

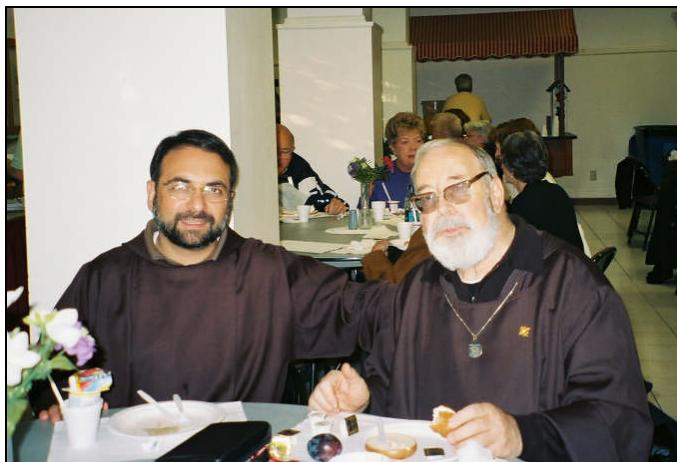


Little Children of the Divine Will

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

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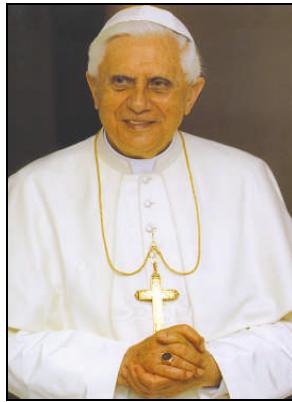


Fr. Francesco Neri and Padre Bucci

Congratulations to Padre Bucci's Superior, Padre Francesco Neri OFM Cappuccini for his recent election as Provincial Father of Province of Bari, Puglia (Apulia) Region of Italy. Bari is the second largest continental city of Southern Italy and the capital of Apulia (Puglia) region, on the Adriatic Sea. Fr. Neri replaces the previous Provincial Father Diego, and will serve in this position for the next three years.

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Words from Pope Benedict XVI

"All our anxieties are ultimately fear of losing love and of the total isolation that follows from this. Thus all of our hopes are at bottom hope in the great and boundless love: they hope in paradise, the Kingdom of God, being with God and like God sharing His nature (2 Peter 1:4). All our hopes find their culmination in the one hope: *Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven*. The earth will become Heaven. In His Will is to be found ALL our hope. Learning to pray is learning to hope and thus learning to love."

St. Hannibal Maria Di Francia and the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta, The Little Daughter of the Divine Will

Part 2



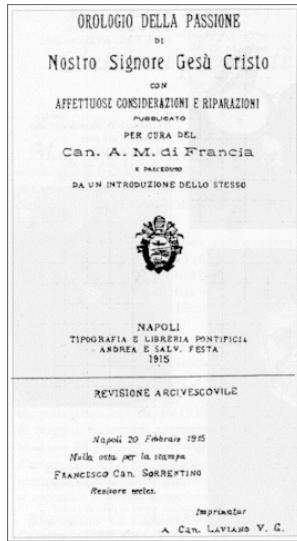
Special Series - Seventeen Years (1910-1927)

1912

The 1st edition of "The Hours of the Passion" written by Luisa which Saint Hannibal Maria Di Francia was responsible for publishing in 1915.

The first formal relation of Saint Hannibal with the Piccarreta probably took place when he asked her to write the reflections on the Passion of the Lord, to which he himself gave the title "The Hours of the Passion". The letters, written in the last three years of his life, speak in a special way of the publication of the work of Luisa. The archbishop of Trani, Msgr. Giuseppe Maria Leo, had asked him to review it for the Nihil Obstat and Imprimatur.

1913



Fr. Hannibal took a manuscript copy of the “Hours of the Passion” with him to Rome to an audience with Pope Pius X. During the audience, as Fr. Hannibal read one of the hours aloud to the pope, the Holy Father interrupted him, saying, “Father, those words should be read kneeling.”

1914

Saint Fr. Hannibal Di Francia soon began the printing of the 24 Hours of the Passion. Under his request, Luisa had to write them around 1913- 1914. Father Hannibal gave them the title of “Orologio della Passione di Notro Signore Gesu’ Cristo”, and published four editions (1915, 1916, 1917, 1925), with “Nihil Obstat” and “Imprimatur.”

1919

In April, the mother house of the Rogationsts in Avignone burned to the ground. Some of his congregation questioned God’s providence, but Father Hannibal silenced them immediately:

“Hush! Let us not ask, let us not inquire as to “why,” but let us adore God’s designs and trust in Him!”

Book of Heaven; Volume 8 - January 30, 1909

The story of ‘why’.

...afterwards, Saint Jesus came for just a little, and told me: “My daughter, in almost all of the events that occur, creatures keep repeating, over and over again: ‘And why? And why? And why? Why this illness? Why this interior state? Why this scourge?’ And many other why’s. The explanation of ‘why’ is not written on earth, but in Heaven, and there everyone will read it. Do you know what ‘why’ is? It is egoism, which gives continuous food to love of self. Do you know where ‘why’ was created? In hell. Who was the first one that pronounced it? A demon. The effects produced by the first ‘why’ were the loss of innocence in Eden Itself, the war of untamable passions, the ruin of many souls, the evils of life. The story of ‘why’ is long; it is enough to tell you that there is no evil in the world which does not carry the mark of ‘why’. ‘Why’ is destruction of divine wisdom in souls. And do you know where ‘why’ will be buried? In hell, to make them restless for eternity, without ever giving them peace. The art of ‘why’ is to wage war against souls, without ever giving them respite.”

1921

Fr. Hannibal published a new edition of the “Hours of the Passion” including a Treatise on the Divine Will. The 1921 edition also included an introduction by Monsignor Cento, a nuncio to Venezuela and a cardinal. This “Hours” bore both the imprimatur and the nihil obstat. Cardinal Cento wrote to Luisa:

“The fundamental points of your life and spiritual doctrine have a very special attraction for me. Continue to pray that my human will may truly disappear in God’s Will.

What you wrote concerning the Kingdom of the Will of God makes me go into ecstasy. How I wish that God would make me live those truths! Furthermore, I want to express my lively desire that other volumes may since our Lord Himself wants it. The lighted lamp should not be hidden under a bushel. He who is the light of the world will know how to overcome all obstacles.”

Fr. Francis Vitale wrote about Fr. Hannibal:

“ He did not suffer people to complain about problems when his institutions were in trouble; he Saint God. Once, in the Avignone courtyard, we were sitting in the shadow of a plant tossed by the wind. When a thorny branch hurt his head, [Fr. Hannibal] quickly exclaimed:

“**What is this plant doing here? It is better to move it.**” Then, as if aware of having made a mistake that could have ill effects, he turned around saying:

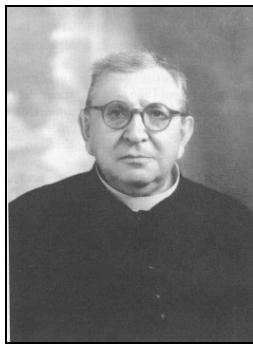
*“I have been a fool asking what this plant is doing here!
It is doing God’s will to make us practice patience. We have to bless it.”*

“**Woe to those who dared to say things like, “poor devil, deuce, curse, bad fate, and the like.”** He disliked hearing pejorative words even about the weather! He said: “**Speaking badly is negative; it is not good. The elements of nature are creations of God, and even though they seem severe, they still do God’s Will. Why complain then?**”

Fr. Vitale and Fr. Hannibal were reflecting on the virtues of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Someone mentioned that St.

Ignatius’ trust in God was so great that if he had seen the Society of Jesus completely destroyed, he would only have needed fifteen minutes to calm down. Upon hearing this, without reflecting on the effect that his comment might have, Fr. Hannibal exclaimed, “**So long?**”

1924



Fr. Benedetto Calvi, Luisa Piccarreta’s last confessor.

By order of the Archbishop of Trani, Luisa received a new confessor: Canon Don Benedetto Calvi, Pastor of St. Mary the Greek Church in Corato. For 21 years, Don Calvi was to care for Luisa’s soul in good times and bad. Luisa’s extraordinary confessor, Fr. Hannibal Di Francia, was also able to console her.

Book of Heaven; Volume 16; February 10, 1924

[Luisa:] I was thinking to myself about all that was written in these past days, and I said to myself that they were neither necessary nor serious things. I could have done without putting them on paper, but obedience wanted it so, and I had the duty to say ‘FIAT’ also in this... But as I was thinking about this, my beloved Jesus told me: "Yet, my daughter, everything was necessary in order to make known how to live in my Will. By not saying everything, some quality of how to live in It would be missing, and therefore the writings could not have the full effect of the living in my Will..."

Do you see how necessary it is to make them [others] understand that complete abandonment is needed in order to live in my Will? And you say it is not necessary to write about it? I feel compassion for you, because you do not see what I see, and that's why you take it lightly. Instead, in my All-seeingness, *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.*

The doctrine on my Will is the purest, the most beautiful, not subject to any shadow of the material or of interest, either in the supernatural or in the natural order. Therefore, just like the Sun, It will be the most penetrating, the most fecund, and the most welcomed and appreciated. And being Light, It will make Itself understood and will make Its own way. It will not be subject to doubt or suspicions of error; and if some words will not be understood, it will be because of too much light, which, eclipsing the human intellect, will not allow them to understand the whole fullness of the Truth. However, they will not find one word which is not true. At the most, they will not be able to comprehend it fully.

Therefore, in view of the good which I see, I push you to neglect nothing in writing. One saying, one effect, one simile on my Will can be like beneficial dew upon the souls, just as dew is beneficial on the plants after a day of burning sun, or like a pouring rain after long months of drought. You cannot understand all the good, the light, the strength contained in one word; but your Jesus knows it, and knows the ones whom it will serve and the good it will do."

Now, as He was saying this, *He showed me a table in the midst of the Church, and all the writings about the Divine Will placed on it. Many venerable people surrounded that table and were transformed into light and divinized; and as they walked, they communicated that light to whomever they encountered. Then Jesus added: "You will see this great good from Heaven, when the Church will receive this celestial food, which will strengthen her and make her rise again to her full triumph."*

*Excerpt from Letter 1 of Saint Di Francia to the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta:
Messina, May 20, 1924*

Dearest one in the Lord,

I am sending you the penultimate sheet. I am reading again Volume 17 in my morning meditation. I had already read Volume 13 before.

The revelations about the Divine Will are sublime! I gave the little handwritten treatise of the lady, your friend, to the ecclesiastical Reviser, and I encountered some difficulties with him over a few points: for example, the words of the consecration which Our Lord repeats over the souls, His Hosts - and other points. I will mortify them quite a bit, and I hope to print all the chapters of the Hours. Someone from a city asked me for 50 copies of the new edition.

I hope to come to Trani in the month of June, God willing. I have a case in Palermo which will be decided on June 2nd. I beg you to pray!...We may be losing 70 thousand Lira, unjustly, because of the Masonry! All the arguments are with us! Pray!

I kiss the hands of your Confessor.

When I come to Corato, if Jesus wants, I have to make several observations to you and to the Confessors regarding certain points of the 12th and 13th books. But the doctrine seems sublime and divine to me!

I have commissioned paper for 5 thousand copies of all the treatises on the Divine Will. I may have a beautiful volume printed in our Press of the boys' House—with our equipment. Prepare for me all the material to be printed. This morning I received a postcard from the renewed Libreria Editrice Pontificia of Rome, asking me for 100 copies of the Hours of the Passion, 4th Edition, with the Treatise on the Divine Will! How did they know? I don't know! It is the good God who is working. Here, we are hastening the work! Pray!

I bless you and your sister, and I say,

Yours in J.C. and in the Divine Will,
Canonico A.M. Di Francia

*Excerpt from Letter 2 of Saint Di Francia to the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta:
Messina, June 20, 1924*

I already sent you the two little bottles of that ink you asked me for—for the fountain pen. Write me, if you need notebooks.

Currently, in my morning meditation, in addition to the adorable Passion of Our Lord Jesus, beloved of our hearts, I meditate—that is, I read slowly and with reflection—two or three chapters of your writings on the Divine Will; and the impressions I draw are intimate and profound! I see a sublime and Divine Science, though I still do not understand it completely, given the scarcity of my intelligence.

These are writings that must now be made known to the world. I believe they will produce great good. For as sublime as this science of the Divine Will is, so do these writings of divine dictation present it, clearly and limpidly. In my opinion, no human intellect would have been able to form them.

The Hours of the Passion, 4th Edition, is already at the end of the printing, including the little treatise on the Divine Will. However, I am preparing several new chapters chosen from your writings, and I will add them to the Treatise with a little preface. In the meantime I have commissioned new paper for the printing of one entire first volume of the Divine Will, about the size of the Hours; but we will make the choice of the material when I come, God willing, together with your spiritual Father and with you.

I received a letter from Turin, from a cleric in love with the Divine Will, who is waiting for the new publications. He had written to me three years ago, and he had published in a Catholic periodical some chapters of the Little Treatise of the Divine Will, which is in the Hours.

However, I always insist on one point—that is, sanctity does not consist of a formula. *In order to form, with this new Science, Saints who may surpass those of the past, the new Saints must also have all of the virtues, and in heroic degree, of the ancient Saints—of the Confessors, of the Penitents, of the Martyrs, of the Hermits, of the Virgins, etc., etc.*

Book of Heaven; Volume 17; September 17, 1924

[Luisa:] ...my sweet Jesus gathered all the books written by me on His Divine Will; he united them together, then He pressed them to His Heart, and with unspeakable tenderness, added: "*I bless these writings from the Heart. I bless each word; I bless the effects and the value they contain. These writings are part of Myself.*"

Then He called the Angels, who prostrated themselves, their faces to the ground, to pray. And since two Fathers, who were to see the writings, were there present, *Jesus told the Angels to touch their foreheads to impress in them the Holy Spirit, so as to infuse in them light in order to make them understand the truths and the good contained in these writings. The Angels did that, and Jesus, blessing us all, disappeared.*

1925

Book of Heaven; Volume 17; April 26, 1925

[Luisa:] I was thinking to myself about certain things regarding the Will of God, which good Jesus had told me, and which have been published, and therefore go around in the hands of those who want to read them. I felt so ashamed within me, that this caused me an indescribable pain; and I said: 'My beloved Good, how could you allow this? Our secrets, which I wrote out of obedience, and only for love of You, are now before the eyes of others. And if they continue to publish more things, I will die of shame and of pain. And after all this, as recompense for my hard sacrifice, You have left me, so painfully! Ah, had You been with me, You would have had pity on my pain, and You would have given me the strength to bear so much shame and pain!'

But while I was saying this, my sweet Jesus came out from within my interior, and placing one hand on my forehead and the other on my mouth, as though wanting to stop the many afflicting thoughts that came to me, told me: "*Be quiet, be quiet, do not want to continue any further - these are not your things, but Mine. It is my Will that wants to follow Its*

course to make Itself known, and my Will is more than sun. It takes too much to hide the light of the sun; even more, it is completely impossible. And if they stop it from one side, it surpasses the obstacle which they placed in front of it, and escaping from the other sides, it follows its way with majesty, leaving those who wanted to prevent its course confused, because they have seen it escape from all sides without being able to catch it. A lamp can be hidden, but the sun – never. Such is my Will, more than Sun; and if you want to hide It, it will be impossible for you. Therefore be quiet, my daughter, and let the Eternal Sun of my Will follow Its course, both through the writings, and through publications, through your words and through your manners. Let It surpass every obstacle, escape all impediments and, as resplendent light, cover the whole world. I long for it - I want it....

Book of Heaven; Volume 17; June 29, 1925

[Jesus to Luisa:] "... your death will tear the veils which cover all the truths which I spoke to you; and they will rise again like many suns, such as to cast away all the doubts and difficulties with which they seemed to be covered during your life. Therefore, as long as you live in this low world, you will see little or nothing in others, of all the great good which my Will wants to do through you. But after your death, everything will have its full effect."

(Next Month – Part 3)

**Semper Fi-at!
Lt. Col Paul Simoneau**

Lt. Col. Paul Simoneau has faithfully served our country with nearly three decades of military service at various bases in the USA, Okinawa, Japan, Dakar, Senegal Africa and Stuttgart, Germany. Paul and his family have also faithfully served Luisa's cause by diffusion of the knowledge of the Servant of God and the Divine Will to over fifty countries in Asia, Africa and Europe. Paul has been the webmaster of www.divinewill.org (10 languages) and www.bookofheaven.org since 1996. Paul has distributed thousands of Luisa's prayer cards and copies of Fr. Bucci's biography of Luisa primarily to Seminarians, Bishops, Priests, Mother Superiors, Nuns, and laymen throughout the world. Paul is a good model to follow for any layperson who wants to make Luisa and the Divine Will known while at the same time recognizing, obeying and promoting the primary role and mission of the Priests to teach the life and virtues of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta and the Spirituality of the Divine Will. Let us all keep Paul and his family in our prayers along with his continued efforts to make known the knowledge of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta and the Divine Will. Also pray that Paul will secure a good job after his retirement from the Marines in June of this year. Paul's prayer is to continue to serve God and Country so please advise if anyone knows of any Catholic Organizations who is looking for a person with great leadership skills.



**Lieutenant Colonel Paul Simoneau with his wife Ann & children Jake, Garrett, John
Maggie, Katherine and Elizabeth in Dakar, Senegal, Africa**

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