



Little Children of the Divine Will

Come Supreme Will, down to reign in Your Kingdom on earth and in our hearts!

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Luisa's Cause Opens in the Vatican



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On March 7th, three days after the 59th anniversary of Luisa's passage to Heaven Luisa's cause was officially opened in Rome. The official seals on the cases containing the documents from the Archdiocese of Trani were broken and the cases opened by the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints. In attendance were Padre Bernardino Bucci and the Vicar General of Trani Msgr. Savino Giannotti.



PADRE BUCCI'S REFLECTIONS FOR LENT



The Sublimity of the Cross

The Cross suffered by Our Lord, freed man from the slavery of the demon and united him to the Divinity in an indissoluble way.

The Cross is fecund, and It gives birth to grace.

The Cross is light, and it distances man from earthly things, and unveils eternity.

The Cross is fire, and in it incinerates all that is not God, and empties the heart of man of everything in order to fill it with grace.

The Cross is an inestimable coin that enriches him who possesses It because the only coin that works in Heaven is the Cross suffered on the Earth.

The Cross does not only allow man to know, but it gives the grace of knowing God.

The Cross has grafted within Itself all the virtues.

The Cross is the princely chair of the Uncreated Wisdom of God who teaches the highest, most sublime doctrines.

The Cross unveils the most hidden mysteries, the most profound things, the most perfect perfection hidden from the learned and the worldly-wise.

The Cross is beneficial water that purifies, administers nourishment to all the virtues it makes them grow and accompanies them into Eternity.

The Cross is like Celestial dew, that preserves and embellishes the lily of purity.

The Cross is the nutrient of hope.

The Cross is the torch of operating faith and it allows the flame of charity to be ever lit.

The Cross sets to flight all the slimy rivers of arrogance, of vainglory, and it produces in the soul the most profound humility.

The Cross is the strongest offensive weapon against the infernal forces, and it defends the soul from the claws of Satan.

The Cross possessed is the admiration of the angels themselves and of the saints, and it renders demons furious.

The Cross is Paradise on Earth, in fact if the Paradise of the blessed is in Heaven, the Paradise of Earth are sufferings.

The Cross is the golden chain that joins man and God and accomplishes the most perfect union in Him.

The Cross is the fire of God, that does not destroy like human fire which renders everything sterile, but it is a fertile fire that destroys all that is not virtue, but it gives life to all the rest, and makes the most beautiful, perfumed flowers germinate, and produces exquisite fruit.

The Cross is so powerful as to render the soul more disposed to receive the Sacraments. In fact, to receive them, especially the Eucharist, the suitable dispositions and the free consent of the soul is necessary. With the Cross, the soul predisposes itself to receive the graces of God that can even be missing. It has the virtue of disposing the soul to grace, and of rendering it worthy of the Sacraments, which, well-received, actualizes the way which brings us into the embrace of GOD.

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES



St. Pius X

...It was my aunt herself who gave Blessed Annibale the manuscript of the famous book on meditation of the Passion. Blessed Annibale had it printed with the name *L'orologio dell Passione*, a title about which Luisa was not at first enthusiastic. The publication, with a long preface by the Blessed, went into several editions, four to be precise.

Aunt Rosaria remembered that Blessed Annibale once urged all the girls and Luisa's regular visitors to read and meditate upon the work. In giving it to them, the blessed said: "*Before having the manuscript printed, I was received in audience by His Holiness Pius X, to whom I gave a copy. Several days later, having returned to see the Holy Father for matters concerning my new Congregation, he said these words:*

'Have Luisa Piccarreta's L'orologio della Passione printed immediately. Read it on your knees, because it is Our Lord who is speaking in it'. ..Since we have no other documents available, we cannot but trust the testimony of Rosaria Bucci.



St. Annibale

...In far off 1917, Fr. Isaia from Triggiano was a Capuchin student at our friary in Francavilla Fontana, where on several occasions the friars gave hospitality to Fr. Annibale Maria di Francia, who was establishing one of his works in nearby Oria.

These are Fr. Isaia's impressions of Fr. Annibale: *"He was a priest who truly belonged to God, and at the sight of him, we students would gather round him with great sympathy. We all went to him for confession. He had an unusual appearance, as well as an unusual manner of speech and gestures, always moderate and with a reserve that did not command fear but filial trust. He constantly spoke to us of God's Will and exhorted us to bear with hardships and contradictions. He told us that a soul who was consecrated entirely to God was suffering and praying for us all"*.

"This soul", Blessed Annibale said to Fr. Isaia, "is a daughter of your region, and this is a sign that the Lord is blessing the people of Bari". To comfort him in his doubts and sufferings, he gave him L'orologio della Passione, which he himself had had printed. Fra Isaia, a Capuchin student at the time, asked him where this holy soul lived and who she was, but Fr. Annibale answered: "just think about preparing yourself properly for the priesthood and always doing God's Will, and in due course you will discover who this soul is".



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