



The Benedictine Daughters of Divine Will



"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs." *Luke 18:16-17*



Our Lady cannot be outdone in generosity... even on the feast of Her own birth! Despite our greatest efforts to shower Our Little Mother with birthday presents, she defeated us again with Her own special gift for

our community – the entrance of a new postulant! On September 8th, 2012, Giorgia Tallarini joyfully surrendered all to the Lord following an evening mass celebrating the Nativity of Our Lady in Urbania's Cathedral of St. Christopher.

Much like Little Mary, who in Her youth consecrated Herself to the Lord without yet knowing His immense plan, Giorgia wholeheartedly offered herself to God two years ago after experiencing a powerful conversion during a pilgrimage to Medjugorje. Without the clarity to understand His Will for her yet, Giorgia humbly and simply prayed, "*Lord, in what way can I serve you? I desire only this: to be an instrument in your hands.*" So...the Lord heard her prayer and got to work, placing a new group of American sisters right in her own small town of Urbania – the Italian birthplace of our community.

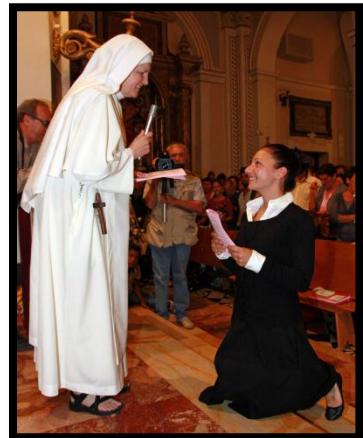
After a period of prayer and discernment filled with many confirmations from above, Giorgia recognized God's answer to her two-year-old

question. He was calling her to be a spouse of Christ! Upon making the decision to enter the Benedictine Daughters, Giorgia finally found the peace and certainty that the Lord always provides when we give Him our "YES" to His Will. "In this I found joy, serenity, peace: obeying He Who loves us with Infinite Love and Who desires nothing other than to give us eternal life through His Son Jesus," she describes in a farewell letter to her parish community.

As her own personal gift to Our Lady, Giorgia officially became Sister Giorgia on our Little Mama's birthday...reminding us all that no matter

what mission God is calling us to, we are all infants in the hands of Our Loving Father. After receiving Holy Communion, dressed in a simple black jumper and white blouse before a packed Church,

Sister Giorgia united her FIAT ("Let it be done...") to Our Lady's and proclaimed her desire to spend her life at the feet of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament and to prepare herself for the great day of union between Bridegroom and bride. Finally,



amidst a moving rendition of the Magnificat, Mother Gabrielle Marie clothed Sister Giorgia with the Benedictine medal and her new black veil, welcoming her into the Benedictine Daughters of Divine Will.

Despite the difficulties of leaving behind family and friends, despite the tears of those painfully saying their goodbyes, Sister Giorgia's smile never once left her face. It was a smile that radiated the peace of God, even in the midst of suffering. A smile that comes from doing God's Will. A smile that only the Lord can provide. May we all have that same smile and joy forever imprinted on our hearts.



**...I come to do
Your Will."**

If you feel the Lord may be calling you to the religious life and are interested in exploring a possible vocation with the Benedictine Daughters of Divine Will, please contact us via email at daughtersofdivinewill@gmail.com.

Please continue to pray for our growing community as we discern where Our Lord wants us to live in 2013. Each housing possibility that we have explored involves costly repairs in addition to high heating expenses during the winter months. If you feel called to make a contribution to the Benedictine Daughters of Divine Will, checks or money orders can be sent to our non-profit organization at the following address:

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