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Ash Wednesday

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Calendar for the Traditional Roman Rite



Genesis 3:19 we hear God tell us "for dust thou art, and into dust thou shalt return,"

Nowadays, when someone dies, they are rushed from deathbed to funeral home to be embalmed and to be worked over by a make-up artist so that that "dusty reality" is hidden from us. Their deaths are spoken of as almost an embarrassment; "he passed," they say, or "he is no longer with us." These comforting but sterile luxuries weren't an option in the past when plagues felled so many people that there weren't enough survivors to bury them, when bodies had to be stored all winter until the ground was soft enough to dig, when most of the children a woman bore died before they were able to grow up. In our culture, with our medicines and "funeral sciences," we are afraid to look at death, and we are a poorer people because of it. No matter how long science can prolong life, no matter how much embalming fluid is pumped into a corpse, nature will have her way. This is Truth. And when nature has her way, we can either rest in the knowledge that the ultimate Victor is Christ, Our Lord, Who walked out of His tomb 2,000 years ago and offers resurrection to us, or we can believe that decay is all that is left. This is the meaning of Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday is the day for being reminded of and contemplating our mortality, of which Ecclesiasticus 1 reminds us: What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun? One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh...

When a new Pope processes to St. Peter's Basilica to offer his first Mass as Pope, the procession stops three times and, at each stop, a piece of flax mounted on a reed is burned. As the flames die, the Pope hears the words, "Pater sancte, sic transit gloria mundi" ("Holy Father, thus passes the glory of the world"), to remind him not only that he is a mere man, but as a man, a mere mortal whose end is like the end of all other men. The things of this world are transient, and Christians must always keep one eye on the world to come.

Recalling this Truth is one of the principles behind the use of [ashes](#) today: to remind us that we are mortal, subject to the rot and decay our Western culture now desperately tries to euphemize away, and that we are radically dependent on - *solely* dependent on -- Jesus Christ to overcome this fate.

They are like a yearly contemplation of the tombstone inscribed with:

The Blessing and Disposition of the Ashes

The ashes are made by the burning of palms from last year's Palm Sunday -- palms that were waved in victory and praise. That the ashes are made from burnt palms shows us the link between victory, and penance and mortification which ashes have always symbolized:

Job 42:6 Therefore I reprehend myself, and do penance in dust and ashes.

Before the Mass, the blessing of the ashes begins with an antiphon and a verse of a psalm begging God's grace and mercy. Then come four prayers which express what the ashes symbolize:

1. To be a spiritual help for all who confess their sins.
2. To secure pardon of sins for those who receive the ashes.
3. To give us the spirit of contrition.
4. To give us the grace and strength to do penance.

After the priest sprinkles the ashes with holy water and incenses them, he puts some on his own forehead or the crown of the head, and then imposes the ashes on the people. In Latin countries, such as Italy, this is done by sprinkling the ashes over the congregants. In other places, including almost all of the English-speaking world, this means that he will smear the ashes on the foreheads or crowns of those present, the head being the seat of pride. He places the ashes in the shape of a Cross to remind us of our hope, and as he does so, he says the words of Genesis 3:

Meménto, homo, quia pulvis es, et in púlverem revertéris

English:

Remember, man, that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return.

We make no response to these words; we simply return to our pews

Following the disposition of the ashes come two Antiphons and a Response. Then the priest says another prayer for protection in the coming combat, and begins the Mass.

After we leave the church, we leave the ashes on our foreheads until they wear off naturally from the course of the day's activities. They are a public witness to those things our society does not wish to embrace: the reality of death, penance for sin, and the hope of resurrection in Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Value and Effects of these Hours of the Passion
from a Letter of Luisa to Saint Annibale Maria di Francia**

Saint Annibale: "I begin by reporting here a letter which the Author sent me..." *Most Reverend Father,*

I am finally sending you the Hours of the Passion, now written, and all for the glory of Our Lord. I also include another sheet which contains the effects, and the beautiful promises which Jesus makes to anyone who does these Hours of the Passion. I believe that if one who meditates them is a sinner, he will convert; if he is imperfect, he will become perfect; if he is holy, he will become more holy; if he is tempted, he will find victory; if he is suffering, in these Hours he will find the strength, the medicine, the comfort. And if his soul is weak and poor, he will find spiritual food and the mirror in which he will reflect himself continuously to be embellished and to become similar to Jesus, our model. **The satisfaction that blessed Jesus receives from the meditation of these Hours is so great, that He would want at least one copy of these meditations to be present and practiced in each city or town. In fact, it would happen, then, as if Jesus heard His own voice and His prayers being reproduced in those reparations, just as the ones He raised to His Father during the 24 hours of His sorrowful Passion. And if this were done in each town or city at least, by as many souls, Jesus seems to make me understand that Divine Justice would be placated in part, and in these sad times of torments and bloodshed, Its scourges would be stopped, in part, and as though dampened.** I let you, reverend Father, make appeal to all; may you complete, in this way, the little work that my lovable Jesus had me do.

*I also tell you that the purpose of these Hours of the Passion is not so much that of narrating the story of the Passion, because there are many books that treat this pious topic, and it would not be necessary to make another one. But rather, **the purpose is the reparation**, uniting the different points of the Passion of Our Lord with the diversity of the many offenses, and making worthy reparation for them together with Jesus, almost making up for all that the other creatures owe Him. From this, the different ways of reparation present in these Hours: in some sections one blesses, in others one compassionates, in others one praises, in others one comforts suffering Jesus, in others one compensates, in others one supplicates, prays and asks.*

Therefore, I leave it to you, Reverend Father, to make known the purpose of these writings with a preface.

March 25, A.D. 2021
Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Calendar for the Traditional Roman Rite



Exactly nine months to the day before the Feast of the Nativity, we celebrate the annunciation that the [angel](#) -- the archangel -- Gabriel makes to Mary. Mystical significance is given to this date by Jacobus de Voragine, Archbishop of Genoa in his "Golden Legend" written in 1275:

This blessed Annunciation happened the twentyfifth day of the month of March, on which day happened also, as well tofore as after, these things that hereafter be named. On that same day Adam, the first man, was created and fell into original sin by inobedience, and was put out of paradise terrestrial. After, the angel showed the conception of our Lord to the glorious Virgin Mary. Also that same day of the month Cain slew Abel his brother. Also Melchisedech made offering to God of bread and wine in the presence of Abraham. Also on the same day Abraham offered Isaac his son. That same day St. John Baptist was beheaded, and St. Peter was that day delivered out of prison, and St. James the more, that day beheaded of Herod. And our Lord Jesu Christ was on that day crucified, wherefore that is a day of great reverence.

It was this day on which Gabriel announced that Our Lord would enter the world. Most likely, He was conceived by the Holy Ghost and the Virgin Mary after a [novena](#) of days, on 3 April, which is the most likely date of the Crucifixion as well (in A.D. 33). It must be remembered that it was at His conception, not Christmas, that Christ came to the world, as a baby inside Mary's womb; today is the feast of the announcing of that glorious Incarnation! The Gospel reading today is that of Luke:

Luke 1:26-38:

And in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, called Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

And the angel being come in, said unto her: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. Who having heard, was troubled at his saying and thought with herself what manner of salutation this should be.

And the angel said to her: Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son: and thou shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of David his father: and he shall reign in the house of Jacob for ever. And of his kingdom there shall be no end.

And Mary said to the angel: How shall this be done, because I know not man?

And the angel answering, said to her: The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And behold thy

cousin Elizabeth, she also hath conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren: Because no word shall be impossible with God. And Mary said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Our Lady uttered her fiat -- her words "*Let it be done to me according to thy word*" -- and the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity condescended to take on a human nature and become man. *God became man!* Father Alban Butler writes in his "Lives of the Fathers, Martyrs, and Other Principle Saints" (1864) these beautiful words to indicate the import of Mary's "yes":

The world, as heaven had decreed, was not to have a Saviour till she had given her consent to the angel's proposal; she gives it, and behold the power and efficacy of her submissive fiat! That moment, the mystery of love and mercy promised to mankind four thousand years before, foretold by so many Prophets, desired by so many Saints, is wrought on earth. That moment, the Word of God is for ever united to humanity; the Soul of Jesus Christ, produced from nothing, begins to enjoy God, and to know all things past, present, and to come: that moment, God begins to have an adorer who is infinite, and the world a mediator who is omnipotent; and, to the working of this great Mystery, Mary alone is chosen to co-operate by her free assent. The prophets represent the earth as moved out of its place, and the mountains as melting away before the very Countenance of God looking down upon the world. Now that He descends in person, who would not expect that the whole heavens should be moved?

Yes, the whole heavens were moved, and we Catholics are moved yet, honoring Christ's Incarnation at each and every Mass when we kneel in gratitude during the Creed, at the words "Et homo factus est" ("And became man"). [Angelus Bells](#) at one time (and still in some places) reminded us three times a day -- morning, noon, and evening -- of St. Gabriel's announcement, Mary's fiat, and the Creator of the Sun and Moon and Stars deigning to take on a human nature, all according to prophecy:

Isaias 7:13-15:

...Hear ye therefore, O house of David: Is it a small thing for you to be grievous to men, that you are grievous to my God also? Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign. Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel. He shall eat butter and honey, that he may know to refuse the evil, and to choose the good.

Isaias 11:1

And there shall come forth a rod out of the root of Jesse [David's father], and a flower shall rise up out of his root.

It is through Our Lady that the Ancient of Days sprang from [the root of Jesse](#) according to the flesh, thereby restoring the Davidic Kingdom and coming to reign as King of Kings from the Heavenly Jerusalem.¹ Tertullian (b. c. 160) writes of the significance of Mary's heritage when arguing against those who denied Christ's human nature:

Now, since He is the blossom of the stem which sprouts from the root of Jesse; since, moreover, the root of Jesse is the family of David, and the stem of the root is Mary descended from David, and the blossom of the stem is Mary's son, who is called Jesus Christ, will not He also be the fruit?

For the blossom is the fruit, because through the blossom and from the blossom every product advances from its rudimental condition to perfect fruit. What then? They, deny to the fruit its blossom, and to the blossom its stem, and to the stem its root; so that the root fails to secure for itself, by means of the stem, that special product which comes from the stem, even the blossom and the fruit; for every step indeed in a genealogy is traced from the latest up to the first, so that it is now a well-known fact that the flesh of Christ is inseparable, not merely from Mary, but also from David through Mary, and from Jesse through David. "This fruit," therefore, "of David's loins," that is to say, of his posterity in the flesh, God swears to him that "He will raise up to sit upon his throne." If "of David's loins," how much rather is He of Mary's loins, by virtue of whom He is in "the loins of David?"

This parallel between Eve and the Blessed Virgin is why Our Lady is referred to as "the New Eve," as Christ is referred to as "the New Adam." St. Irenaeus (b. c. 115) wrote in his Apology, Book II, Chapter XII:

Those, therefore, who allege that He took nothing from the Virgin do greatly err, since, in order that they may cast away the inheritance of the flesh, they also reject the analogy between Him and Adam.... Wherefore also Luke, commencing the genealogy with the Lord, carried it back to Adam, indicating that it was He who regenerated them into the Gospel of life, and not they Him. And thus also it was that the knot of Eve's disobedience was loosed by the obedience of Mary. For what the virgin Eve had bound fast through unbelief, this did the virgin Mary set free through faith.

Something for you to keep in mind: note that St. Luke said that Mary was espoused to -- that is, *married* to -- Joseph when Gabriel came to her. She was not "an unwed mother," as you so often hear these days, apparently in some attempt to normalize unwed motherhood, or to take the shame out of it ("Mary was an unwed mother, so big deal!"). In Truth, though, Our Lady was married. Jewish marriage at that time began with the betrothal, or *kuddushin*. This was an exchange of marital vows and signified the beginning of the marriage. After the *kuddushin*, the couple were taxed together, referred to as man and wife, considered married by law in terms of inheritance, etc., and they could only separate through *divorce*, and then only if the marriage hadn't been consummated. But the couple did not live together until months later, when they would have a *celebration* of their marriage vows, at which point the groom would take his wife to their new home (called "home-taking" or *nisuin*).

Anyway, as to depictions of Mary at the Annunciation, we read in "Legends of the Madonna" (1895)

It is usual to exhibit her as kneeling in prayer, or reading with a large book open on a desk before her. St. Bernard says that she was studying the book of the prophet Isaiah, and as she recited the verse, "Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son," she thought within her heart, in her great humility, "How blessed the woman of whom these words are written! Would I might be but her handmaid to serve her, and allowed to kiss her feet!" — when, in the same instant, the wondrous vision burst upon her, and the holy prophecy was realized in herself.

Depictions of the Annunciation also usually show St. Gabriel the Archangel handing lilies to Our Lady. Mary is often represented by lilies, and the Madonna Lily, named for her, is often called the Annunciation Lily in honor of this Feast and is a perfect ornament for the day. The Venerable Bede (A.D. 672-735) described the transluscent white petals as symbolic of Mary's pure body, and the golden anthers as a symbol of the glory of her soul when she was taken up to Heaven at the [Assumption](#). This poetic commentary ² by Oscar Wilde makes mention of the lily while describing the humility of the Incarnation:

And, finally, there is the beautiful story about Gabriel's words to Our Lady, also from "The Golden Legend" mentioned earlier:

Of the salutation that the angel brought to the glorious Virgin, we read an example of a noble knight which for to amend his life gave and rendered himself into an abbey of Citeaux, and, forasmuch as he was no clerk, there was assigned to him a master for to teach him, and to be with the brethren clerks, but he could nothing learn in long time that he was there save these two words: Ave Maria, which words he had so sore imprinted in his heart that alway he had them in his mouth wheresomever he was.

At last he died and was buried in the churchyard of the brethren. It happed after, that upon the burials grew a right fair fleur-de-lis, and in every flower was written in letters of gold: Ave Maria, of which miracle all the brethren were amarvelled, and they did open the sepulchre, and found that the root of this fleur-de-lis came out of the mouth of the said knight, and anon they understood that our Lord would have him honoured for the great devotion that he had to say these words. Ave Maria.

Day Nineteen - The Queen of Heaven in the Kingdom of the Divine Will.

The Doors of Heaven open, the Sun of the Eternal Word places Itself on the lookout and sends Its Angel to tell the Virgin that the Hour of God has come.

...Now, child of my Heart, pay attention to Me and listen: several days before the descent of the Eternal Word upon earth, I could see Heaven opened and the Sun of the Divine Word at Its doors, as though to look out for the one upon whom He was to take His flight, to render Himself Celestial Prisoner of one creature. Oh, how beautiful it was to see Him at the doors of Heaven, as though on the lookout to spy the fortunate creature who was to host her Creator! The Sacrosanct Trinity no longer looked at the earth as alien to It, because there was little Mary who, by possessing the Divine Will, had formed Its Divine Kingdom in which the Word could safely descend, as in His own residence, in which He would find Heaven and the many suns of the many acts of Divine Will done within my soul. The Divinity overflowed with love, and removing the mantle of Justice which It had worn with the creatures for so many centuries, It covered Itself with the mantle of infinite mercy, and decreed the descent of the Word... and It was now in the act of sounding the hour of fulfillment! At this sound, Heaven and earth were astounded, and all stood at attention, to be spectators of such a great excess of love, and a prodigy so unheard-of.

Your Mama felt ignited with love, and echoing the love of my Creator, I wanted to form one single sea of love, so that the Word might descend upon earth within it. My prayers were incessant, and while I was praying in my little room, an Angel came, sent from Heaven as messenger of the great King. He came before Me, and bowing, he hailed Me: "Hail, O Mary, our Queen; the Divine Fiat has filled You with grace. He has already pronounced His Fiat, for He wants to descend; He is just behind my shoulders, but He wants your Fiat to form the fulfillment of His Fiat."

At such a great announcement, so much desired by Me – although I had never thought I was to be the chosen one – I was stupefied and I hesitated one instant. But the Angel of the Lord told Me: "Do not fear, our Queen, for You have found grace before God. You have conquered your Creator; therefore, to complete the victory – pronounce your Fiat."

I pronounced my Fiat, and – oh, marvel! - the two Fiat fused together and the Divine Word descended into Me. My Fiat, which received the same value as the Divine Fiat, from the seed of my humanity, formed the tiny little Humanity which was to enclose the Word, and so the great prodigy of the Incarnation was accomplished.

Oh, power of the Supreme Fiat! You raised Me so high as to render Me powerful, to the point of being able to create within Me that Humanity which was to enclose the Eternal Word, Whom Heaven and earth could not contain! The Heavens were shaken, and all Creation assumed the attitude of feast. Exulting with joy, they peeked over the little house of Nazareth, to give homages and obsequies to the Creator made man; and in their mute language, they said: "Oh, prodigy of prodigies, which only a God could do! Immensity has become little, power has made itself powerless, His unreachable height has lowered itself deep into the abyss of the womb of a Virgin and, at the same time, He is little and immense, powerful and powerless, strong and weak!"

My dear child, you cannot comprehend what your Mama felt in the act of the Incarnation of the Word. All pressed upon Me and awaited my Fiat, I could say, omnipotent.

Now, dear child, listen to Me: how much you should take to your heart doing the Divine Will and living of It! My power still exists: let Me pronounce my Fiat over your soul. But in order to do this, I want your own. One alone cannot do true good; the greatest works are always done between two. God Himself did not want to do it by Himself, but wanted Me together with Him, to form the great prodigy of the Incarnation. In my Fiat and in His, the life of the Man-God was formed; the destiny of mankind was restored, Heaven was no longer closed, and all goods were enclosed between the two Fiat. Therefore, let us say together, "Fiat! Fiat!", and my maternal love will enclose in you the life of the Divine Will.

Scapular of the Sacred Heart



In 1860, two French associations, the Apostleship of Prayer and the League of the Sacred Heart, had merged and launched the first worldwide movement of prayer for the reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. But their motto, “ *Thy Kingdom Come!*”

On June 11, 1899, the faithful of the entire world, in union with their bishops and with the Vicar of Christ on earth, consecrated the entire earth and all of mankind to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

“Be Thou King, O Lord, [they prayed] not only of the faithful who have never forsaken Thee, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned Thee. Grant that they may quickly return to their Father’s house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger. Be Thou King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd. Be Thou King also of all those who sit in the ancient superstition of the Gentiles, and refuse not to deliver them out of darkness into the light and kingdom of God.”

In the same year, a lay apostolate called the Society for the Social Reign of Christ submitted the first petition ever presented to the Sacred Congregation of Rites for a liturgical Feast of Christ the King. At the same time, the fifteen million or so members of the League of the Sacred Heart and the Apostleship of Prayer joined the Society for the Social Reign of Christ in a campaign for a feast which specifically recognized and petitioned the coming of God’s Kingdom on earth. Thus, it was no coincidence that Luisa’s writings which were destined to play a crucial part in the coming of Christ’s Kingdom began at that moment of grace.

Like all of the special graces of her life, the command to write came to Luisa in the form of a cross. In 1899, Luisa’s spiritual father, Fr. Michele De Benedictis, died and Luisa received a new confessor, Don Gennaro di Gennaro. Almost immediately, in February 1899 Pope Leo had decided to make the consecration of the world to the Sacred Heart Don Gennaro commanded Luisa Piccarreta to write down all that took place between her and Jesus.

Thus, as the Apostleship of Prayer prayed daily for the coming of God’s Kingdom on earth, and the pope prepared to consecrate the world to Christ as King, Jesus through Luisa’s confessor commanded her to announce ***“the Kingdom of the Divine Fiat in the midst of creatures, the 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.”*** Luisa recoiled at his command, but she obeyed:

A great sacrifice has been imposed on me by holy obedience to write what has taken place between me and my beloved Jesus . . . I feel crushed by the burden . . . but I believe that Jesus my beloved Spouse will help me to bear it. With his help, I will be able to write for the glory of God and for the love that I bear the most noble virtue of

The Scapular of the Sacred Heart is a Roman Catholic devotional scapular bearing an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the front panel, and an image of the Virgin Mary as Mother of Mercy on the panel which hangs at the wearer's back. In its current form, the design and the formal church approval for its use are due to Estelle Faguette, a French domestic servant, who in 1876 claimed to have received a series of apparitions during which the Virgin Mary showed this scapular and spoke about its use.

Prior to Estelle Faguette's 1876 claims, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus had been made popular by the 17th Century mystic, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque who herself made and distributed 'badges' bearing images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

This is a depiction of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Catholic visionary St Margaret Mary Alacoque

Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation Sister in Paray-le-Monial, France, claimed to have experienced visions of Jesus Christ during which he showed her his Sacred Heart. On 2 March 1686, she wrote to her Superior, Mother Saumaise, that the Jesus wished 'for her to order a picture of the image of that Sacred Heart for people specifically to venerate and have in their homes and also small pictures to carry with them'.

During the 18th Century, a Visitation sister, Venerable Ana Magdalena Rémuzat (1696-1730) worked hard to spread these badges. They were popular as a protection during the plague of Marseilles and also during the persecutions of the Catholics during the French Revolution.

Marie Leszczyńska, wife of King Louis XV also enthusiastically promoted this Badge. Pope Benedict XIV sent a gift of numerous red taffeta Badges of the Sacred Heart with gold embroidery, for her wedding in 1748.^[1] In 1872 Pope Pius IX granted an indulgence for the wearing this badge.

On the night of 14 February 1876, as she lay in Pellevoisin dying of pulmonary tuberculosis, Estelle Faguette, a domestic servant, reportedly saw the Virgin Mary. Four days later, during the fifth apparition, Estelle seemed to be healed instantaneously. Altogether she experienced fifteen apparitions in the course of 1876. On 9 September, the apparition drew attention to a small piece of white cloth, a scapular, resting over her chest. Estelle had seen it there before, as plain white cloth, but on this day it bore the red image of a heart. The following day the lady appeared again, saying she had come to encourage people to pray.

The final and culminating vision took place on Friday 8 December 1876, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

You will go yourself to the prelate and will present to him this copy that you have made. Tell him to do everything within his power to help you, and that nothing would be more pleasing to me than to see this livery on each of my children. They should all strive to make reparation for the outrages my Son is subjected to in the sacrament of His love. See the graces that will be poured forth on those who will wear it with confidence and help you to spread this devotion.

Estelle asked the lady what design should appear on the other panel of the scapular. The answer came: *'I reserve it for myself. You will submit your idea and the Church will decide.*

Immediately following this last apparition, Estelle sought and was granted an audience with the then Archbishop of Bourges, Monsignor de La Tour d'Auvergne. By 12 December 1876 she had received his permission to make and distribute copies of the Scapular of the Sacred Heart.

In 1877, the Archbishop set up an enquiry into the reliability of Estelle as a witness, visited Rome to seek advice from Pope Pius IX, erected a local confraternity dedicated to the All-Merciful Mother, directed his Vicar General to lead a pilgrimage at Pellevoisin, gave his permission for the first printing of a text concerning Estelle's experiences, and visited the room which had been Estelle's bedroom but which by October 1877 had already been transformed into a chapel.

Pope Leo XIII received Estelle in audiences on 30 January and 17–18 February 1900, during which the Pontiff agreed that the relevant Vatican department, the Congregation of Rites, should consider authorising use of the Scapular of the Sacred Heart. This formal recognition was given on 4 April 1900.

In July 1900 Pope Leo XIII, influenced by Sister Mary of the Divine Heart's January 1899 letter assuring that God would preserve his own health until the world was consecrated to the Sacred Heart, granted many indulgences for the pious wearing of this scapular.

On 22 November 1922, Pope Pius XI granted to the parish clergy of Pellevoisin and directors of the fraternity, the authority to bless the scapular and to pass on this authority to others.

On 27 August 1986, an imprimatur was granted for a short English-language publication by Barbara Beaumont, *Pellevoisin: Our Lady reveals the devotion of the Sacred Heart Scapular*.

While the use of the Scapular is authorised by the Holy See, the Archbishops of Bourges have never officially commented on the status of Estelle Faguette's reputed visions, although her cure has been formally recognised as a miracle.

LUISA PICCARRETA
Memoir on the Servant of God
BERNARDINO JOSEPH BUCCI
Friar Minor Capuchin



CHAPTER VII

FRANCESCO BUCCI AND LUISA PICCARRETA

Francesco Bucci was my father, brother of Aunt Rosaria, to whom he was very close. He had a great veneration for the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta, who he knew from his childhood, one reason why he talked a lot about her in the family. Another reason was because many times he had also watched when Luisa was transported by the carriage from one house to another.

My father was a member of that group of children who ran in front of the carriage that was carrying Luisa loudly proclaiming: "*Luisa the Saint is passing by!*"

When I asked if someone had notified them about the transfer of the Servant of God, he replied:

"No! No one told us anything!"

Everyone sensed that in that carriage there was Luisa. And as by an inspiration, we left our games and began to run in front of the carriage. And on the way many children joined us, so as to form a very large group by the end of the trip. And when Luisa was lifted from the carriage and carried into the house, we all became silent like soldiers in line. A few times I saw Luisa look at us with great tenderness, with those big striking eyes of hers. And once she greeted us with a wave of her hand. Luisa Piccarreta constantly showed us new things. I did not become a soldier, even though I was in good health, thanks to her prayers. She made the grace of bringing back to life our first son who had died.

And the year in which Serafina (my mother) had to teach, he said to her (Serafina): When your mother was in trouble she would go to Luisa and everything would return to normal."

When Luisa was condemned by the Holy Office, my father was very distressed and said these words: "*Sti Privt so fatue' soltant,*" that translated into Italian means: "*These Priests are crazy.*" And then he added: "*But does the Pope know? Rome does not know what to do and starts doing silly things. But whoever has caused this condemnation will have a bad end.*" They are the words of a simple man because he could not explain these severe measures against a woman respected by all.

My father died in 1960, the night of December 31, having Luisa Piccarreta on his lips, saying: "*Luisa help me, help me.*" And when he was shown Luisa's dress, he wanted it. He pressed it to his chest, and so he died.



Francesco Bucci



Book of Heaven – February 10 A.D., 1937

The Kingdom of the Divine Will will be the Kingdom of the Queen of Heaven. Her ardent desires and incessant prayers. Assaults of love that She makes upon the Divinity in order to obtain It. How She will place Her life at the creatures' disposal, to give them the grace of making them live of Divine Will.

I felt all immersed in the Divine Volition. It seemed to me that Heaven and earth are longing and praying for the coming of Its Kingdom upon earth, so that one may be the Will of all and It may reign on earth as It does in Heaven. To this did the Queen of Heaven unite Herself, who, with Her ardent sighs, invested everything, moved and united all to Herself – Angels, Saints and all Creation – to ask with Her same sighs and with the same Divine Will that She possesses for the Fiat to descend into hearts and form in them Its Life. But while I was thinking of this, my always lovable Jesus, making Himself seen all love, sighed deeply; His Heart was beating so strongly, as if It wanted to burst; and He said to me: ***“Daughter of my Volition, listen to Me, my Love is about to submerge Me, I can no longer contain It; at any cost, even if It should overwhelm Heaven and earth, I want my Will to come to reign upon earth. And to this unites my Celestial Mama who, without ever ceasing, says to Me - repeats to Me: ‘Son, hurry, delay no more, use your stratagems of love, act as the Powerful God that You are, let your Will invest all and, with Its Power and Majesty, together with a Love that no one will be able to resist, take possession of all and reign on earth as It does in Heaven.’ And She says this to Me with such ardent sighs, with flaming heartbeats, with Her stratagems of love of Mother, such that I cannot resist Her – to the point of adding: ‘My Son, Son of my Heart, You made Me Queen and Mother. And my people, and my children – where are they? If I were capable of unhappiness, I would be the most unhappy Queen and Mother, because I possess my Kingdom, but I do not have my people that would live of the same Will as their Queen. And if I don’t have my children, to whom to entrust the great inheritance of their Mother, where will I find the joy, the happiness of Maternity? Therefore, let your Divine Fiat reign – then will your Mama be happy, and I will have my people and my children who will live together with Me, with the same Will as their Mother.’***

Do you think that at this speaking of my Mother, which resounds constantly to my ear and sweetly invests my Heart with continuous darts and wounds of love, I can remain indifferent? No I can not, nor do I want to. More so, since She has never denied anything to Me, therefore I lack the strength to deny Myself to Her; my Divine Heart pushes Me to make Her content. You – unite yourself to Us, and long and pray that my Will be known and come to reign upon earth; and in order to confirm you more in this, I want to let you hear my sweet Mama.”

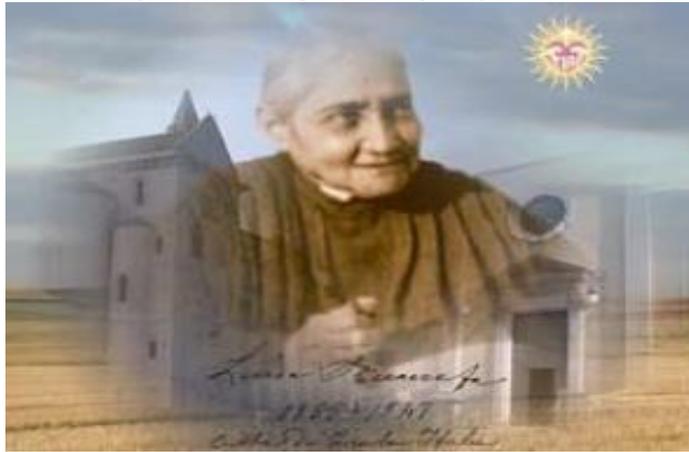
At that moment, I felt Her near me; and hiding me under Her azure mantle, holding me on Her maternal lap, with a love I cannot express She said to me: ***“Daughter of my Maternal Heart, the Kingdom of the Divine Will will be my Kingdom – to Me has the Sacrosanct Trinity entrusted It. Just as They entrusted to Me the Eternal Word, when He descended from Heaven to earth, so did They entrust to Me Their Kingdom and Mine; therefore my yearning is ardent, my prayers incessant, I do nothing other than assault the Most Holy Trinity with my love, with the rights of Queen and of Mother that They gave Me, so that what They entrusted to Me may come out to light, may form its life, and my Kingdom may triumph on the face of the earth. You must know that the desire that ignites Me is so great, that I feel as if I had no glory -***

while I have so much of it that Heaven and earth are filled with it – if I do not see the Kingdom of the Divine Will formed in the midst of my children, because each of these children that will live in It will give Me so much glory as to redouble the glory I possess. So, seeing Myself deprived of it, I feel as if I did not have the glory of Queen and the love of Mother from my children; and this is why in my Heart I call them constantly and I keep repeating: ‘My children, my children, come to your Mama, love Me as your Mother, as I love you as my children. If you don’t live of that same Will from which I lived, you cannot give Me the love of true children, nor can you get to know the extent of my love for you.’

You must know that my love and my ardent longing for this Kingdom to exist on earth is so great, that I descend from Heaven, I go around from soul to soul to see who is more disposed to live of Divine Will; I spy on them, and when I see them disposed I enter into their hearts and form my life in them as preparation, honor and decorum of that Fiat which will take possession of them and will form Its Life in them. Therefore I will be inseparable from them, I will place my life, my love, my virtues, my sorrows at their disposal as a wall of insurmountable fortitude, that they may find in their Mother whatever is needed in order to live in this Kingdom so holy. Then will my feast be complete, my love will rest in my children, my Maternity will find those who love Me as children of Mine; and I will give surprising graces, and will put all Heaven and earth in feast – I will act as Queen, lavishing unheard-of graces. Therefore, my daughter, remain united with your Mama, that you may pray and long with Me for the Kingdom of the Divine Will.”

Fiat!!!

“...the first children of the Kingdom of my Will will be few...”



Book of Heaven –May 20 A.D., 1936

The Ascension: how Jesus departed for Heaven, still remaining on earth.

... After this, I was accompanying the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. How beautiful He was – all majesty, clothed with most refulgent light that enraptured and chained the hearts to loving Him. And my sweet Jesus, all goodness and love, told me: **“...on this day of my Ascension I received the double crown: the crown of my children whom I was taking with Me to the Celestial Fatherland, and the crown of my children whom I was leaving on earth – these too, symbol of the few who would form the beginning of the Kingdom of my Divine Will. All those who saw Me ascended into Heaven received many graces, such that all of them laid down their lives in order to make known the Kingdom of Redemption, and laid the foundations on which to form my Church, so as to gather in Her maternal bosom all of the human generations. In the same way, the first children of the Kingdom of my Will will be few, but the graces with which they will be invested will be such and so great, that they will lay down their lives in order call everyone to live into this Holy Kingdom. A cloud of light invested Me, removing my presence from the sight of my disciples, who remained as though ecstatic in contemplating my Person, for the enchantment of my beauty was such as to keep their pupils enraptured, so much so, that they were unable to lower them in order to look at the earth. In fact, it took an Angel to stir them and have them return to the Cenacle. This too is a symbol of the Kingdom of my Will: the light that will invest Its first children will be such and so great, that they will bring the beauty, the enchantment, the peace of my Divine Fiat, in such a way that creatures will easily surrender to wanting to know and love so great a good.**

Now, in the midst of the disciples there was my Mama, who was present at my departure to Heaven; and this is the most beautiful symbol. Indeed, She is the Queen of my Church; She attends to Her¹, protects Her, defends Her. She will then sit in the midst of the children of my Will; She will be the engine, the life, the guide, the perfect model, the Teacher of the Kingdom of the Divine Fiat, which She so greatly cherishes. Hers are the longing, the ardent desires, the delirium of maternal love, for She wants Her children on earth in the same Kingdom where She lived. She is not content with having only Her children in Heaven, in the Kingdom of the Divine Will, but She wants them also on earth; She feels that the task given to Her by God - as Mother and Queen - She has not yet fulfilled, that Her mission is not ended until the Divine Will reigns on earth in the midst of creatures. She wants Her children to be like Her and to possess the inheritance of their Mama. Therefore the great Lady is all eyes to look, all Heart to love, to help whomever She sees somehow disposed to wanting to live of Divine Will. So then, in the difficulties, think that She is all around you, sustaining you, fortifying you, taking your will into Her maternal hands, to let it receive the Life of the Supreme Fiat.”

Fiat!!!

¹ My Church

THE LETTERS OF LUISA PICCARRETA
THE LITTLE DAUGHTER OF THE DIVINE WILL



Luisa Letters- 51. To Mrs. Concettina Camoniero, from S. Giovanni a Teduccio, Napoli

Fiat

May the Holy Will of God bind us so much as to put every worry to flight.

Good daughter,

It takes trust and love with blessed Jesus; the braver we are, the more He loves us. Your fear of receiving Communion comes from the enemy; he would be pleased if we formed more firewood for hell, otherwise he would not have told you this, nor caused so many fears within you. On the contrary, I tell you that when you abstain because of fear, you form firewood for Purgatory, and the Communions you do not receive on earth, you will receive them with fire in Purgatory, because Jesus burns with love in the Most Holy Sacrament and wants to come into our hearts in order to pour His flames out; while if we abstain, He burns more, becoming fidgety and delirious, and with Justice He will make us burn more in Purgatory. Therefore, think only of loving Jesus, of how to make Him happier, and love will destroy all the wood and, as celestial dew, will cover you and purify you from everything. Fears, doubts, agitation, are laces which bind us to ourselves, and take the freshness of love away from us; even more, they make it wither and snatch us from the arms of Jesus.

I recommend you “The Hours of the Passion”. Form continuous chains of reparation around Jesus; unite all your actions to them, so that this sweet chain of reparation may never be broken. These times require it; if we don’t want to be spectators of worse evils, promote it as much as you can. Commending myself to your prayers, I pray to Jesus that He may bless you and give you peace.

The little daughter of the Divine Will

Prayer Requests – March A.D. 2022



Prayers are placed on the altars of the Chapels of the Divine Will

Each prayer is remembered every day at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass where Luisa is invoked for her intercession

John 14 (13:14) “Whatever you ask in my name I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.” Book Of Heaven - July 4 A.D. 1928 “In Your Will I take the whole Creation in my arms the heavens, the Sun, the stars and everything to bring them before the Supreme Majesty as the most beautiful adoration and prayer **to ask for the Kingdom of the Fiat.**”

Pray for the return of the last two original hand written volumes of Luisa.

Popes Francis & Benedict (SI), **President Trump & Family** (SI), **Luisa Piccarreta** (to be declared Blessed – God’s Kingdom on earth – end to abortion), **Mother Gabrielle Marie & Benedictine Daughters** (Support & Vocations), **Fr. James W. D.** (SI), **Fr. Edwin J.P.** (SI), **Father Dullea.** (SI), **Fr. Hennessee** (SI), (SI), **Fr. Celso (RECOVERY)**, **Fr. Lou** (SI), **Fr. Mancini** (SI), **Fr. Peter D** (SI), **Fr. Javier** (SI), **Fr. Carlucci** (SI), **Fr. Henrique Fragelli** (SI), **Fr. Jim Giotti** (SI), **Fr. Nano** (miracle), **Fr. Alan White** (Parkinsons), **Fr. Leonard Chaires** (SI), **Fr. Denis D** (SI), **Fr. Tobin** (SI), **Fr. Omar** (health), **Fr. Tom** (freedom), **Msgr. J.Anthony Luminais** (SI), **Walter Zimmerman** (SI), **Eugenie** (SI), **Brother David & the Knights** (SI), **Fr. Selvaraj** (SI), **Denise L** (SI), **George** (SI), **Dr. Ramon Sanchez** (SI), **Peter Holiday** (SI), **Sammy and Dewayne** (SI), **Judith Marie** (Family & SI), **Clair Marie** (SI), **Nicole, Carly, Jake, Tad** (SI), **Nicole’s Father and Lisette** (hip, hearing & conversion), **Nephew** (SI), **Frank Kelly** (protection/mission/back), **Rose Patak** (broken arm), **Jerry Gouthro** (eyesight), **Dannette, Bobbie and Mikela** (SI), **Michal Therese** (employment), **Lifers - Linda – Mura- Mary M, Jeff, Cheryl** (SI), **Ann** (endometrial cancer), **Paul S** (SI), **Bud** (SI), **Gary Z** (SI), **Sam Fuma** (SI), **Muriel & Gene** (SI -family), **AMC** (SI), **JJ Rosana Garcia Family** (SI), **Donna, Summer, Dustin, Chris & Family** (SI), **Jack and Gail** (SI), **Liz Ann Garcia** (SI), **Aida Garcia** (Health), **Anna Pfeil** (SI), **Ana Ramos** (SI), **Christina** (SI), **robert** (SI), **Ninfa** (stroke recovery), **Sylvester** (SI), **Sandy, Karen, Kurt, Olivia** (SI), **Ann, Scott, Jacob & Samuel** (SI), **Jerry, Donsey & family** (SI), **Frank Pollock** (SI), **Jennifer Raczcck** (SI), **Linda Burke** (SI), **Hilda Lopez & family** (SI), **Unice & David** (SI), **Meg & Tony** (SI), **Carol Braun** (SI), **Fran & Judy O’Brien** (SI), **Diane** (SI), **Charlotte & Rose Hafley** (SI), **Earl Duque Family John & Aniela** (SI), **Nicholette Gottlinger and family** (SI), **Anita Ramos** (SI), **Helen** (SI), **Troy** (SI), **Jennie** (SI), **Teresa** (SI), **Frank Ramirez.** (SI), **Sara** (SI), **Celine Powers** (SI), **Anita Sabin** (SI) **Kelly Bowring & Family** (SI), **Eugenie B.** (SI), **Earl** (back), **Sylvia** (SI), **Frank Kelly** (chemo), **Mother Gabrielle Marie** (SI), **Cardinal Burke** (SI), **Bishop Schneider** (SI), **Charlotte** (Covid), **Kathy** (illness), **Helen** (home sell), **Raymond Patterson** (SI), **Joseph Cortez** (dying), **Ronnie** (daughter son and job), **President Trump and Family** (SI), **David Pavlas** (heart attack), **Elaine and Marshall Martin** (China Virus), **Fr. Pillari** (recovery), **Roger Gilly** (angina), **Fr. Giuseppe Lacerenza** (Priestly Vocation), **Fr. Joseph Favole** (SI), **Fr. James Altman** (SI), **Cardinal Raymond Burke** (SI), **Garcia family** (covid), **Jake** (broken arm), **JP & Marinda Jones** (new baby Kellyn Jenette), **Carolina & Robert** (China virus), **Lillian** (eyes and hearing), **Eli Yandow** (Seminarian studies), **Lily Yandow** (Mission trip), **Threse C** (China virus), **Kelly’s family** (sickness) **Walter Carpenter** (recovery China virus) **Annalicia & Rowan** (China virus) **Wyatt Bredeson** (strep), **Eli Yandow** (vocation), **Lily Yando** (Mission Trip), **Lillian** (sight, hearing, memory), **Tom Maloney** (stroke hospice), **Ester** (tumor), **Mary Joy** (publication), **Karin** (travel), **Helen & Kathy** (sick), **MJ** (sick), **Doreen & James** (China virus), **Friars** (China virus) **Mark** (China Virus), **Mary Noon** (SI), **Jason Berg** (recovery), **Sandra** (pregnancy) **Louis Boot** (recovery)

Book of Heaven – March 22, A.D. 1938 – The last sign of Love at the point of death

The Men, Women and children of Urkaine

“My Goodness is such, wanting everyone saved, that I allow the falling of these walls when the creatures find themselves between life and death – at the moment in which the soul exits the body to enter eternity – so that they may do at least one act of contrition and of love for Me, recognizing my adorable Will upon them. I can say that I give them one hour of truth, in order to rescue them. Oh, if all knew my industries of love, which I perform in the last moment of their life, so that they may not escape from my more than Paternal hands – they would not wait for that moment, but they would love Me all their life.”

DEO GRATIAS!



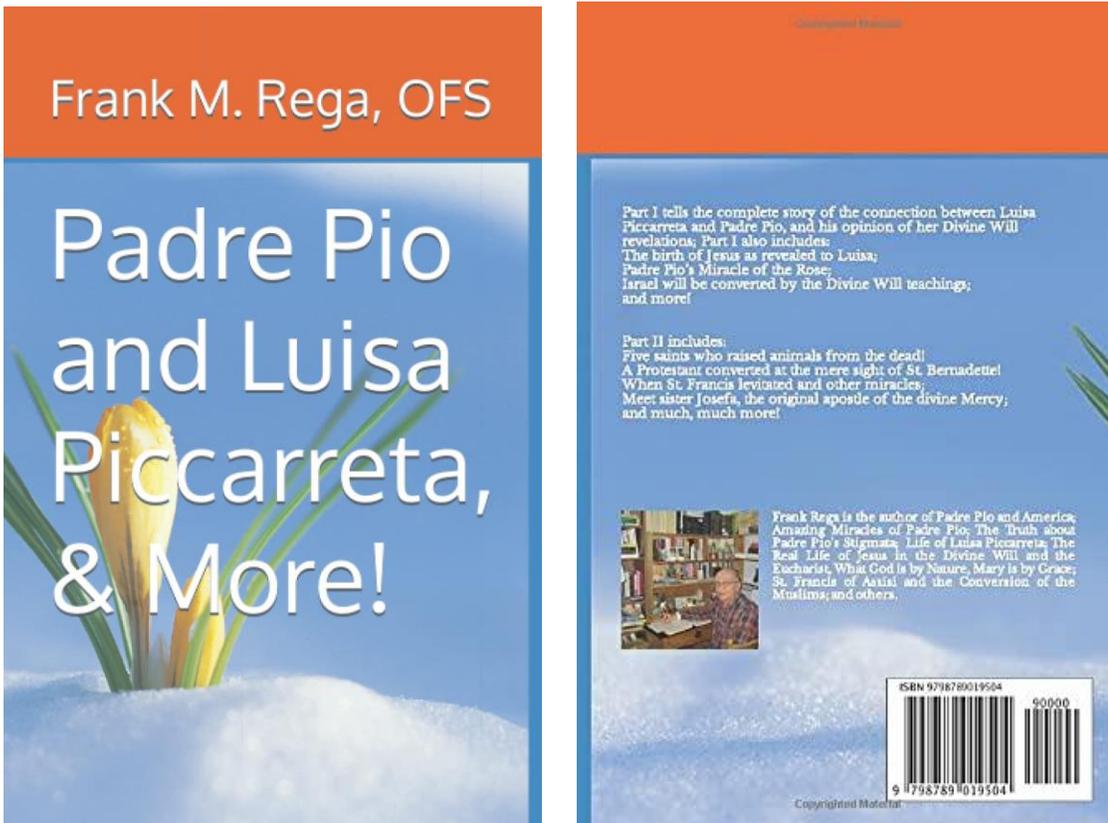
Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta, “May the Kingdom of Your Divine Will come, May Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven!”

Saint Annibale, “Pray for us, Oh Lord, Send Holy Apostles into Your Church!”

God, our Father, please send us Holy Priests, all for the Sacred and Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, all for the Sorrowful and Immaculate heart of Mary, in union with Saint Joseph. Amen

Book Recommendation

Padre Pio and Luisa Piccarreta and more! By Frank M. Rega, OFS



Part I of this book tells the complete story of the connection between Luisa Piccarreta and Padre Pio, and his opinion of her Divine Will revelations;

Part I also includes:

The birth of Jesus as revealed to Luisa;
Padre Pio's Miracle of the Rose;
Israel will be converted by the Divine Will teachings;
Padre Pio on refusing absolution;
Grace is the bilocated life of God.
and more!

Part II includes:

Five saints who raised animals from the dead!
A Protestant converted at the mere sight of St. Bernadette of Lourdes!
When St. Francis levitated and other miracles;
Meet sister Josefa, the original apostle of the divine Mercy;
St. Gerard Majella;
Power Prayers;
Victories of the Martyrs;
Jesus, Mary, I love you; save souls!
The Dramatic conversion of St. Alphonsus;
All the time that is not spent for God is lost time;
The thirty days prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
& much, much more!

THE HOLY MOTHER HAS SPECIAL MEANING FOR UKRAINIANS



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Marco Levytsky, Editorial Writer.

Within the Catholic Church, the month of May is celebrated as “Mary’s Month,” a time of year when special devotions are performed in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is especially true for Ukrainians as apparitions and interventions of the Mother of God have occurred throughout Ukrainian history. Kyivan Rus, in fact, was the first European state to be dedicated to the Mother of God. This was done by Prince Yaroslav the Wise in 1037.

One of the most notable feast days of the Holy Mother is October 14, known as the Feast of the Protective Veil or Sviato Pokrovy. On this date, we gratefully and prayerfully accept protection from the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Her intercession on our behalf before the Lord. On this occasion we also pay tribute to the heroes who fought for Ukraine’s freedom, the Kozaks, the Ukrainian Insurgent Army and others.

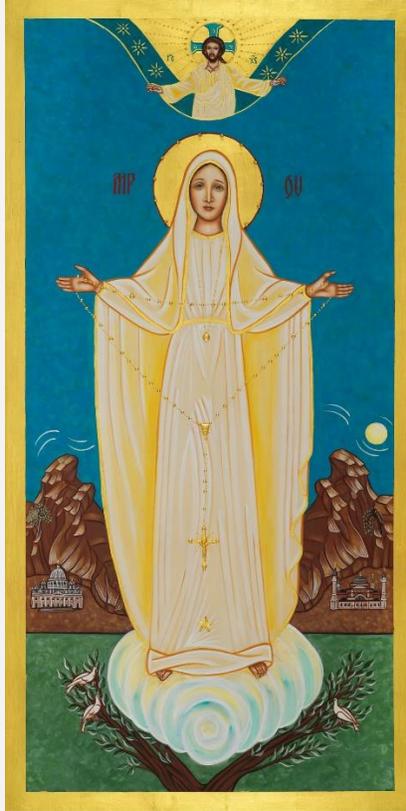
But there is also one key date that celebrates a Marian apparition on Ukrainian territory that falls in May – May 12 to be exact. That was the day the Virgin Mary appeared by the village church in Hrushiv, located 85 kilometres northwest of Lviv alongside the Polish border, to 22 people who happened to be mowing the fields at the time. The people of Hrushiv had planted a weeping willow tree at the site many years prior, commemorating an appearance of the Blessed Mother some 350 years earlier. Later, a spring suddenly appeared beneath the tree. During the severe cholera epidemic of 1855, a local person dreamed that the Virgin had instructed the residents to clear and reclaim the ancient spring and hold Mass. Not one cholera death was reported afterwards.

What was most significant about this apparition was the message the Virgin Mary passed on to the faithful: ***“There will be a war. Russia will become a godless country. Ukraine, as a nation, will suffer terribly for 80 years – and will have to live through the world wars, but it will be free afterwards.”***

This prophecy proved to be most auspicious. Russia did indeed become a godless country following the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917. And the atheist leaders of the Kremlin inflicted the most horrible crimes against the people of Ukraine. There was the Holodomor, during which millions suffered a slow and agonizing death by starvation. Between the 1930s and 1950s, millions more were arrested, sentenced and deported to the hard labour camps of the Gulag to perish or endure long years of unrelenting misery. There were also purges, the destruction of the Ukrainian churches, both Orthodox and Catholic, the enormous devastation and suffering inflicted upon Ukraine during the second world war by

both Nazi and Soviet armies, followed by new waves of persecution upon the annexation of Western Ukraine, and many more horrors including the Chornobyl disaster. And then, almost 80 years after the apparition, Ukraine became independent.

The 1914 apparition at Hrushiv also proved to be a prelude to the much-better known apparitions at Fatima, Portugal, when the Holy Mother appeared to three children in 1917. There too she warned of upcoming wars and a godless Russia. In order to highlight the link between the apparitions at Hrushiv and Fatima and to emphasize the message of the Holy Mother to Eastern Christians, the Pilgrim Virgin Icon of Our Lady of Fatima was commissioned by the World Apostolate of Fatima's Byzantine Division. The Icon was consecrated and blessed by Bishop Bohdan Danylo of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, Ohio on March 4, 2018 – the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.



The Pilgrim Virgin icon of Fatima

According to an article by Mark Moran in Faith & Culture; The Journal of the Augustine Institute:

“The image of our Lady, as an icon, is the best way to connect Fatima and Eastern traditions. Icons have always in the East been the expression of choice among sacramentals. Unlike statues, icons are special paintings upon wood. They express ideas through a rich symbolic theology that does not adhere to the realism found in Western paintings, but instead adheres more to symbolism. The icon itself is a prayer offered by the iconologist that is written and offered through fasting.

“The Pilgrim Virgin Icon of Our Lady of Fatima shares the same deep spirituality and common iconic themes. Written by Vivian Imbrulia, the icon captures many spiritual themes of Fatima, as well as being inspired and based off the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue. In this way, Imbrulia captured many of the expressions found in the famous and miraculous statue and transferred them into the face of the Icon itself.”

Seventy-three years after the 1914 apparition, the Mother of God once again appeared at Hrushiv. On April 26, 1987 – exactly one year after the Chornobyl disaster — a bright light covered the church of the Holy Trinity in Hrushiv, and the Virgin Mary appeared over the cupola. A television program even recorded part of this light phenomenon.

Soon hundreds, then thousands came from all over the USSR to view these apparitions which continued every day until August 15. It is estimated that over 500,000 witnessed these apparitions until they ended. The Soviet militia and KGB could not even begin to control the crowds. The message was a sequel to the earlier one:

“I have come on purpose to thank the Ukrainian people because you have suffered most for the Church of Christ in the last 70 years. I have come to comfort you and to tell you that your suffering will soon come to an end. Ukraine will become an independent state.”

And once again, the Holy Mother warned of the dangers coming from Russia and asked people to pray for that country.

“Oppression and wars continue to occupy the minds and hearts of many people. Russia, despite everything, continues to deny my Son. Russia rejects real life and continues to live in darkness. If there is not a return to Christianity in Russia, there will be a Third World War; the whole world will face ruin.”

While Christianity has returned to Russia in theory, in practice it is through a Church which follows the dictates of a brutal regime, rather than the teachings of Jesus Christ. It is also a country that continues to oppress its own people and invade its neighbours.

So, during the month of May, venerate our Holy Mother and pray that Russia may yet become a civilized country that respects the independence and sovereignty of its neighbours and respects the word of God.

