

Sign of the Cross – Our Father...Hail Mary

#### INVOCATION TO THE DIVINE WILL

I am nothing; God is All. Father, I love You; come Divine Will:

- to think in my mind.
- to circulate in my blood.
- to look with my eyes.
- to listen in my ears.
- to speak in my voice.
- to breathe in my breathing.
- to beat in my heart.
- to move in my motion.
- to suffer in my suffering; and may my soul, consumed and fused with your Will, be the living crucifix immolated for the Glory of the Father.



#### INVOCATION TO THE DIVINE WILL

To pray in me, and then offer this prayer to Yourself as mine to satisfy for the prayers of all, and to give to the Father the Glory that all creatures should give Him.

To infuse in me the faith of Mary Most Holy in order to possess You as She possessed You.

To infuse in me the hope of Mary Most Holy in order to desire You as She desired You.

To infuse in me the charity of Mary Most Holy in order to love You as She loved You.

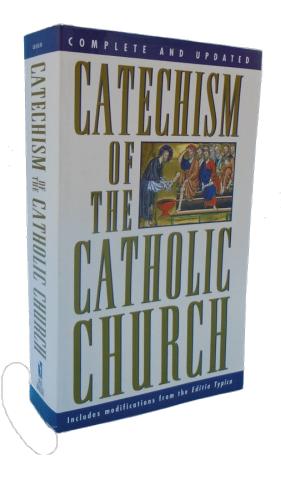
To adore in me. And since your Will multiplies acts to the infinite, thus I intend to give You the satisfaction as if all had assisted at Holy Mass, and give to all the fruit of the Sacrifice and impetrate salvation for all.

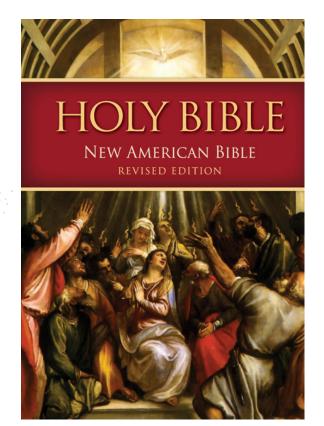
# Trinity Prayer

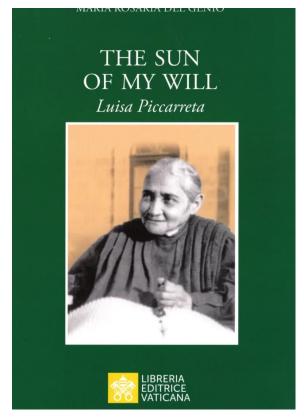
"Ever Holy and indivisible Trinity, I adore You profoundly, I love You intensely, I thank You perpetually, for all and in the hearts of all."

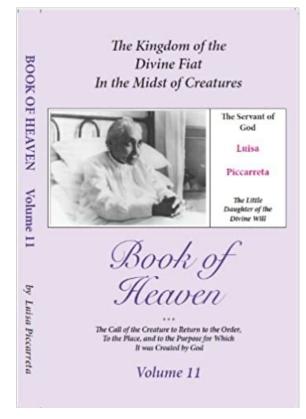
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Sources of Information

- Catechism of the Catholic Church
- The Holy Bible, Catholic edition
- The Sun of My Will, Vatican's official biography of Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta
- Book of Heaven, Autobiographical writings of the Luisa Piccarreta

# Review of some of the Truths we have learned

#### Why live in the Divine Will?

- To return to the Order, the Place, and the Purpose for which we were created by God.
- To share in the Life of God Their Eternal Exchange of Love

#### **Entry Point:**

 Fusion with Jesus' Humanity, His Divinity, and His Will

#### Result

 We enter the sphere of eternity, and receive the deposit of all the goods which the Eternal Will contains

#### Activity in the Divine Will

Acts and Rounds

#### From Scripture

Jesus declared, "I thank you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will." (Matthew 11:25-26)



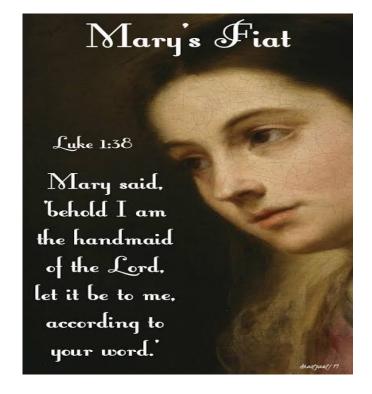
# Our Father Prayer

Thy Kingdom come
Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven

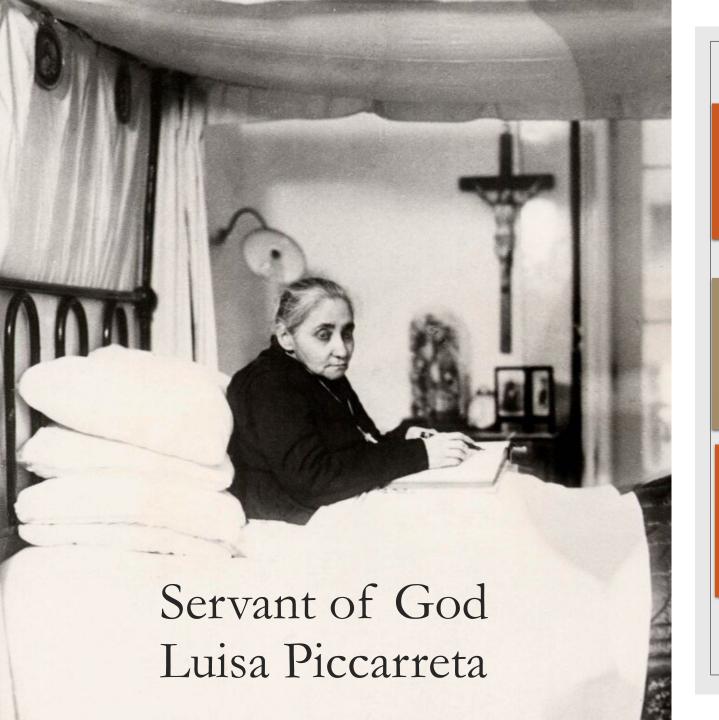
Fiat Voluntas Tua Sicut in Caelo et in Terra

January 10, 1921 (Book of Heaven)
The 'Fiat Mihi' of the Most Holy Virgin. God wants a second 'yes' in His Will: the 'Fiat' of Luisa.

Jesus: "Now I want to tell you why I asked for your 'Fiat' - your 'yes' in my Will. I want my prayer that was taught – the 'Fiat Voluntas Tua sicut in Coelo et in terra' - this prayer of so many centuries, of so many generations, to have its fulfillment and completion. This is why I wanted another 'yes' in my Will - another 'Fiat' containing the creative power. I want the 'Fiat' that rises at each instant, that multiplies for all; I want in one soul my same 'Fiat' which rises to my throne, and with Its creative power brings upon earth the life of the 'Fiat on earth as It is in Heaven'."







Why Luisa?

How did Jesus Prepare Luisa?

Who is Luisa?

Luisa's Transition and Cause of Beatification
Canonization

What is her Role?

Concluding Thoughts

# WHY LUISA?

#### Jesus chooses Luisa

- Jesus chose Luisa because of her 'littleness'.
- Jesus said, "I've searched throughout the centuries to find you the smallest one. Little ones are more attentive in listening to Me, because their minds are not filled with other things. This is why I chose you and keep you small, so that you may do nothing by yourself."

(Book of Heaven Vol. 12, March 23, 1921)



#### Jesus chooses Luisa (Book of Heaven Vol 16, Nov. 10,1923)

Jesus: "My dear little one! I chose you little, because the little ones let One do whatever He wants with them. They do not walk alone, but let themselves be led; even more, they are afraid to place one foot by themselves. If they received gifts, feeling incapable of keeping them, they place them on the lap of their Mama. The little ones are stripped of everything, nor do they care whether they are rich or poor, they are concerned with nothing. Oh how beautiful is the tender age, full of graces, of beauty, of freshness.



Therefore the greater is the work I want to do in a soul, the smaller I choose her. I like childlike freshness and beauty very much. I like it so much that I maintain her in the littleness of the nothingness from which she came. I let nothing of her own enter her, that she may not lose her littleness, and therefore preserve the Divine Freshness and Beauty from which she came."

(Vol 16, Nov. 10,1923)



# WHO IS LUISA?

### Who is Luisa?

(from the Sun of My Will)

- Luisa 'la santa' is born in Corato, Italy on April 23, 1865.
- Born feet first, but her mother did not have problem with birth.
- She is baptized on the same day which is Mercy Sunday.
- Archdiocese to which Corato belongs is called 'Trani-Nazareth'.
- Her family consists of 5 sisters Luisa & Angela were not married and after parents died (March 19<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 1907), Angela always remained assisting Luisa.
- Starting at 3 years old Luisa begins to dream of the devil.
- From the age of 3-10 years old Luisa is always fearful and shy. Jesus told her, "My daughter, even the shyness with which I surrounded you with in your tender age was one of my greatest jealousies of love for you..."



## Luisa: Early Years

At 9 years old, Luisa receives Holy Communion and is Confirmed on the same day.

She only had a first-grade education.

Her family moves to Murge (a town near Corato) and Luisa starts asking nature to speak to her about Jesus

At 11, she becomes a daughter of Mary thru the Dominican Order.

At 12, she begins to hear Jesus' voice especially during communion.

(from the Sun of My Will)

#### The world Luisa was born into (from the Sun of My Will)

Religious life is vibrant

There is great
Marian devotion and
Luisa's family is
grounded on this.

There is a great love for the Sacred Heart and the Eucharist

In the Church there is anticlericalism, superstitions, dangers of Marxism

Cholera outbreak

World Wars

There are many who offer themselves as victim souls to do reparations

The Pope initiates
"offering of oneself
as victim for our
sins"



## Luisa: Early Years

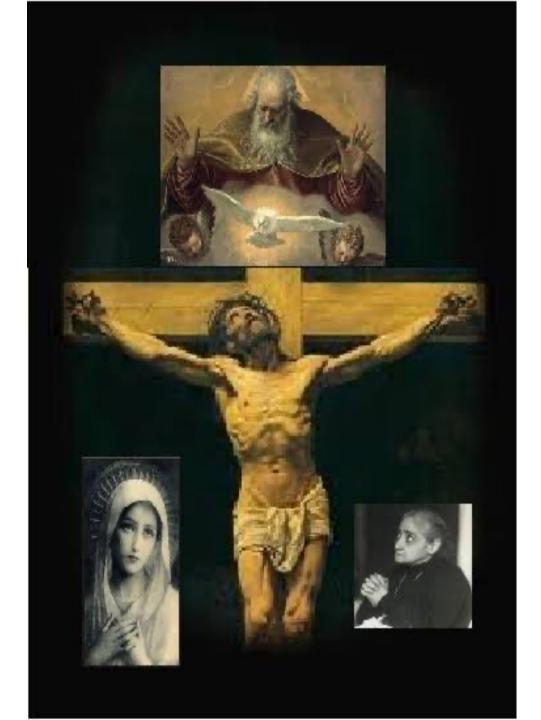
At 13, Luisa has a vision from her balcony, of Jesus carrying the cross telling her, "Anima Aiutami" or "Soul, help Me". Thus begins her desire to suffer for Jesus

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# WHAT IS HER ROLE?

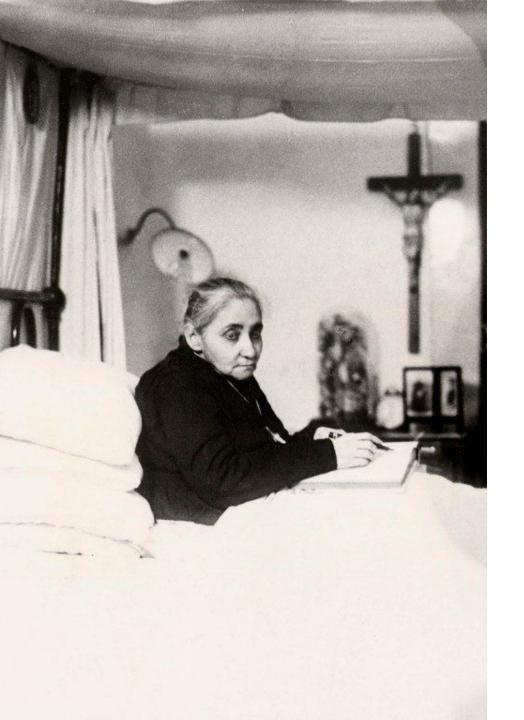


# "ANIMA AIUTAMI" VOLUNTARY VICTIM SOUL OF REPARATION



Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Mt 16:24

Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. 1 John 2:5



# Luisa: The Bed-- Her Wooden Cross

Jesus: "Here is exactly where I wanted you—if you offer yourself to suffer, no longer every now and then as up until now, but continuously every day for a certain given time, I will spare men. See how I will do it: I will put you between My Justice and the iniquities of creatures, and when My Justice sees Itself full of iniquities to the point of not being able to contain them, and is forced to send thunderbolts of the scourges in order to chastise the creatures, in finding you in the middle, instead of striking them, it will strike you. Only in this way will I be able to content you in sparing men—otherwise no. "

(Book of Heaven Vol. 1)



Luisa: "My nature especially wanted to be freed of being in bed continuously. Having to subject myself to everyone, even in the most repugnant and necessary things of nature, and being forced to tell them to others is true sacrifice. So my nature did it's office, and felt all consoled in receiving this obedience while my soul was ready to do the obedience, and ready to remain in bed if the Lord wanted it so, because I had begun to experience how good He had been with me, and that true resignation can change the nature of things, turning bitter into sweet."

(Book of Heaven Vol. 1)

# Luisa: the experience of rigidity

- A new experience in Luisa's life was the experience of rigidity as though she was dead. It was normally every morning that she was found in this state.
- It was during this time that her soul would travel with Jesus and He would show her different times and bring her with Him to heaven, hell and purgatory. She refers to this in the writings as her "usual state."
- Petrification Jesus says to Luisa: "This state of yours, so painful, as if losing your life was necessary and wanted by my Will. It wanted to find in you the return and reparation for the many deaths that creatures inflict upon my Will when they reject It, not giving It life within themselves. Submitting yourself for so long to these pains of death repaid my Divine Will for so many deaths given to It, and called it to kiss the human will to make peace. It is thanks to this, I could speak so much about my Will. (Book of Heaven Vol. 36, April 15, 1938).



# Luisa: the experience of rigidity



- At first her family did not understand what was happening. They thought she was just putting up a show or that it was some form of illness.
- It is only later that the they realize that only a priest can take her out of her state by marking her with the sign of the crucifix on her hand.
- Prom that moment on she is united with the Catholic Church in its priestly ministry as the Archbishop of Trani orders that a Priest go to Luisa every morning to release her from her "deep slumber".
- Luisa suffers greatly from the many who disbelieve that her state is allowed by God.
   However, as she is dependent on the Priests she has no choice but to be subject to their authority.
- "She cannot forget that Jesus, who wants her to imitate His life on earth, asks her to offer Him the act that is most heroic, beautiful and pleasing to Him—to offer herself for those who are hostile to her."

#### Book of Heaven February 17, 1931

Jesus: "My daughter, you must know that there is nothing that placates Justice more, and that reaches the point of changing the greatest chastisements into deeds of graces, than voluntary suffering; and it is not those who suffer out of necessity, because of illness or misfortune, that can be called true victims - the whole world is full of these sufferings – but those who, voluntarily, offer themselves to suffer what I want and in the way I want. These are the victims that resemble Me; my suffering was all voluntary, they could give Me not one pain, even the slightest, had I not wanted it so. This is why, when I had to make you fall into sufferings, I almost always asked you whether you voluntarily accepted – so as to have your voluntary suffering, not forced. A suffering that is forced or out of necessity is nothing great before God; what enamors, enraptures, and reaches the point of binding God Himself, is the voluntary suffering. If you knew how my Heart was wounded when you would put yourself in my hands like a little lamb, so that I might bind you and do to you whatever I wanted.... I deprived you of motion, I petrified you, I can say that I made you feel mortal pains; and you would let Me do it. And this was nothing; the strongest tie was that you could not go out of that state of pains in which your Sacrificator, Jesus, had put you, if my minister would not come to call you to obedience. This is what constituted you true victim.





HERALD OF THE **KINGDOM** OF THE DIVINE WILL

# Luisa Piccarreta's Mission to the Divine Will. (Book of Heaven Vol.15 July 11, 1923)

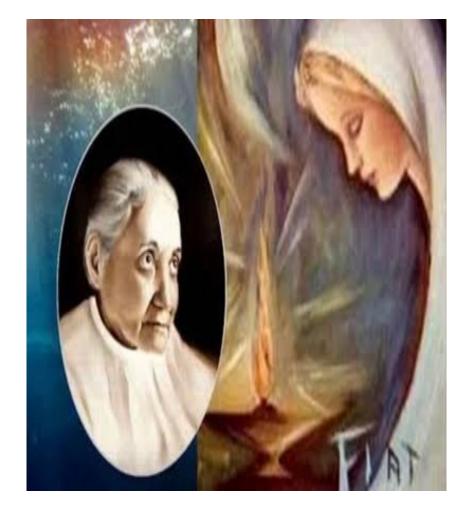
THE FATHER	THE SON	THE HOLY SPIRIT
Creation	Redemption	Sanctification
Adam	The Blessed Virgin Mary	Luisa
(Created immaculate but lost the Gift of Living in the Divine Will)	(Created immaculate and became the Queen of the Divine Will)	First child of the Divine Will (Born with original sin)
FIAT LUX	FIAT MIHI	FIAT VOLUNTAS TUA SICUT IN CIELO ET IN TERRA

#### **Book of Heaven, November 10, 1923**

The beauty of littleness. God performs the greatest works in the little ones: for Redemption He used the littleness of the Most Holy Virgin; for the Fiat Voluntas Tua, the littleness of Luisa.

Jesus: In order to come to redeem man, I chose my Mother because She was little, and I used Her as channel in order to let all the goods and fruits of Redemption descend upon mankind.

Now, so that my Will might be known, and Heaven might be opened to let my Will descend upon earth and reign on it as It does in Heaven, I had to choose another little one among all generations. Since this is the greatest work I want to do – to restore man in his origin, from which he came, to open to him that Divine Will which he rejected, to open my arms to him to receive him once again into the womb of my Will – my infinite wisdom calls the littlest one out of nothing. It was just that she be little: if I placed a little one at the head of Redemption, I had to place another little one at the head of the *Fiat Voluntas Tua* on earth as it is in Heaven. Between two little ones I was to enclose the purpose of the creation of man - I was to realize my designs upon him: through one, I was to redeem him, wash him of his ugliness with my Blood, and give him forgiveness; through the other one, I was to make him return to his beginning, to his origin, to the lost nobility, to the bonds of my Will broken by him, admitting him once again to the smile of my Eternal Will, kissing each other and live one within the other. This alone was the purpose of the creation of man, and what I have established no one will be able to oppose.



#### Mission of Luisa:

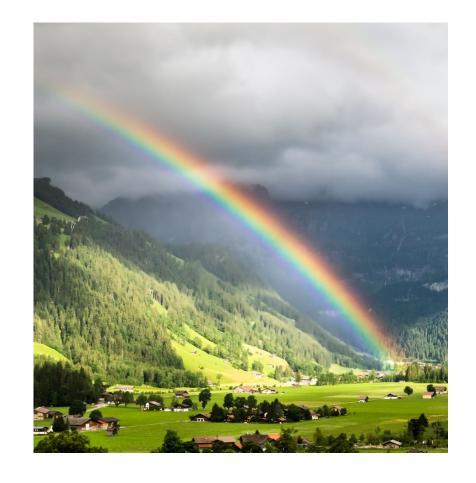


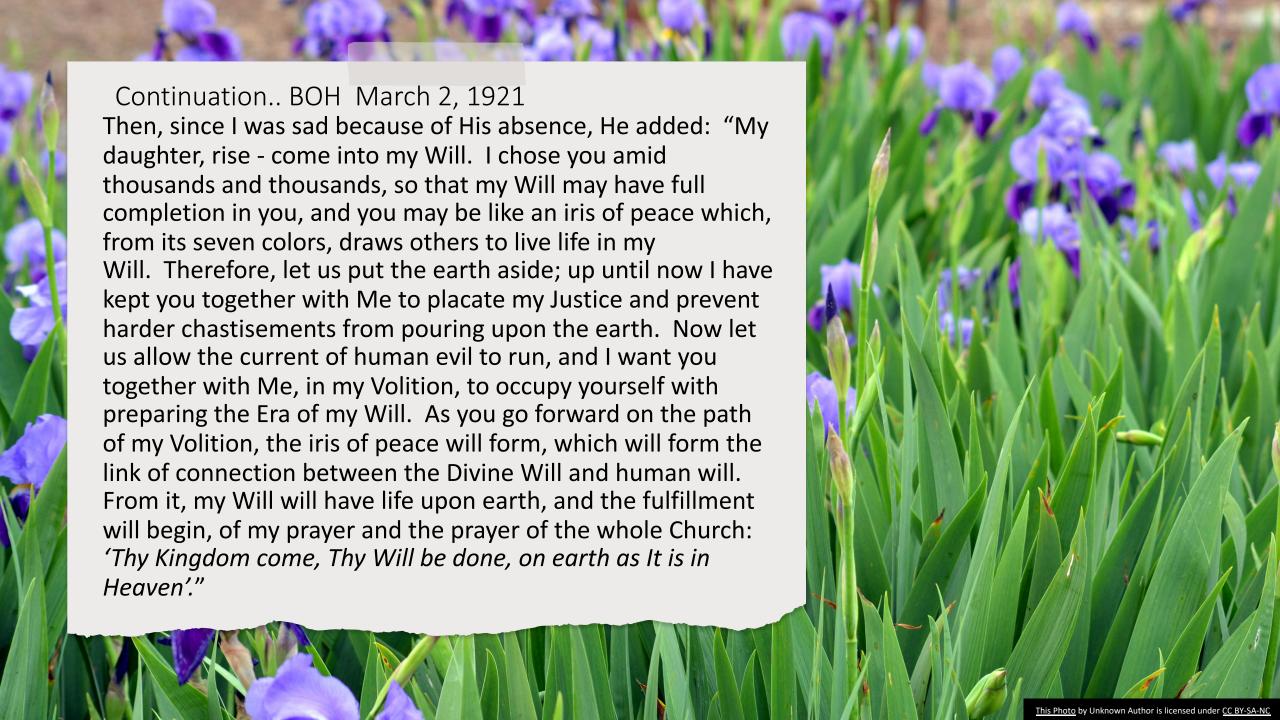
Jesus: "My daughter, do you know what my design is upon you, and the state I want from you?" And pausing a little, He added: "The design I have upon you is not of prodigious things, and of many things which I could operate upon you to show my work; rather, my design is to absorb you in My Will, making you one with It, and to make of you a perfect example of uniformity of your will with Mine. But this is the most sublime state, it is the greatest prodigy, it is the miracle of miracles that I intend to make of you."

( Book of Heaven Vol. 3, May 21, 1900)

# Book of Heaven, March 2, 1921 Jesus changes the office of Luisa, from victim of Divine Justice, to that of preparing the Era of His Will.

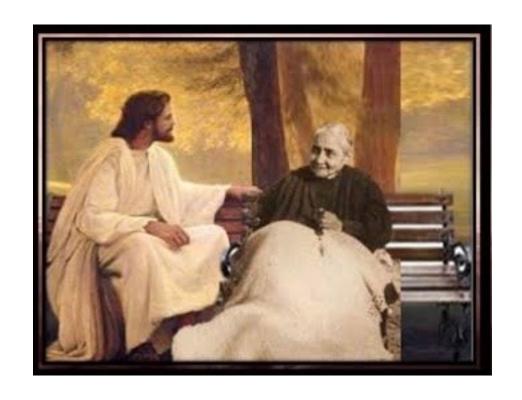
Jesus: "My daughter, the third Fiat - my 'Fiat Voluntas Tua on earth as It is in Heaven' - will be like the rainbow that appeared in the sky after the Flood, which, like iris of peace, assured man that the Flood had ceased. So it will be with the third Fiat. As It becomes known, and loving and disinterested souls come to live life in my Fiat, they will be like rainbows which, as irises of peace, will reconcile Heaven and earth, and will dispel the flood of so many sins that inundate the earth. These irises of peace will have the third Fiat as life; so, my 'Fiat Voluntas Tua' will have completion in them. And just as the second Fiat called Me upon earth to live among men, so will the third Fiat call my Will into souls, and in them It will reign 'on earth as It is in Heaven'."





### Book of Heaven Feb 9, 1919

Jesus: In these most sad times I elected you, who, by living in my Will, would give Me Divine Love, Divine Reparation and Satisfaction, which are found only in the living in my Will. The times, my love, my Will, required this greater display of love, in the face of so much human wickedness



#### Book of Heaven, May 8, 1923

Luisa must reach the beginning. Only the Divine Will can place in safety and keep with jealousy all the

goods that God wants to give to the creature

My daughter, rest in my arms, come into your beginning, from which you came out. I too was anxiously awaiting you, to receive from you, in my Will, everything that Creation owes Me, and to give to you, in my same Will, all that I must give to the whole Creation. My Will alone can place in safety and keep with jealousy all the goods that I want to give to the creature; outside of my Will my goods are always in danger and poorly kept, while, in It, I abound and I give to one what I should give to all. Therefore I want to bind all Creation in you; I want to place you in the original point of the creation of man. It is my usual way to deal one on one with one creature alone what I want to give her and what I want from her; and then from her I let goods derive for others.



Ah! my daughter, I had created man like a flower, which was to grow, acquire color and fragrance, in my very Divinity. By withdrawing from my Will, it happened to him as to a flower that is snatched away from a plant. As long as it remains in the plant, the flower is beautiful, lively in its color and fragrant in its perfume; once it is snatched away from the plant, it withers, it fades, it becomes ugly, and reaches the point of giving off a bad odor. What a lot this was for him, and what a sorrow for Me who, with so much love, wanted to grow this flower in my Divinity, to delight and amuse Myself with him!

Now, by my omnipotence, I want this detached flower to bloom again, by transplanting it once again into the womb of my Divinity; but I want a soul who would want to live in the womb of my Volition. She will be the seed that she will lend to Me, and my Will will do all the rest. In this way, my delights of Creation will come back, I will amuse Myself with this mystical flower, and I will be repaid for Creation."

# HOW DID JESUS PREPARE LUISA?

# JESUS FORMS THE EUCHARISTIC LIFE OF LUISA

#### Luisa: a life sustained by the Eucharist (from the Sun of My Will)

- As Luisa begins her mission for Our Lord she finds that aside from the rigidity that she experiences she has also developed a revulsion for food. This begins at the age of 21.
- When she is forced to eat she brings the food back up again just a few minutes later however the food is brought up whole, fresh and fragrant.
- This is the beginning of her life sustained only by the Eucharist which is given to her in her room.



# Luisa: celebration of the Mass at her home (from the Sun of My Will)



- Even at a tender young age, Luisa was very fond of going to mass.
- Once she was bedridden she could no longer go to Church.
- Jesus used this as an opportunity to teach Luisa about the value of His Divine Will operating in the sacraments.
- In 1898 Pope Leo XIII granted special permission for mass to be celebrated at the room of Luisa for period of 7 years.
- This was further extended by Pope Pius X in 1905 and in 1908 the new Archbishop of Trani, requests and obtains permission for mass to be held daily and for Communion to be given to certain individuals aside from Luisa.



Jesus speaks to Luisa about the Eucharist and her being bedridden

Jesus tells Luisa: I will be your Prisoner, not only in the little host, but also in your heart; and you will be my dear prisoner, all intent on listening to Me and on breaking the loneliness of my long imprisonment. And even though we are prisoners, we will be happy, because we will mature the Kingdom of the Divine Will to give It to creatures." Book of Heaven Vol. 27, Dec. 24, 1929



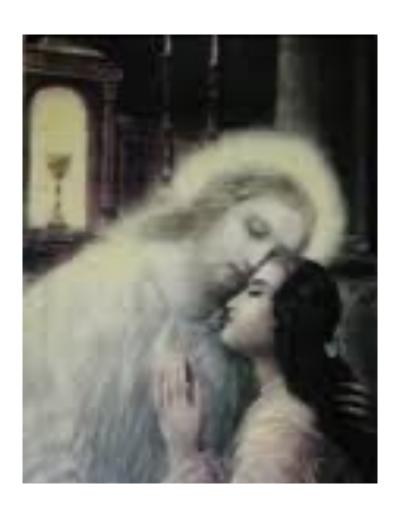
### MYSTICAL MARRIAGE



#### Jesus speaks

"...See it will not only be for the good of creatures that I want these continuous sufferings, but also for your good. In this state of sufferings I will purify your soul thoroughly, in such a way as to dispose you to form a mystical marriage with Me; and after this, I will make the last transformation, in such a way that both of us will become like two candles placed on the fire—one is transformed into the other and they form a single one. In this way I will transform Myself in you, and you will remain crucified in Me. Ah would you not be happy if you could say: 'The Bridegroom is crucified, but the bride also is crucified? Ah yes, there is nothing that renders me dissimilar from Him." (Book of Heaven Vol. 1)

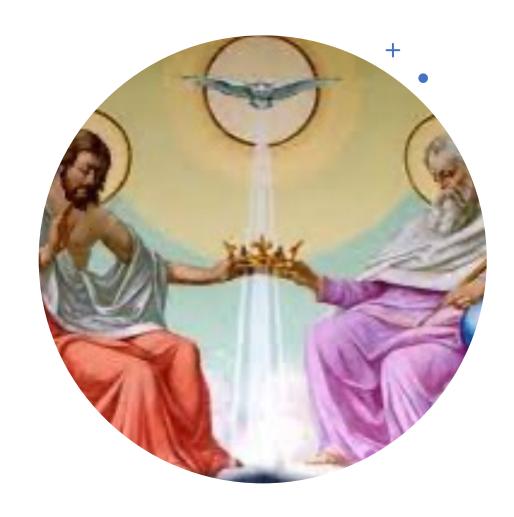
#### Luisa: First Mystical Marriage (from the Sun of My Will)



- Jesus wants perfect conformity to His Will
- Luisa must consider everything of the earth as "dung and rot"
- She is told that she must imitate the poverty of Jesus and must always be grateful.
- At 23, Jesus gives her the grace of a mystical marriage on earth on October 21, 1888, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Luisa feels a strong desire to suffer for humanity's redemption, together with the love the Lord Jesus wraps around her.

# Luisa: Second Mystical Marriage (from the fSun of My Will)

- The morning before the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1890 Jesus gives to Luisa an understanding of the three theological virtues showing her how they are interconnected and operate in the soul.
- Jesus brings her outside of herself up to heaven where, in the presence of the Holy Trinity the marriage is renewed.
- From that moment on the desire to suffer grows within herself together with the desire for an annihilation of the self, which is the sign of total purification.
- After this Luisa sees the Holy Trinity descend into her heart and "take possession of it" and there "They form Their dwelling."



# The Holy Trinity takes possession of Luisa's heart (from the Sun of My Will)

Luisa: ... After this, I remember that a few days passed and I received Communion. I lost consciousness, and I saw, present before me, the Most Holy Trinity whom I had seen in Heaven. I immediately prostrated myself at Their presence, I adored Them, I confessed my nothingness. I remember that I felt so sunk, within myself that I did not dare to utter a single word, when a voice then came from Their midst and said:" Do not fear, pluck up courage, We have come to confirm you as Our own, and to take possession of your heart." While this voice was saying this, I saw that the Most Holy Trinity descended into my heart and took possession of it—and there They formed Their dwelling. (Vol 1)

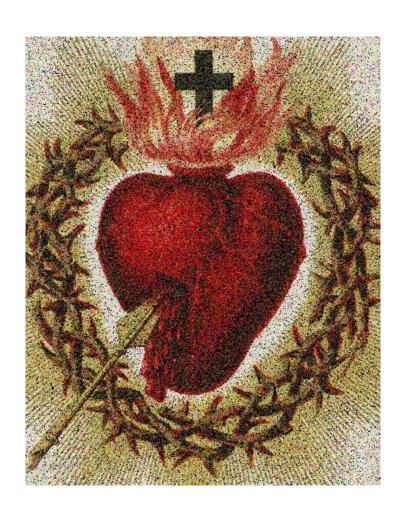


# Luisa: Invisible Stigmata and the Third Mystical Marriage (from the Sun of My Will)



- Jesus prepares Luisa for the marriage of the cross by explaining to her that suffering, confusion, disgrace, calumny, pain, poverty, illness and the cross have been divinized by Him. And receiving them is the greatest honor because they are the "uniform" of the Son of God.
- Although terrified Luisa accepts by saying: "yes give me suffering, give me wounds, but let everything be hidden between me and you." Jesus accepts and she receives the wounds of the stigmata although this remains hidden though not painless.
- At 25, she receives the last bond, the marriage of the cross, on September 14, 1890. On this day Luisa is crucified on the cross and will remember it as a day of "unspeakable pains" but also of indescribable happiness and joy. This event will be repeated several times in the course of her life.

#### Luisa: Perfect Consummation (from the Sun of My Will)



- Jesus wants Luisa to be the "perfect image" of His Humanity
- This means that the soul no longer lives "for" God but "in" God.
- One morning Jesus takes Luisa's heart in His hands and encloses it inside His Most Sacred Heart as a sign of the fact that Luisa's heart has now made its dwelling inside His heart.
- However now the Lord tells her that the last step to take in order to move from state of union to state of perfect consummation of love is to be so attentive that not the slightest act be done without patience, resignation, kindness, perseverance and tranquility.
- In this way Luisa's will is completely consumed in God's Will.

# Book of Heaven, June 17, 1904 The consummation of the human will in the Divine renders the soul one with God, and places the divine power in her hands.

Jesus: "My daughter, see how many things are said about virtue, about perfection, but they all end up in one single point — that is, the consummation of the human will in the Divine. So, the more one is consumed in It, the more it can be said that he contains everything and is more perfect than everyone. In fact, all virtues and good works are many keys that open the divine treasures and make one acquire more friendship, more intimacy, more commerce with God; but consummation alone is what renders the soul one with Him and places the divine power in her hands. And this, because life must have a will in order to live, and by living of the Divine Will, one naturally takes ownership."

#### How Jesus Loves His Beloved Spouse, Luisa



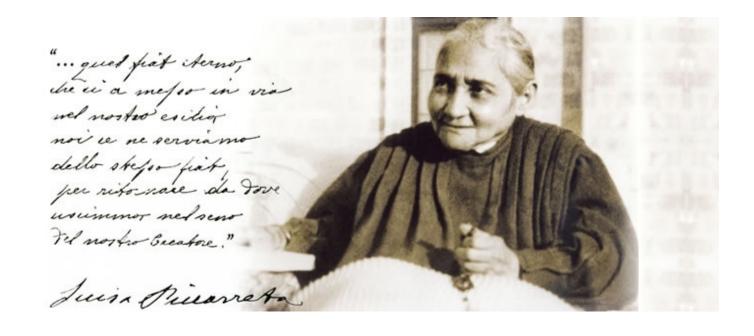
Book of Heaven, September 9, 1899

Luisa: Jesus looked at me with tenderness, all paternal, and taken by a surge of love, such that it seemed He could not contain it within Himself, He embraced me tightly and began to say: "How beautiful you are! You are my simple dove, my beloved dwelling, my living temple, in which I am pleased to delight united with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Your continuous languishing for Me relieves Me and refreshes Me from the continuous offenses that creatures give Me.

#### Luisa: Typical Day

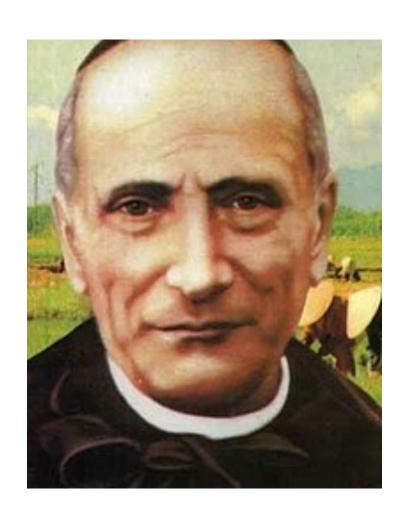
- Livelihood was tombolo (sewing tablecloths and ornaments for the church).
- Typical Day:
  - Ecstatic state
  - Eucharistic/mass
  - Prayer
  - Lunch
  - Tombolo
  - Prayer
  - Writes





#### THE WRITINGS

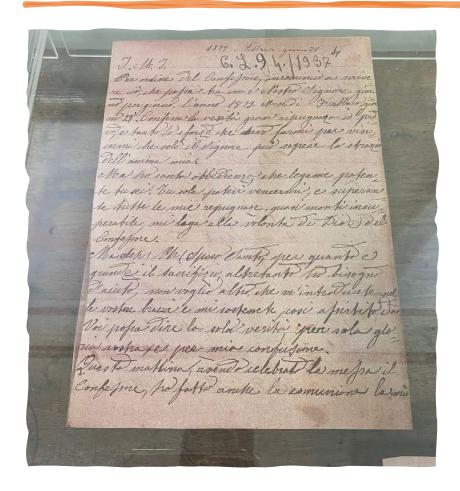
#### Jesus provides Luisa Confessors



- Luisa was provided a Confessor by the Archdiocese of Corato starting 1884.
- It was Fr. Gennaro di Gennaro who requested her to start writing what the Lord revealed to her day by day.
- In 1910, Saint Annibale Di Francia arrived in Corato. He was with Luisa 17 years until he died on June 1, 1927. He helped published the 'Hours of the Passion' and gave the Nihil Obstat Imprimatur to the first 19 volumes.
- Luisa had a total of 10 Confessors from 1884-1947
- After the persecution in 1938 she was no longer required to write.

(Sun of My Will)

### Luisa: her Writings



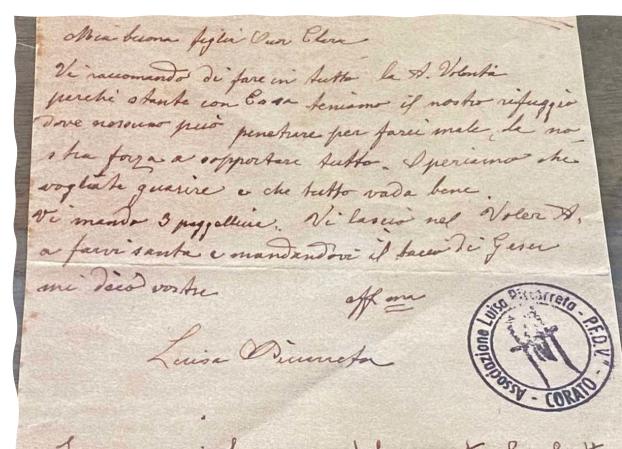
- In obedience to her Confessors Luisa writes 36 volumes of manuscript. (February 28, 1899 to December 1938).
- The first volume is a spiritual autobiography of the Servant of God.
- The other 35 volumes narrate her dialogues with the Lord or with the Virgin Mary, having as their "Divine Will" and how God Wills to reign in the creatures
- Jesus himself suggests the title: "Book of Heaven. The recall of the Creature to the Order, to the Place, and to the Purpose for which it was created by God" (Vol. 19, August 27, 1926)

# Luisa: her Writings

- Other works
  - The Hours of the Passion
  - The Virgin Mary in the Kingdom of the Divine Will
  - Letters of Luisa
  - Notebook of Childhood Memories
  - The Pilgrimage of the Soul in the Divine Will



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#### Some Lessons from Jesus (from the Writings)



Jesus begins to speak to her about the need to enter in His Passion

Book of Heaven October 21, 1921

Jesus: "My daughter, my Pains, my Wounds, my Blood are strength which remove weaknesses, light which gives sight to the blind, tongue which loosens tongues and opens the hearing, way which straightens the crippled, life which raises the cadavers...all the remedies needed for the whole of humanity are in my Life and Passion.

Even as she begins to undergo difficult and painful trials including not hearing Jesus or having His presence as often ("privation" as she refers to it in the writings), Luisa remains faithful and abandoned to Jesus.

Book of Heaven March 6, 1938

Prodigies of abandonment in the Divine Volition. How all created things remain animated by one who lives in the FIAT.

The Heavens are amazed, and the Angels and the Saints remain ecstatic; all feel a new life flowing within themselves, by virtue of the act of abandonment of the creature, while still a pilgrim. And finding her abandoned in our FIAT, We find that We can do whatever We want - she lends herself completely to our Power. So ,We begin the work, and form in the soul many little fountains of Love, Goodness, Sanctity, Mercy, and so on.

#### Some Lessons in Book of Heaven

He begins to teach her about detachment especially in loving people without ever straying from Him and to recognize them as instruments for her sanctification

He taught me the way how to love people without detaching myself from Him – that is, by looking at creatures as images of God, in such a way that, if I received good from creatures, I was to think that God alone was the prime author of that good and that He had used the creature in order to send it to me; so my heart would be bound more to God. If then I received mortifications, I was to look at them also as instruments in the hands of God for my sanctification; so my heart would not remain huffy with my neighbor. In this way, it happened that I would look at all creatures in God. Whatever fault I might see in them, I would never lose esteem for them. If they mocked me, I felt obliged, thinking that they were allowing me to make more gains for my soul; if they praised me, I received these praises with contempt, saying: 'Today this, tomorrow they may hate me', considering their inconstancy. In sum, my heart acquired such freedom, that I myself cannot explain it. (Book of Heaven ,Volume 1)



#### Jesus teaches Luisa how to fight the demons

From a very young age Luisa experiences torment from the demons.

Jesus tells her: "Do not fear, I will be your strength—it is not you that will suffer, but I Myself will suffer and fight within you....Do not afflict yourself so much; know that I will never allow them to tempt you beyond your strengths. If I allow this, it is for your good. I never put souls in battles so that they may perish; first I measure their strengths, I give them My grace and then I put them in. And if some souls fall it is because they do not remain united to Me by means of prayer....Therefore what I recommend to you is prayer....I want you to enter the battle with fearlessness...there is nothing they (demons) fear more than a courageous soul who supported by Me...not to be wounded but with the firm resolution of wounding them and exterminating them." (Book of Heaven Vol. 1)



#### Luisa: the Persecution

In 1938, upon instructions of the Holy Office in Rome the Hours of the Passion, The Virgin Mary in the Kingdom of the Divine Will and 34 volumes were put in the Forbidden Index.

Luisa had to leave the Convent of the Divine Zeal where she was staying and find another place to stay which she rented until her death.

In 1995 her writings were released for study by then Prefect of the Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith- Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger. (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)

Jesus to Luisa: "..in my Allseeingness, I see that these writings will be for My Church, as a new Sun which will rise in Her midst; and men attracted by Its radiant light, will strive to transform themselves into this light, and become spiritualized and Divinized, and therefore, renewing the Church, they will transform the face of the earth."

( Book of Heaven Vol 16, Feb. 10, 1924)



# LUISA'S TRANSITION AND CAUSE OF BEATIFICATIONCANONIZATION



#### Luisa: Transition to Heaven

- Luisa transitioned to heaven at 82 years old on March 4, 1947 after a fortnight of illness, the only one diagnosed in her life, which was a bad attack of pneumonia.
- Luisa remained sitting up in bed and it was impossible to lay her out although her body never suffered rigor mortis and remained in the position it had always been.
- As news of her death spread crowds flocked to her house.
- Her body was exposed for four days with no sign of corruption. It was as though she was asleep. Her arms could be moved and if you lifted her eyelids her eyes were shining.







#### Relics of Luisa

#### Clockwise:

- Clothes and pillow
- The embroidery which was completed by the Angel because Mamina Luisa was having difficulty finishing due to her invisible stigmata
- Embroidery materials she used (TOMBOLO)
- Crucifix that spoke to the Servant of God, Luisa





# Luisa: Final resting place

(Sun of My Will)

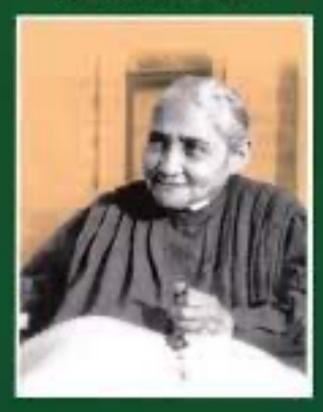
- She was carried to the cemetery in a specially made coffin.
- More than 40 priests took part in the funeral procession.
- Today her body is buried in the Church of Sta Maria Greca.





#### THE SUN OF MY WILL

Luisa Piccarreta





# Luisa: Cause for Beatification

- Non Obstare was granted on March 28, 1994.
   Cardinal Felici's letter to Archbishop Carmelo
   Cassati Holy See, finds no impediment to open
   the Cause of Beatification for Luisa.
- Cause of Beatification was opened in Nov. 20, 1994.
- Padre Pio knew of her as they lived at the same time and called her "la santa".
- She was given the title "Servant of God" by Archbishop Reginaldo G.M. Adazzi in Oct. 2005.
- In 2015, on the occasion of her 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, Vatican Publishing releases Luisa's biography.

## TESTIMONIES



#### Fr. Benedetto Calvi The Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta's last Confessor

"...So many times I heard grieving and dejected women keep saying over and over: "I went to Luisa feeling desolate and I came out full of faith and courage to keep going in life. Really, Luisa is a person of God!".... She is calm and empathizes with other people's suffering. Her persuasive words touch the depths of the heart and enthrall people. Everyone attests to it: After being with Luisa, you feel the soul renewed and the spirit raised up. Even people who are just curious and distant from God, when they go to Luisa they come back transformed and return to the faith. The Lord makes use of lowly means for His exalted ends. He uses Luisa to comfort and bring relief to grieving widows, men worn out from life, mothers missing their children. Luisa wants to sacrifice herself in order to be the solace and the smile for those who are discouraged and in pain..."

(from the Sun of My Will, page 171)



#### Archbishop Giovanni Battista Pichierri



Archbishop of Trani, Italy

By reflecting on her daily actions and the essential focal points of her spiritual life, such as—sustained nourishment from the Eucharist; obedience to her confessor; unceasing invocations in prayer; and charity towards those most in need people will be inspired to follow in her footsteps, according to God's Will for each person..." (from the Sun of My Will – Afterward page 249)

#### St Annibale M. di Francia



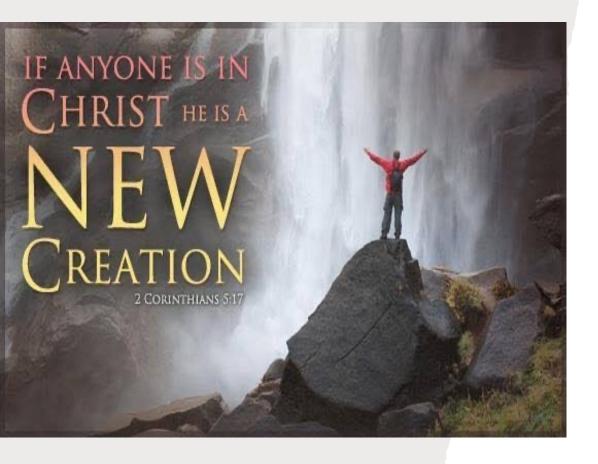
Extraordinary confessor of Luisa for over 17 years

...This solitary soul is a most pure virgin, wholly of God, who appears to be the object of singular predilection of Jesus. She spends the night in painful ecstasies and in sufferings of every kind, during the day, sitting on her bed doing her needlework - nothing appears. On the contrary, appears as a healthy person, happy and jovial. She speaks, converses, laughs when appropriate, but receives few friends. She listens kindly and comforts, but never advances to make prophecies, never a word which might hint at revelations. The great comfort which she presents is always one, always the same: the Divine Will. Although she possesses no human knowledge, she is abundantly endowed with a Wisdom all celestial - with the Science of the Saints. Her words illuminate and console. In short she is the Firstborn Daughter of the Divine

**Will".** ( Preface / 24 Hours of the Passion)

# CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

# The Divine Will: The New Heavens and the New Earth



Revelation 21: 3-5

"Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death nor mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new!"

#### Luisa's Appeal From: Document of The Three

Appeals: Jesus, Blessed Virgin Mary, Luisa Piccarreta, Corato (Bari, Italy )1924

I appeal to all; and I make this appeal together with Jesus, with His own Tears, with His ardent Sighs, with His Heart that burns, that wants to give Its "FIAT." From within the "FIAT" we have come forth; It has given us life. It is just, it is our obligation and duty to return into it, into our dear and interminable HERITAGE.

This <u>appeal I make to all, to the entire world</u>, for you are all my brothers and sisters and my children. Do you know why I am calling all? Because I want to give to all the Life of the Divine Will. This is more than air that we can all breathe. It is as sun from which we can all receive the good of the light; It is as palpitation of the heart that wants to beat in all.



#### Luisa's Appeal From: Document of

The Three Appeals: Jesus, Blessed Virgin Mary, Luisa Piccarreta, Corato (Bari, Italy )1924

And, as a little baby, I want, I yearn for you to take the life of the "fiat"...oh, if you knew how many goods you would receive; you would consume your life to make it reign in all of you!

Take courage all; respond to my appeal. And I yearn much the more for all to respond to me in chorus to the appeal, because it is not I alone who call you, who pray you; but united to me, my sweet Jesus calls you with tender and moving voice, and many times, even crying, He says to you:

"TAKE FOR YOUR LIFE, MY WILL; COME LIVE IN MY DIVINE WILL."



# Highlights of the Journey of the Little Children of the Divine Will

#### Why live in the Divine Will?

- To return to the Order, the Place, and the Purpose for which we were created by God.
- To enter into the Eternal Exchange of Love among the Most Holy Trinity CCC221

#### Entry Point:

 Fusion with Jesus' Humanity, His Divinity, and His Will

#### Activity in the Divine Will

Acts and Rounds

#### Luisa – The Herald of the Kingdom of the Divine Will

 Luisa born of original sin becomes our example of how to live in the Divine Will

### MOVING FORWARD

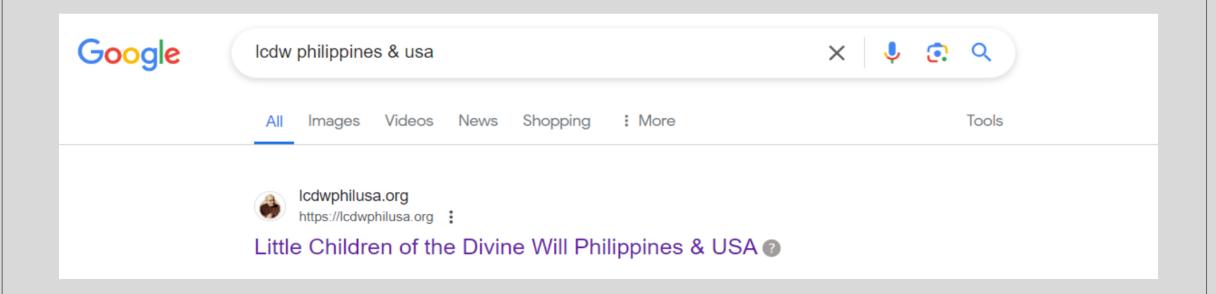
If you are so inspired to continue learning about this Gift, you may contact the person who invited you for details on the ongoing cenacles.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

Check out our Website

During these cenacles, through our Faith Formation materials, we study the Liturgy for every Sunday and meditate on the Catechism of the Catholic Church and Papal homilies and reflect on the Truths of the Divine Will from the writings of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta. We also have the Sequential Study of the volumes which allow us to contemplate the writings in a chronological manner.

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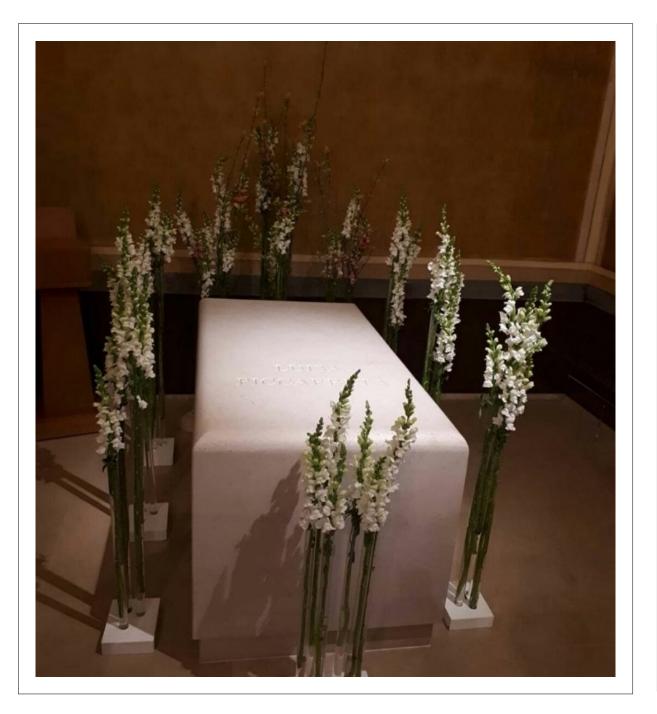
O Supreme Will, come to reign upon the earth! Invest all generations, win and conquer all and do not delay any longer! Amen.

SERVANT OF GOD LUISA PICCARRETA

Pray for us.



## CLOSING PRAYERS



## Prayer to the Most Holy Trinity for the Glorification of the Servant of God Luisa Piccaretta

Oh, Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we praise and thank You for the gift of holiness You granted to Your faithful servant, Luisa Piccaretta.

She lived, dear Father, in Your Divine Will, and became, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, similar to Your Son, who died on the Cross due to His obedience.

She was a victim and a host welcome to You, thus contributing to the redemption of mankind. Her virtues of obedience, humility, love for Christ and for the Church, urge us to ask You for her glorification on earth, so that Your Glory may shine, and Your Kingdom of Truth, Justice and Love may spread all over the world in the particular charisma of *Fiat Voluntas Tua Sicut in Coela et in Terra*.

We appeal through her merits to obtain from You, Holy Trinity, the particular grace for which we pray to You, in Your Divine Will. Amen.

(Arch. Giovanni Batista Pichierri, Trani-Battista-Bisceglie, Titolare de Nazareth)