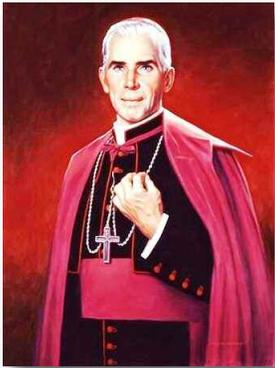


## The LAITY Must Save the Integrity of Our Church



*Bishop Sheen*

Bishop Fulton Sheen said, "Who is going to save our Church? Not our bishops and religious. It is to you, the people (LAITY). You have the minds, the eyes, the ears

to save the Church. Your mission is to see that your priests act as priests, your bishops like bishops, and your religious act like religious." (**Address to the Knights of Columbus – June 1972**) Our Holy Mother says over and over again, "Pray for my special sons."

*Fino Giordano*

## LAITY IN THE EARLY CHURCH AND TODAY

In past centuries the laity was considered by the church hierarchy to be uninformed, misled, uneducated, misguided and even at times superstitious and fanatical, especially women. For the past twenty-six years my relationship with the laity has been one of fond edification and religious support. The description of the laity of the past is not true today; most are college educated, well informed, devout Catholics in constant search of truth.

Unfortunately, some of the laity have become pompous and elitist with their new-found pseudo-intellectualism; in their pride they are pontificating to the Church in a schismatic fashion. They go beyond the cafeteria Catholic. Listed are a few of the FALSE Catholic organizations for you to identify and watch with caution.

Eighth Day Center for Justice, A Call to Action, American Old Catholic Church, Association for the Rights in the Church, Association of Pittsburgh Priests, Catholics for a Free Choice (CPCSM), Catholic Pastoral Committee on Sexual Minorities (CPCSM), Catholics Speak Out, Catholic Theology Society of America, Celibacy Is the Issue, Center for Action and Contemplation (CAC), Challenge the Church, Coalition of Concerned Canadian Catholics, Conference for Catholic Lesbians, Core for Retired Priests United for Service (CORPUS), Dignity USA, Federation of Christian Ministries, Fellowship of Southern Illinois Laity, Franciscan Companions of the Immaculate, Leadership Conference of Women Religious, Los Angeles Religious Congress, National Conference of Independent Catholic Bishops (**this sounds official but it's malignant**), Society of St. Pius X, True Catholic, United America Catholic

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## MESSAGES OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MEDJUGORJE



**Message of May 25, 2010** "Dear children! God gave you the grace to live and to defend all the good that is in you and around you, and to inspire others to be better and holier; but Satan, too, does not sleep and through modernism diverts you and leads you to his way. Therefore, little children, in the love for my Immaculate Heart, love God above everything and live His commandments. In this way, your life will have meaning and peace will rule on earth. Thank you for having responded to my call."

**Message of June 25, 2010** "Dear children! With joy, I call you all to live my messages with joy; only in this way, little children, will you be able to be closer to my Son. I desire to lead you all only to Him, and in Him you will find true peace and the joy of your heart. I bless you all and love you with immeasurable love. Thank you for having responded to my call."

**Message of July 25, 2010** "Dear children! Anew I call you to follow me with joy. I desire to lead all of you to my Son, your Savior. You are not aware that without Him you do not have joy and peace, nor a future or eternal life. Therefore, little children, make good use of this time of joyful prayer and surrender. Thank you for having responded to my call."

**Message of August 25, 2010** "Dear children! With great joy, also today, I desire to call you anew to pray, pray, pray. May this time be a time of personal prayer for you. During the day, find a place where you will pray joyfully in a recollected way. I love you and bless you all. Thank you for having responded to my call."

# The Laity Evangelizing

The Second Vatican Council used a term which was repeated in the document *Evangelii Nuntiandi* (1975), “**the domestic church.**” It is defined as a family dedicated to the Gospel where even the **children, by example, evangelize.** During these same years Maria Esperanza began to receive messages concerning the holiness of the family unit, especially the youth, and reconciliation of all nations. If you ever meet the Esperanza family, you will witness first hand an example of “**the domestic church.**” I have also witnessed families which were very close to the Esperanza family. They became part of **the domestic church** also. From the time the children of these families can talk, they are obedient to their parents, observe all holy days and regularly pray the rosary together.

**IF YOU BECOME PART OF BETANIA XIII AND OUR MOTHER QUEEN OF PEACE, IT'S MOST LIKELY YOU WILL EVENTUALLY MEET THE ESPERANZA FAMILY.**

There are over 400 **lay people** registered as Saints, Blessed, Venerable and Servants of God. The first evangelizer was a lay woman, Saint Mary Magdalen, “I have seen the Lord” (Jn 20:18). There are other woman evangelizers such as Tabitha (Acts 9:36)...“who was marked by constant good deeds and acts of charity”; the married Priscilla and Aquila, converts from Judaism (Rom 16:4), who helped evangelize the Gentiles. Check Letter to the Romans (16:3), First letter to the Corinthians (16:19), 18<sup>th</sup> chap. of Acts (vss 2, 18 & 26); and the end of Second letter to Timothy (4:19). **They helped St. Paul and his companions found the church in Ephesus.**

It was the Little Flower who first visited Maria Esperanza when she was a young girl. St. Therese visited Maria again when she was a nun in a convent, on October 3, 1954, and she threw a rose to Maria. Her hand reached out and it wasn't a rose that landed on her hand. Something pinched her right palm and blood began to seep from that hand. This was the beginning of Maria's stigmata.

St. Therese said to her, “*This is not your vocation, yours is to be a wife and mother.*” Her life was to be dedicated to Our Lord



*St Theresa*

and to evangelize His Mother as Reconciler of All Nations. Jesus and His Mother explained to Maria that the Bridge to Heaven is constructed with suffering, trials, tribulation and humility. Our Holy Mother said to Maria, “*My daughter, when you begin your pilgrimage you will have many sufferings. They are the pain of this Mother. Help me. Help me save this lost world.*” Jesus addressed Maria as, “*My white rose of love.*” (The book “The Bridge to Heaven” by Michael Brown – Interviews with Maria Esperanza is still available.)

Maria left the convent and went to Rome to live at the Ravasco Institute, run by the Daughters of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, at the Vatican where she prayed to discern her future. She returned to her home in Caracas, Venezuela in August 22, 1954. It was here that she was instructed about the future of Betania and the miraculous symbolic “blue butterfly”. Today twelve Betanias exist around the world; in March, 2010 Betania XIII was designated to be established on Long Island by Fino Giordano and Our Mother Queen of Peace, Marian Coalition. This request was relayed by Maria Coromoto, the daughter of Maria Esperanza, who allegedly receives locations from her mother in heaven.



*Maria Esperanza*

America is so privileged that the Servant of God, Maria Esperanza has a personal interest in America and especially Long Island, New York. Please pray that her sainthood progresses swiftly so the whole world will benefit by her intercession.

## Prayer to Saint Philomena



O Saint Philomena, Virgin and Martyr, whom God glorifies by so many miracles, whom the Vicar of Jesus Christ has

names Protectress of the Living Rosary and the Children of Mary, manifest more and more plainly from the heights of Heaven that a voice holy as thine cannot be denied and that we have the right to rely upon thine aid. Obtain for us the grace to be faithful to Jesus Christ,

even to death.

*Amen.*

### Laity in the Early Church and Today *Continued from page 1*

Church, **Voice of the Faithful (VOTF)** (this group has become very influential and dangerous), White Robed Monks of St. Benedict, Women's Ordination Conference, Catholic Organization for Renewal (COR). Many of these organizations have professed religious, ex-priests and/or nuns on their board of directors which gives a false credibility.

May I add here, this past spring Our Mother Queen of Peace, Betania XIII, had a meeting with a representative of the Rockville Centre Diocese. We discussed and agreed that some rumors and misunderstandings about our organization are totally untrue. We have had bishop approval (Bishop Alfred Markiewicz) since 1986. We are dedicated to our Pope and the Magisterium. We presently cooperate with the Vice Postulator to the Vatican, Father Timothy Byerley, for the Beatification and Canonization of Maria Esperanza.

*Fino Giordano*

# First Betania XIII Meeting



*First Bethania Meeting*

The first Betania XIII meeting was held at Gina DeLucia's home in Glenwood Landing, Long Island. Twenty-two people attended. Father Vincent Chirichella and Deacon Ed Case blessed the occasion. The mother of a family from Caracas, Venezuela, came with her daughter and son. Both children attend St. John's University. The others present came from various areas of Nassau, Queens, Brooklyn, and Suffolk Counties, New York.

After introductions, the attention turned to the Venezuela family. They are very close friends of Maria Esperanza's family. Maria's family spoke of Betania XIII to them and gave them my phone number. The mother is a member of the Betania Choir, and was Maria's interpreter when she toured America in the early years. She also interpreted for Maria when she came to St. Paul the Apostle Church, Brookville in 1993. Our Mother Queen of Peace was the host and I introduced Maria Esperanza. We were so joyful as we reminisced about that day with Maria, and the whole following day which I spent with Maria and her family in New York City.

During the meeting, I began to explain the phenomena of the roses that grew from the chest of Maria Esperanza sixteen times. All these events are very well documented. I related how a physician from Peru and Venezuela said this was impossible. The day came when this doctor and others witnessed a rose growing from Maria's chest. Maria was in severe pain during this time. **The doubting physician is now a believer. In fact, Maria asked him to be the coordinator of Betania VII in Lima, Peru. He is also the father of the woman from Venezuela who was present at our meeting.** We all shared "divine coincidences" that had happened to us.

As the appearance of a rose is indicative of the presence/intercession of St. Therese, the phenomenon of a blue butterfly appearing represents Our Holy Mother and the yellow butterfly represents Maria Esperanza's presence or



approval when people are asking for **her intervention** and prayers. I personally have witnessed the appearance of a yellow butterfly. It happened at my home when Maria's husband, her daughter, Maria Coromoto and her husband, Carlos, were visiting us in November, 2009, in Centerport, New York. Their appearance is an affirmation of a particular occasion!

If you are a priest reading this, and I know this issue will be read by many, we would like you to join us because Maria Esperanza wants to protect and strengthen your vocation as you assist the laity with Betania XIII.



No one wanted our meeting to end and it was approaching 11 pm. Tears were shed as we shared many more spiritual experiences. Our first meeting was truly a meeting conducted from heaven. We introduced this short prayer after each decade as we prayed the rosary that night; **Maria Esperanza, Servant of God, pray for us.** This will be our standard as we pray the rosary at each meeting and in private. Maria said the rosary is the key to peace and reconciliation in the world.



*Our Lady of Betania*

We will keep you posted as Betania XIII progresses on Long Island, New York.

## BETANIA III UPDATE

Betania III in Manahawkin, New Jersey meets once a month in St. Mary of the Pines. The church windows are all dedicated to Marian apparitions; one is dedicated to Maria Esperanza and Our Lady of Betania. On one wall is the picture of Our Lady of Reconciliation.

## Bishop Pio Bello Ricardo and Maria Esperanza, Los Teques, Venezuela – Betania I

‘On concluding this Pastoral Instruction, I thank the Lord for He has given to our Diocese and to our country the privilege of the visit of the Blessed Virgin; for in this period of our ecclesiastical history marked with a new evangelization, she encourages us to a renewal and deepening in faith, and to a projection of that faith in a complete conversion in prayer and in apostolic commitment; because in this divided world she has come as **RECONCILER OF PEOPLE.**’



“Through the visit of Our Mother, may the Lord grant us that outpouring of the Holy Spirit He granted Elizabeth when she visited her. And if on that occasion she proclaimed, “From now on all generations shall call me blessed, because the Almighty has done wonders in me” (Luke 1, 48-49); may her intercession do wonders in the faithful piously drawn near to the place she has chosen to manifest herself.”

Los Teques, November 21, 1987

# NOTES & DATES & TRAVEL

First Saturday is Parish Day:

Lindenhurst, Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7:40 am

Hicksville, Our Lady of Mercy 7:40 am

Center Moriches, St. John the Evangelist 7:40 am

Glen Cove, St. Patrick, 8:40 am

Glen Cove, St. Rocco, 7:15 am

Manhasset, St. Mary's 8:00 am

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