

Introducing Our New Betania XIII Representatives

Our growing family of Betania XIII is very blessed to have Tom and Anne Buckley as our representatives now that Fino has passed onto his eternal reward. Heaven has given us a holy and humble couple as well as a role model for continuing the mission given to Fino back in March of 2010. Both Tom and Anne were in Betania, Venezuela for that special moment. Not only were they involved in Betania from the very beginning they were also good friends with Fino and Carole. I will let their own words speak to your hearts.



Fino & Carole Giordano with Tom & Anne Buckley, taken at Betania II Medway Massachusetts. May 2010

"Back in the 90's my friend Maureen (may she rest in peace) introduced me to the Our Mother Queen of Peace newsletter and we would copy the great articles to distribute to our prayer groups. In the year 1993, one evening Fino was bringing Maria Esperanza to a special Mass at St. Paul the Apostle in Brookville, NY. Maureen suggested we go and meet this visionary and mystic from Venezuela. It was a very busy week for me and I couldn't see how this could be possible. Maureen continued to pressure me about going, I had family obligations and there were other religious events that week as well. Maureen finally accepted my decision when another friend out of the blue called about this important event and visionary we just had to go see! I finally realized that God's will was for me to go and meet Maria Esperanza that evening and I will be forever grateful.

It was a beautiful Holy Mass. Maria spoke through an interpreter and many members of her family were there and sang as the Betania choir – very heavenly music. I was overwhelmed by this sacred spiritual evening and meeting this holy visionary, and to think I almost passed it up!!

What I remember most about Maria Esperanza is how peaceful and loving she was and how she spoke so lovingly to us with such compassion. Afterwards we went up to personally meet her and speak with her. Nearing her, there was a very strong scent of roses – very strong. Looking around I didn't see any flowers. At the time I was not aware of the gift Maria had of fragrant flower aromas coming forth from her persona.

In 2007 Maureen excitedly called to say, "you'll never believe who moved into our parish". It was Fino and Carole, now attending our parish, now our neighbors, now our dear friends. Maureen and I pondered this great gift and realized it was a gift from Our Blessed Mother, maybe a little thank you for a project we had just finished for her at Church after a year and nine months. We grew to love Fino and Carole as family and so many more spiritual gifts came forth as a result. Like our pilgrimage to Betania in 2010 and meeting the whole beautiful blessed Esperanza family. (Maria passed onto her eternal reward in 2004.)

It was on that pilgrimage that Fino was asked to start Betania XIII and we witnessed the birth also of Betania XIV and Betania XV in the Cayman Islands and Prince Edward Island. Today there are XXI worldwide Betania's.

Working closely with Fino thru Betania he taught us many things and we witnessed firsthand his love for Jesus, Mary and Joseph and his great desire to bring souls to Jesus thru Mary. We also witnessed how seriously, lovingly and intensely he prayed for every person and every intention that was ever shared with him. He treated them as a tremendous honor and a tremendous responsibility. He always said, "I have to go to Daily Mass!

Because I have all of these intentions I need to pray for!" If Fino prayed that hard for all of us while he was down here on earth, just IMAGINE how much and how powerfully he is praying for each and every one of us from Heaven! Thank you, Fino, for everything. Rest in peace in the arms of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

- Tom and Anne Buckley



**Hail Mary Full of Grace
The Lord is with Thee
Luke 1:28**

A Gift From Maria

“In March of 2010 we set out on pilgrimage to Betania, Venezuela with Fino and a group of prayerful pilgrims. Needless to say, it was a life changing experience. We had many powerful spiritual experiences spending the week with Maria’s husband Geo, their son, six daughters and their families.



Fino at Maria’s grave, Caracas, Venezuela.

On one occasion we took a bus to the cemetery to visit Maria Esperanza’s gravesite. The custom in Venezuela is only live, fresh flowers at the cemetery and so we stopped for a beautiful large bouquet of fresh red roses on the way. As we knelt around Maria’s grave to place the roses into the receptacle, the head of a fresh large red rose simply fell off. Some of us started to grumble about how this could happen but Fino quickly and knowingly reached for the rose and said “this is from Maria; she wants us all to have a rose petal” and as he divided the rose petals among us, we knelt in prayer, amazed and astonished by what we had just witnessed, with thankful hearts.”

-Tom and Anne Buckley

Pilgrimage to Betania, Venezuela

Taken from the archives of Our Mother Queen of Peace Times, March – April 2010 Issue

Twenty-five pilgrims came together from New York, California, Texas, Michigan, Louisiana, Canada, Massachusetts, and the Cayman Islands to live “a little piece of Heaven on Earth” in the church-



Our Lady of Reconciliation

approved apparition site of Betania, Venezuela. We gathered together to celebrate the anniversary of the first apparitions of Our Blessed Mother on this holy land on March 25, 1976 when hundreds of people witnessed the miracle of her appearance.

Mrs. Maria Esperanza Medrano de Bianchini (*Maria is now deceased and her cause for beatification and canonization is in process*) received messages from Our Blessed Mother about the existence of a holy land as a new ark of salvation, located at the north-center part of Venezuela, which would become a place of prayer and of constant pilgrimages from all nations. This would fulfill what Our Lady wants, a place where all nations would come together for one ideal: the construction of a free and just society for the welfare of all communities achieving the great event, the reconciliation of all nations beginning with the family. Our Lady appeared as Our Lady of Reconciliation of All Nations.



Maria Esperanza

Maria received hundreds of messages over the years from Our Lord Jesus, Our Holy Mother and angels and saints. These are just two of the messages:

July 16, 1989 – 6:30pm – Our Holy Mother

*Little daughter, my little children, here among you at dusk, when the birds lift their flight to take refuge in their nests in the foliage of these trees which have seen me descend over the serene region. Yes, little children, appearing to each one of you so you may feel my voice in your hearts with divine rhythms of new life (...), thus being able to comfort your brothers, alleviating their burdens and offering them the fruits of **the tree of grace and the blessed water** of my cascade. (Note: water began to flow here as in Lourdes. Our Holy Mother appeared dressed as Our Lady of Lourdes.)*

*Yes, sons and daughters, behold my announcement to the world: there is a place on earth where all my children may take refuge in this blessed mountain, seeking the **treasures of God**, preparing themselves to understand clearly that only in seclusion of prayer, living simplicity and humility, they shall defend themselves from violence of men on earth, and have the strength to proclaim the Word of the Lord with serenity; the peace of the just, wisdom and the reason of God! Behold, living in community you shall learn much, forgive very much and even more, love your brothers.*

*Little children, I am the **Mother of Mount Carmel** who, with my scapulars, comes to save each one of you, so you may live in accordance with the Divine Will, filled with peace and calmness, where there is no place for shadows, nor tempests, nor passions, nor errors! Little*

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children, here I offer you *the arc of liberty of a powerful day.*

And now, my little ones, may the generous and prodigious rain from heaven pour forth singing. I keep you!

Mary, Reconciler of People

August 15, 1989 – 5:00pm

My little daughter, my Heart, I gave you, my Heart, I give you, and my Heart, I will give you forever! Little children, I speak to all of you who have seen me seconds ago, ascending into heaven with my arms opened in a rain of roses. And you have had the proof in those petals, red fire, which signify and represent the Heart of my divine Jesus. He, as Christ Redeemer and Savior, renewing and purifying all men of earth! Little children, all this seems like a dream to you, but it is lively and unique truth in these times of great calamity for men.

Little children, I want to communicate to you days of universal revolution are closing distance, but with global spiritual orientation, you shall overcome those difficult times with constructive force of love toward collective redemption. Yes, my little ones, there is a new hope, and it is that all shall hold hands with a spirit of endurance, forgiving, and loving one another as brothers.

On this day when my assumption into heaven is recalled, I want to leave you my roses of love, so keeping them in your hearts, you shall have me present with my Beloved Son!

I keep you here in my Heart! Mary, Reconciler of People

While on this pilgrimage, Betania XIII was designated to me, Fino Giordano. I was asked, “Will you take on this task?” A little in shock, I said, “Yes!” But like Our Holy Mother at the Annunciation, I said, “How can



Pilgrims from New York Left to right, Gina DeLucia, Maria Coromoto (daughter of Maria Esperanza), Agnes DiGruccio, Tom Buckley, Anne Buckley, Fino Giordano, Geo Bianchini (husband of Maria Esperanza), Terry Buckley

this happen? I have no funds, no land, builders, proper lawyers, and I am a little old!” The answer was, “Don’t worry, Maria will help you all the way and you are not too old.

I now open this task to you, the children of Our Holy Mother, for your help and assistance to establish on Long Island, “Betania XIII, a little piece of Heaven on Earth.” It will be a place of Reconciliation, Refuge, Peace, and Prayer for everyone, especially families and all nations. Betania means Bethany where Jesus went to be at peace at the home of His friends, Lazarus, Mary, and Martha. Maria emphasized the Mass, confession and “Pray the Rosary every day.”

FINO’S CORNER



Dolores and Tony Santangelo with Carole and Fino Giordano

I first met Fino in 1988 on my first pilgrimage to Medjugorje. It was an amazing experience, just to be in the presence of Our Lady was unbelievable. These apparitions are alleged for they are still under investigation by the Catholic Church. This experience changed my life. Our Lord healed me through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother. While we were journeying home, I misplaced my passport. I was frantic! Fino said he would stay with me. He said he would not leave me in a foreign country alone. What a nice man I was thinking but thank God I found my passport. When I returned home, I became a member of Our Mother Queen of Peace Prayer Group – A Coalition of All Marian Devotions that was founded in 1986. I became the Mass Coordinator – trying to find the priests to say the Masses for the prayer group. This led to years of working with Fino. He brought many visionaries to Long Island. He finally brought Maria Esperanza here in 1993. Fino became very involved with the Esperanza family. While Fino was on a pilgrimage in Venezuela in 2010, Maria Esperanza’s daughter, Coromoto, was inspired by her mother to appoint Fino to be the representative of Betania XIII in Long Island, New York.

In the last few years, before covid hit, my husband and I visited Fino and Carole in Naples, Florida. Fino took us to St. Lawrence Church where we went to Mass and to Adoration before going out to dinner. Fino took us sightseeing. He showed us many different homes. He took us to the beach where a cluster of turtles lived. We enjoyed the time we spent together! In September of 2019, we went to Gina’s son’s wedding with Fino and Carole. The funniest time was when we were in the photo booth trying on hats and glasses. I will cherish these memories always. Fino, we miss you dearly. You will always be in our hearts. Fly with the Angels. Until we meet again...Dolores and Tony Santangelo



ALLEGED MESSAGES OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – MEDJUGORJE

September 25, 2022



“Dear children! Pray that the Holy Spirit may enlighten you that you be joyful seekers of God and witnesses of love without bounds. I am with you, little children, and, anew, I am calling all of you: take courage and bear witness to the good works that God is doing in and through you. Be joyful in God. Do good to your neighbor so that it will be good for you on earth and pray for peace, which is threatened because Satan wants war and peacelessness. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

October 25, 2022

“Dear children! The Most High permits me to be with you, and to be joy for you and the way in hope, because mankind has decided to die. That is why He sent me to keep teaching you that without God you do not have a future. Little children, be instruments of love for all those who have not come to know the God of love. Witness joyfully your faith and do not lose hope in a change of the human heart. I am with you and am blessing you with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

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