM Retire

Supporting the sisters

If you feel the Holy Spirit calling you to financially support the Benedictine Daughters of Divine Will this summer 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.

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Mother Gabrielle Marie praying at the tomb of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta in Corato, Italy.