

## 4-YEAR-OLD RECEIVES HOLY COMMUNION LITTLE NELLIE OF HOLY GOD

*Following is a sermon by Father Lane:*



*Little Nellie*

You may remember a few weeks ago (2003) that the unused Good Shepherd Convent in Sunday's Well, Cork was destroyed by fire. That convent and the adjoining cemetery in the convent grounds are known by many throughout the world because of a four-year-old girl called Little Nellie of Holy God. Her real name is Nellie Organ and she was born in the family quarters of the Royal Garrison Barracks in Waterford in August 1903 since her father was working in the British army. It was just three weeks after

Pius X was elected Pope. There were four children in the family. Nellie's father, William, with his family, were transferred to the barracks on Spike Island in Cork Harbor and Nellie's mother died

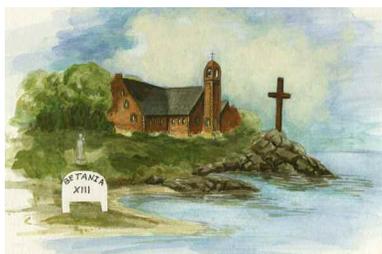
there. William decided that he could not care for the children and the two girls were given to the care of the Good Shepherd Sisters at St. Finbarr's Industrial School in Sunday's Well, Cork and the two boys were sent to another location. Nellie spent only one year in Sunday's Well before she died due to illness. She had whooping cough when she arrived and it was also discovered that she had a spinal injury which was later found to have been caused when the family's child-minder dropped her as a baby. She also had tuberculosis and caries, a rotting disease of the gums and jaws.

Nellie is famous for her outstanding love of Jesus in the Eucharist. A Jesuit, Father Bury, was giving a retreat in the convent and visited Nellie's bedside each day. He realized that Nellie, although only four years of age, had reached the age of reason. Father Bury asked her, "What is Holy Communion?" She answered, "It is Holy God." Father Bury asked her what would happen when she

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## BETANIA XIII – A SHRINE OF PEACE

The picture you see here is a water color by artist Judy Nelson. It is her imaginative vision of the future sanctuary, Betania XIII, for Long Island, New York. Betania I is in Caracas, Venezuela where Our Holy Mother appeared to Maria Esperanza, Servant of God, as Our Lady Reconciler of All People and Nations.



The site of these apparitions was approved by the church, the Congregation of the Doctrine for Faith, on November 21, 1987. The Canonical Opening of the Beatification and Canonization of Maria Esperanza Medrano De Bianchini began on January 31,

2010, in Metuchen, New Jersey. Bishop Paul Gregory Bootkoski, DD was the Principal Celebrant.

Maria Esperanza loved the beaches on Long Island and taking her family shopping at Roosevelt Field. In fall of 1993 I received a phone call from one of Maria's sons-in-law. He asked if I could arrange a place for Maria Esperanza and the Betania Choir to give a talk and concert within four days. I knew the pastor of St. Paul the Apostle in Brookville, and he gave us permission to use the church. In our previous newsletter we featured a mother's witness of that day as our feature article. If you didn't read this issue, you can go on our website, [www.OurMotherQueenofPeace.com](http://www.OurMotherQueenofPeace.com), and click on the October-November 2010 issue.

Last year Maria's husband Geo, her daughter Maria Coromoto and Carlos, her husband, were guests at our conference, "A Day with Mary." The following March a group of us from Our Mother Queen of Peace made a pilgrimage to Betania I in Venezuela. It was during this visit that the Esperanza family asked me "if I

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### MESSAGES OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MEDJUGORJE



**Message of November 25, 2010** "Dear children! I look at you and I see in your heart death without hope, restlessness and hunger. There is no prayer or trust in God, that is why the Most High permits me to bring you hope and joy. Open yourselves. Open your hearts to God's mercy and He will give you everything you need and will fill your hearts with peace, because He is peace and your hope. Thank you for having responded to my call."

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would be allowed to receive Holy Communion. She answered, "Jesus will rest on my tongue and then he will go down into my heart." One could scarcely find a more beautiful description for receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. One night when the Mother Superior was wishing Nellie good night, Nellie asked her if she would bring Holy God up to her in the morning. Mother Francis said she would come to see her after Mass which Nellie misunderstood as meaning that she would bring her Holy Communion. When Mother Francis came without Holy Communion, Nellie was devastated. Then Nellie asked people to come to her bedside for a moment after receiving Jesus in Holy Communion and then they could return to the chapel to finish their thanksgiving. That was the closest she could get to receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. During the retreat Father Bury realized that Nellie, although only four years and three months of age, met all the criteria necessary to receive Holy Communion. At that time children had to wait until the age of twelve to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. Father Bury heard her confession and contacted the bishop of Cork for permission to give her Holy Communion. The bishop agreed. She was dressed in white and taken down to the convent chapel for her first Holy Communion. This is what Mother Francis said of Nellie receiving Holy Communion:

"At the moment of her First Communion, which she received in a transport of love, Nellie's features shone as if the presence of the great light in her heart reflected itself in her face. Yes, those who saw Nellie then were well convinced that the child's appearance was not at all ordinary. This phenomenon was seen more particularly at her other Communion because, after the first, she was taken almost immediately out of the chapel and there were only a chosen few who had the happiness to witness the transformation which took place. Then Nellie had not only a countenance more recollected, an attitude more pious than she customarily had, but an extraordinary radiance."

It is said that Nellie's thanksgiving for receiving Holy Communion would continue until late in the afternoon. From the day of her First Holy Communion, the odor from Nellie's mouth caused by the rotting of her gums and jaws ceased. Less than two months after receiving her First Holy Communion, Nellie died on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1908,

ages 4 years, 5 months and 8 days, and was buried in Saint Joseph's Cemetery in Cork. Eighteen months after her death, permission was granted to have Nellie's remains transferred to the Good Shepherd Convent Cemetery. Upon opening her grave, her body



*Her Incorrupt Little Body*

was found to be incorrupt. Her body was fresh with no sign of the wasting disease she had at her death. I have visited her grave in the Good Shepherd Convent.

I was reminded of Little Nellie by the words of Jesus in our Gospel today:

"For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, So whoever eats me will draw life from me."

In Little Nellie's transformation after receiving Holy Communion and her extended thanksgiving until the late afternoon, we see Jesus living in her and she living in him. She is a beautiful example of Jesus transforming us when we receive him in Holy Communion. Not only was Little Nellie transformed after receiving Jesus in Holy Communion, but in a sense the entire Church has been transformed after her. It is reported that Pope Pius X was considering lowering the age for children to receive Holy Communion from twelve years to seven years and when he heard of Little Nellie, he said she was the sign he was awaiting. On 15<sup>th</sup> August 1910, Pope Pius X published his encyclical *Quam Singulari*, encouraging early and frequent Holy Communion by children.

I researched further and was delighted to read that Little Nellie insisted on being formally dressed in an all white dress before receiving Our Lord. Once the nuns brought her a new dress with a floral pattern. Little Nellie said, "There's no way I can receive Holy God in that dress."

**Note: Interesting to note here that Little Nellie knew somehow you have to be dressed properly inside and out before you receive Our Holy God. Have you noticed how people dress on the outside before going to communion, especially women**

**during the summer months? How would you dress if you were invited to the White House for dinner? And are our hearts washed clean in confession before Our Lord enters our bodies? Innocent Nellie was given the grace of purity and pure childlike love that we adults must attain to reach Heaven. Fino G, Coordinator OMQofP**

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## BETANIA XIII- A SHRINE OF PEACE

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would assist in establishing Betania XIII on Long Island." My answer was, "I think I am too old," and my dear friend, Sister Catherine Sims, CSJ from Betania II in Medway, Massachusetts, said in a loud voice, "No, you're not too old, Fino, just do it. Maria makes it happen." How do you refuse Maria, Servant of God, a possible future saint?

Since that time Geo, Coromoto and Carlos came to visit at my home in Centerport, New York, with the Vice Postulator for the cause of Maria Esperanza, Father Timothy Byerley. We looked at possible locations on Long Island where Betania XIII could be situated. The real search is for the benefactor or benefactors who see how this new shrine/sanctuary will fit into their hearts to celebrate Our Lady of Betania on Long Island. This is such a wonderful opportunity, not only for Long Island but for all New York, to know a possible future saint who has a personal interest in the families of Long Island. Maria predicted that Our Mother Queen of Peace would be the key to bringing holiness to Long Island, a prophesy she repeated several times to me.

Please read the life of Maria Esperanza, "Apparitions in Betania," by Sister Margaret Catherine Sims, CSJ or "The Bridge to Heaven" by Michael Brown. Maria and Saint Padre Pio were the best of friends and both possessed very similar mystical attributes. Your local Catholic book store can get them for you, or you can purchase them on the internet. Until Maria is canonized, I am limited to what I can say about her mysticism, although, I can recommend that you read these books about her!

Betania means Bethany which was the place where Jesus visited as a **refuge of peace** at the home of Lazarus, Mary and Martha. All the Betania's are "a little piece of Heaven on earth." The charismas of Betania are to foster holiness of the family and especially of youth. Our Holy Mother in Betania appeared

as Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Our Lady of Sorrows, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady Help of All Christians which amazed me, because we are known as Our Mother Queen of Peace, ***A Coalition of All Marian Apparitions.*** Is this all coincidence? I believe we are the only group with this title in the world.

We appreciate and pray for all our present benefactors. In a special way, we are all children of Mary. I believe that eventually Maria Esperanza, through the grace of Our Holy Mother, will send us the funds necessary to establish Betania XIII here on Long Island so that all peoples will come together in prayer and peace.

#### **List of Betania's:**

- I Venezuela
- II Medway, MA
- III Long Beach Island, N.J.
- IV Los Angeles, CA
- V Seattle, WA
- VI Buenos Aires, Argentina
- VII Lima, Peru
- VIII Rome, Italy
- IX Madrid, Spain
- X Williamstown, N.J.
- XI Haddon Heights, N.J.
- XII Germany

#### **XIII Long Island, N.Y.**

- XIV Cayman, Islands
- XV Canada

Peace, Fino Giordano

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## MARIA ESPERANZA – WITNESS OF HEALING

*Testimony, November 2, 2009  
All Souls Day.*

Yesterday 11/1/09, All Saints Day, I attended a Marian conference presented by Our Mother Queen of Peace Prayer Group founded and coordinated by Fino Giordano. The day of prayer was also to share the life and mission of Maria Esperanza. I was very touched by her story and especially by her family and the priests who taught about her. I was there primarily to honor Mother Mary, pray, and to spread the word and work for the opening of the cause for Sister Marie de Mandat-Grancey. I recall feeling very close to Maria Esperanza because we are both mothers who love our children very much. I gave Maria my special worries and cares for my children that I carry so heavily in my heart during the Rosary time. Next was the Mass.

The main celebrant of the healing Mass was Father Giordano Belanich. After Holy

Communion I moved to the rear of the auditorium and was kneeling (in front of a seat with an armrest that was numbered 111. I took notice of this a few times. This might mean something later in the story). Feeling exhausted, I intended to leave after the final Mass blessing, not knowing there was Adoration planned which began right away. At this time Father Belanich emphasized that we must bring all our cares, worries, needs for healing, our family members...everything and everyone...to Jesus. I did as he suggested and placed my entire being at the Lord's feet for Him to heal in any way I needed and began to pray for my husband and six children, especially two who have major needs, and for many other intentions I hold in my heart. I asked Maria Esperanza to pray for me too.

Father stressed we were not to look at the priests as they processed through the auditorium but to never take our eyes off Jesus. He was preparing to begin. At the moment he raised the Monstrance holding our Precious Jesus, I felt a sensation in the left part of my heart. It did not hurt. It was a small movement or adjustment of some sort. I noticed it but was so moved by the Presence of Jesus that I was flooded with love and peace and consolations and quickly forgot about it. I began my deep prayer for so many intentions, but mostly my prayer was praise and thanksgiving and complete love and adoration for my Savior and Redeemer. I could not stop the tears of love that flowed continuously.

The procession continued through the auditorium up one aisle and back to the center of the room, then up another aisle. The procession was coming to the rear of the auditorium where I was alone and kneeling. My heart and soul were anticipating something that I could not explain. Somehow I knew that Jesus was recognizing me in a special way. I dared to hope He would come to me. Then it happened. As I turned to face my Lord, He was being carried to exactly where I knelt. Father Belanich stopped right in front of me. I was overwhelmed with emotion, and with hands spread in prayer I was completely absorbed into the love of Jesus. Father Belanich stood holding Jesus right there for me for what seemed a long while. There was no one else kneeling in that area.

At this point all I could do was cover my face with my hands and weep. And that is when I felt it again. Something moved or was adjusted in the left part of my heart. Again, this meant little to me at the time except that I noted it in my head. My entire being was absorbed in Jesus.

I must note here, too, that I noticed Father Belanich pausing by different people

during the procession. He must have been led by the Holy Spirit to do so. Jesus was deciding who to stop in front of and why. Thank you, Jesus.

I came home and retold the events of the day to my husband — Holy Mass, Adoration and I also mentioned this strange feeling in the left part of my heart during Adoration. We both thought it was strange. I am fifty years old and in what I thought was decent health.

The next morning, 11/2, I was still so full of Jesus' love as I got my children ready for school. Just after that I jumped on the internet to tend to any email before getting ready for Mass. There was an email from my sister Marilyn, a nurse. She often sends our family emails about good health and prevention issues. This particular email was about understanding the signs of a heart attack. It was especially addressing what could happen in the middle of the night because at those times most people do not recognize or remember or acknowledge their own symptoms.

It was then I recalled that a few days after my return from a trip to Ephesus and Paris (approximately October 15 or 16), I experienced a frightening episode in the middle of the night. I woke at about 1:30 am and felt extremely unwell. I called for my husband who awakened to help me. I awoke the next day feeling fine and so attributed it to the flu. Recalling it this morning, I knew I had experienced every symptom my sister had written about in that email re signs of a heart attack.

Knowing what I experienced last night at the healing Mass and Adoration, it is my belief that Jesus healed something in my heart. I have my annual physical on November 24 at which time I will address all these health concerns and will add my doctor's opinion to this testimony if there is one. But I know that God allowed me to read the instructive email from my sister this morning after experiencing the touch of Jesus last night...all in the light of the memory of that scary and pain-filled night two weeks ago. I was not looking for this healing and didn't even know I needed it, but Jesus did. This is another example of His love anticipating our every need. It edifies our faith and increases our trust in the personal loving care He showers on each of us moment by moment. Only when we get to heaven will we know how many times Jesus "saved" us.

Oh...and yesterday's date was 11/1...the same numbers as the seat I knelt behind while Jesus healed me...seat number 111. I thought of this only this morning as I wrote this testimony and typed yesterday's date. Three in One. *Continued on Page 4*

## ALL ARE WELCOME!



Betania XIII meetings are presently being held on the 3rd Friday of the month at St. Mary's Church 110 Bryant Avenue Roslyn, NY - 7:45pm

Mass or Benediction when possible and Rosary Update Session on Betania XIII and Refreshments Contact: Deacon Ed Case - 516.621.1172



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Very Trinitarian. Coincidence? Maybe.

I write this testimony in complete love for Jesus Christ Our Lord and His Holy Mother, my mother by grace, and in humble and total thanksgiving to Him who saves. I also write this for priests, especially Father Belanich, that he and they might know the healing power of Christ that they bring to God's children in the sacraments and the holy exercise of their priesthood. Praised be the name of Jesus Christ now and forever. All glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Addendum 11/24

Upon reflection I don't know how one could prove or disprove what I experienced. It's not as if I had any medical *evidence* of an existing problem before the 11/24 normal EKG. It had been a year since my last physical. I suppose anything could have happened in that time. I also know the medical history of my family. It is because of this medical history, prone to heart conditions and circulatory problems, that my doctor watches me, closely monitoring my cholesterol, blood pressure, circulation, etc.

In summary this is a personal statement that I know Jesus healed me of something in my heart and this healing took place at a Mass in honor of Maria Esperanza. Totus Tuus, Maria.

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