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Words of the Vice-President of the Betania Foundation

Brothers and sisters,
Greetings and our gratitude for your messages of support and prayers due to the difficult situation our troubled country is facing. The lack of power, water, basic services, supplies and medicines; the insecurity, deaths and looting that have been happening recently, make us recall the words of our Servant of God Maria Esperanza that we would live "days of darkness, shadows, light, strength of the spirit, awareness", but that Venezuela would succeed. That we had to prepare ourselves with much prayer and purchase of "enough food and elements: lamps, gas stoves, candles, pure-clean water, electric generator, water pumps, mats, hammocks, tents, sugar, coffee, salt, flour, cheese, grains, rice, oil, butter, canned meat, tuna, sardines, milk powder." Finally, she assured that this land would be "refuge for many who will evacuate from all places on Earth". So, brothers, let us continue united in prayer in one heart with Jesus and Mary, since "there are no winners or defeaters, the only thing that exists is to lend a hand so what triumphs may be justice" and reconciliation.

May God bless you,
Maria Coromoto Bianchini Marrero

The Betania Foundation Youth Group Present at the **WYD Panama 2019**

The Betania Foundation Youth spread the message of Our Lady Reconciler

During the week of January 22nd to 27th, the World Youth Day (WYD) in Panama was held with Pope Francis. It was attended by a group of 28 youth and adult representatives of the Betania Foundation, responsible for the diffusion of the message of Our Lady Reconciler of All Peoples and of the Servant of God Maria Esperanza Bianchini.
During the WYD, the Betania Foundation had the opportunity to evangelize by means of singing and speaking to the hundreds of people who visited their stand at the "Follow Me" Vocational Fair held in the Omar Recreational Park.
The travelers also attended the WYD Opening Ceremony with the Archbishop of Panama, the Welcoming Ceremony with the Holy Father, the Way of the Cross at Santa Maria la Antigua Field in the Cinta Costera, the Vigil with the Youth and the Closing Mass.
Among the many exhortations of the Pope, the young felt inspired to be "bridge builders".

Retreat in Betania, Time of Preparation for Lent

Maria Gracia Bianchini Gebran during the tour in Betania

The Bianchini family and members of the Betania Foundation held a retreat at the Sanctuary of Betania with the purpose of preparing spiritually for Lent. Prayer, Holy Mass, the reading of the Word, the movie of the life of Saint Bakhita and a beautiful tour around the different oratories located in Betania, characterized this retreat.

The retreat was held from March, 2nd to the 5th, 2019. These were days full of spirituality, seeking renewal and withdrawal with the conviction that Jesus knows, seeks and awaits his children, as Holy Father Francis has said.

43th Anniversary of Our Lady of Betania

Photo Caption: Our Lady Reconciler of All Peoples in the Sanctuary of Betania

On Sunday, March 31, in the Sanctuary of Betania, the 43rd anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady Reconciler of All Peoples, Our Lady of Betania, was commemorated. The celebration began at 8:00 a.m. with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a Holy Hour, the rosary and the procession of the statue of Our Lady.

At 11:00 a.m. Mass was presided by the Bishop of the diocese of Los Teques, Bishop Freddy J. Fuenmayor, who was accompanied by the Rector of the Sanctuary, Father Jhonfer Camacho. The Betania Choir participated with beautiful songs to honor the Blessed Virgin.

During his homily, Bishop Fuenmayor reflected on the meaningful title of the Blessed Mother in the place, as Reconciler of Peoples and invited to have a humble attitude before God, to recognize ones sins and to reconcile with Him, with family and neighbor. He asserted that the Mother of God gives and drives the love of God and brethren.

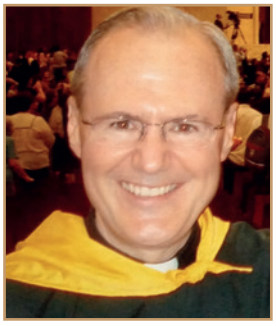
He requested to entrust oneself to the Blessed Virgin under the title of Our Lady Reconciler of Peoples in the Marian sanctuary where people go "to seek the peace and love that emanates from the open arms of Mary, our Mother, Mother of Jesus Christ, Mother of Our Lord".

March 25th, 1976
8:30 a.m.

Excerpt of a **Message of Our Lady** Given to the Servant of God *Maria Esperanza Bianchini*

Little daughter, here you have me with my hands enriched with graces and covered with splendors of light, to call all my children to conversion. This is the seed of glory I offer as Mary Reconciler of All Peoples and Nations, for I come to reconcile all of you. Reconciliation is the inheritance of divine brotherhood of my Divine Son! Little daughter, hand my message on to all… I shall keep you here in my Heart from today on and forever!

Words of the Vice-Postulator



Dear Betania Family,
At the end of January, Coromoto, Carlos, Piri, Coky, 23 youth from the Betania Foundation and I rendezvoused with Pope Francis in Panama for World Youth Day 2019. There were hundreds of thousands of young people from all over the world there, with a strong representation from Latin America. We spent those days at Papal events, in our kiosk spreading the message of Betania y Maria Esperanza, visiting churches, attending Mass, walking through the streets of Panama City waving the Venezuelan flag, praying the rosary, singing, taking in the cultural sites, hanging out in malls, and enjoying fellowship among ourselves and with youth from countries far away. Under the leadership of Coromoto and the steady hand of Marco and Luis everything fell into place smoothly. Of course, the supreme moments were the two close encounters with Pope Francis. Our youth were deeply touched by the entire experience and are anxious to embark on other missions, in order to bring the word of reconciliation and family unity around the globe. May God grant them an opportunity to express their zeal as they so desire.

Santa Maria la Antigua, pray for us.
Fr. Tim

PRAYER FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF MARIA ESPERANZA

Merciful Father, You blessed Maria Esperanza with an abundance of spiritual gifts for the consolation of your people. She served You as wife, mother, and missionary to promote the unity of the family and the reconciliation of all peoples. You enabled her to be the central figure in the manifestations of the Virgin Mary, under the title of Reconciler of all Peoples and Nations, in Betania. Grant us the grace to follow her example of humility, hope, and unconditional love.
Through the intercession of your servant, Maria Esperanza, we pray for the healing and reconciliation of our families, and for the fraternal unity of the entire human family.
Especially, we beseech You to grant us the favors we now request (mention your intentions here) through the merits and prayers of your servant. Likewise, we humbly implore that she be inscribed in the Church's catalogue of saints, as a universal model of the beatitudes.
We pray all this according to your holy will, cherished by your servant until the end, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

With the ecclesiastical approval of Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski of Metuchen, New Jersey, December 4, 2009
For more information or to report a miracle go to: www.mariaesperanza.org and/or www.betania.org.

Reflections of the Servant of God Maria Esperanza Bianchini

Servant of God Maria Esperanza Bianchini's Words
Etnia Guajira Community, Maracaibo, Zulia, Venezuela
Thursday, October 24, 1991

Love heals all good souls, and the Mother of God is with all of you, and she has come to look for you, and to heal us from all our physical and spiritual illnesses. […] to truly live united as you live here with humility and simpleness, but with God, with the love to his Mother who comes to teach us, to evangelize us, so the youth that are growing may develop – the innocent children – so all may unite as small chicks do beside their mother.

With this I mean that humility is the greatest treasure, there is nothing else, humility, simpleness, to be spontaneous and natural. This is how Mary wants us to be just the way we are, with our qualities and our flaws, but trying to improve our inner life, what we bear within.

We all have a flame, a fire; this flame and fire has to grow as brothers do because of the Blessed Mother of Jesus Christ.

Behold his Mother, the Mother of heaven who comes searching for us to feed us with her word, with her generosity, with her kindness, tenderness, and simpleness, because simpleness is what the Mother wants.

SPIRITUAL MAXIMS OF THE SERVANT OF GOD MARIA ESPERANZA BIANCHINI

- My Mother Mary is for everyone. My Mother is so humble, generous, and compassionate with her children that she wants to gather together. This is why, she has come to reconcile us, to unite us; so we may love, bear, and help one another, and live in her Heart stimulating the faith of our brothers and sisters.
- The Church of Christ is the formation of a new life for you in this era of great spiritual revolution for mankind, teaching the peoples and nations once again that the commandment "to love one another" is the light of God, of our Father who is in Heaven.
- It is the time of reflection, it is the hour in which all Venezuela – our people, a generous people that sings its national anthem with longings of new life, because it truly lives and feels its fatherland, sharing with each other – may serve a cause of love. This is to regenerate the cells of all men on earth, not only of Venezuelans, but of those who wish to share with her. Behold, let us hold hands and say: Hail Mary, full of grace! It is the song of a Mother.

CHRONOLOGICAL DATA ON MARIA ESPERANZA

- During Holy Week in 1983, Mrs. Bianchini went to the Sanctuary of Betania, where the stigmata of the Lord were manifested on her body. On Good Friday at 2:30 p.m. she began to pray the Stations of the Cross. She would kneel down and pray at every Station. When she reached the Eleventh, in the midst of her weeping, a wound was opened in each of her hands from which blood gushed forth.
- On March 25, 1984 a group of 150 people went to the Sanctuary of Betania invited to a Mass officiated by Father Juan Augusto Laborem. Meanwhile, some youngsters and children were playing at the esplanade and surprisingly the Virgin appeared. They quickly warned the happenings to the group of people who were at the farm. Everyone went to the esplanade where the Virgin appeared again. She was seen by all those who were present. Seven apparitions took place that afternoon.
- On November 1, 1984, the first of the 20 grandchildren of the Bianchini-Medrano spouses was born.

The Legacy of Sister Margaret Sims
Foundress of Betania II

On Thursday, the 21st day of February 2019, the Foundress of Betania II, Sister Margaret Catherine Sims, CSJ, entered eternal rest. Through prayer and the aid of her spiritual mother, now Servant of God Maria Esperanza Bianchini, Betania II became a reality in 1997.

Sister Margaret was a graduate of Framingham State University. Sister Margaret's legacy was her untiring dedication to being a member of the Sisters of St Joseph Boston for 66 years, where during her lifetime served faithfully as a teacher, principal and coach to schools in New Mexico. She ministered with the Spanish Apostolate in the Archdiocese of Boston and the Oblate Houses in Natick and Rhode Island, in addition to have being very prominent in the Charismatic movement and a national speaker at conferences.

Sister Margaret organized pilgrimages to Medjugorje and later to Betania, Venezuela where she met Maria Esperanza. It was Maria who directed Sister Margaret in searching for the land and the building of Betania II in Medway, MA. A place that has the Mission to touch the minds and hearts of others, enlighten youth and assist families to grow spiritually; a place where the Hearts of Jesus and Mary call us to be in continuous service to one another. Sister Margaret's legacy continues on at Betania II, a sacred space for prayer and gatherings.

Give her eternal rest, O Lord, and let her share in Your unending Glory.

The Consecration to Mary
by Saint Louis De Monfort

The members of the Betania Foundation are essentially Marians. The reason is very simple: Our founder, the Servant of God Maria Esperanza turned us to Mary from the moment we met her.

In the same way, great saints such as Saint Louis De Monfort, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Saint Teresa of Calcutta and Saint John Paul II, among others, consecrated their lives to Mary and recommended that everyone should do the same in order to reach high levels of holiness, in the most efficient and expeditious way.

The members of the Betania Foundation, using the De Montfort formula, consecrated themselves to Mary for the first time in 2015 and since then they renew their consecration every year, on occasions more than once a year.

This wonderful Marian exercise guarantees a deep encounter with Jesus through Mary.

Message of the Holy Father Francis
for Lent 2019

Pope Francis called for conversion through fasting, prayer and almsgiving

"For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God" is the title of Pope Francis's message for Lent 2019, where he makes a call to conversion through fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

In his words, the Pontiff reminds us that the "'lenten' period of forty days spent by the Son of God in the desert of creation had the goal of making it once more that garden of communion with God that it was before original sin. May our Lent this year be a journey along that same path, bringing the hope of Christ also to creation, so that it may be 'set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God'. [He warned everyone:] Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus' Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation."

**Francis. (2019). Message. 10-04-2018. Vatican City. Taken from: https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2019/02/26/190226d.html*

AGENDA

Concerts

St. Anne Church, La Lagunita
January 3, 2019; 6:30 p.m.
Holy Mass, 2nd anniversary
of the passing of Mr. Geo Bianchini

Pompas Funebre Sur America,
Los Palos Grandes
January 15, 2019; 9:30 a.m.
Participation

Tocumen International Airport, Panama
January 21, 2019; 1:00 p.m.
Participation

Omar Recreational Park,
Panama City, Panama
January 22nd to 25th, 2019
Participations, Vocational Fair "Follow me",
kiosk of the Betania Foundation and the
religious order of the Missionaries
of Reconciliation

Omar Recreational Park,
Panama City, Panama
January 23, 2019; 4:15 p.m.
Concert, stage of the Vocational Fair
"Follow me"

St. Joseph Church, Old Quarter, Panama
January 28, 2019; 2:30 p.m.
Participation

St. Anne Church, La Lagunita
January 31, 2019; 6:30 p.m.
Holy Mass, 9th anniversary of the
opening of the cause of beatification
of the Servant of God
Maria Esperanza Bianchini

Sanctuary of Betania
February 11, 2019; 11:00 a.m.
Holy Mass and rosary,
feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Sanctuary of Betania
March 4, 2019; 6:30 p.m.
Holy Mass

Holy Family of Nazareth and
St. Josemaria Escriva
de Balaguer Church, La Tahona
March 6, 2019; 6:30 p.m.
Holy Mass,
Ash Wednesday

Our Lady of Pompei Church,
Alta Florida
March 10, 2019; 10:30 a.m.
Holy Mass, feast of Saint Gabriel
of the Sorrowful Mother

San Jose de los Altos Church,
San José de los Altos
March 19, 2019; 10:30 a.m.
Holy Mass, feast of Saint Joseph,
presided by Monsignor Raul Bacallao

Instituto Universitario AVEPANE, La Tahona
March 21, 2019; 9:30 a.m.
Holy Mass, World Down Syndrome Day

Sanctuary of Betania
March 25, 2019; 11:00 a.m.
Holy Mass, 43rd anniversary of the apparition of
Mary, Virgin and Mother, Reconciler of All Peoples
and Nations, with Bishop Georges Kahhale

Eastern Cemetery, La Guairita
March 28, 2019;
12:00 m.
Holy Mass

Sanctuary of Betania
March 30, 2019; 2:00 p.m.
Holy Mass, 43rd anniversary of the appearance of
Mary, Virgin and Mother, Reconciler of All Peoples
and Nations with Fr. Enrique Yanes

Sanctuary of Betania
March 31, 2019; 11:00 a.m.
Holy Mass, 43rd anniversary of the
apparition of Mary, Virgin and Mother,
Reconciler of All Peoples and Nations,
presided by Bishop Freddy J. Fuenmayor S.

Events

Parish of the Immaculate Conception,
Bronx, New York, USA
January 4, 2019
Passing of the Rev. Father John LoSasso

Sanctuary of Betania
January 19, 2019; 10:00 a.m.
Holy Mass and first meeting of the
year of the Betania Foundation

La Estancia del Señor Residence,
Alto Hatillo
February 2, 2019; 3:00 p.m.
Betania Foundation Meeting

Betania IV,
Los Angeles, California, USA.
February 17, 2019
Spiritual Retreat "Family Healing
& Reconciliation Retreat with
Father Timothy Byerley

Santa Maria Madre de Dios Church,
Manzanares
February 19, 2019; 4:00 p.m.
Rosary and Holy Mass

Bethany Health Care Center
and St. Patrick Cemetery,
Massachusetts, USA
February 25, 2019; 9:00 a.m.
Viewing, Holy Mass and
internment of Sister Margaret
Catherine Sims

Finca Betania
March 1st to March 5th, 2019
Spiritual Retreat of the Betania
Foundation in Carnival,
with Betania Foundation Meeting

Caracas, Venezuela
March 16, 2019
Foundation of the Betania
Kickingball Team

Sanctuary of Betania and
Finca Betania
March 17, 2019;
10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
Holy Mass and Betania
Foundation Meeting

Sanctuary of Betania
March 25, 2019
43rd anniversary of the apparition of
Mary, Virgin and Mother, Reconciler of
All Peoples and Nations Sanctuary of
Betania with Bishop Georges Kahhale

March 30, 2019;
Lenten Spiritual Retreat,
Father Enrique Yanes

Sanctuary of Betania
March 31, 2019
43rd anniversary of the apparition of Mary, Virgin
and Mother, Reconciler of All Peoples and Nations
Sanctuary of Betania with Bishop Freddy
Fuenmayor

Pilgrimages

January 8, 2019;
Santo Tomas Apostol Parish;
Tucupido, Guarico

January 19, 2019;
Group of Emmaus, Las Mercedes;
Diaz-Perez family,
Charallave, Miranda

February 11, 2019;
Sisters of the Congregation Servants
of Jesus,
Carrizal, Miranda

March 4, 2019;
Groups of Emmaus,
Los Teques and Charallave,
Miranda

Trips

Betania V, Delray,
Florida, USA
January 12, 2019
Monthly Meeting with the presence of Maria Coromoto Bianchini Marrero and Carlos Marrero

Betania II, Medway
Massachusetts, USA
January 20; February 17, 2019
Monthly Meeting with the presence of Maria Esperanza Bianchini Foley and James Foley

World Youth Day 2019,
Panama
January 21st to 29th, 2019
Members of the Betania Foundation at the WYD Opening Mass, presided by the Metropolitan Archbishop of Panama José Domingo Ulloa Mendieta; Welcome Ceremony to the Holy Father; Stations of the Cross with the Holy Father; Vigil with the Holy Father; Closing Mass, presided by the Holy Father and sharing at the Multiplaza Mall for the closing of WYD Panama 2019

Betania XIII,
Long Island, NY, USA
March 22, 2019
Monthly meeting with the participation of
Maria Esperanza Bianchini Foley and James Foley

Betania II,
Medway, MA, USA
March 24, 2019
Monthly meeting with the participation of
Maria Esperanza Bianchini Foley and James Foley

Community Petitions

Let us pray for the necessities of our Holy Church and of the world, and especially for our brothers and sisters who have the following requests:

• In thanksgiving:

Francisco Yovera, Beatriz Gonzalez, Katiuska, Ulmaris Soledad, Jessica Ball, Norma Varone, Jacqueline Machado and Fernandez family.

• For the health of:

Betania I: Domingo De Abreu, Luz Cadiz, Lucia Stefania, Jose Flores, Gilberto, Teresa Sykora, Carlos Penedo, Guido Valera, Migdalia, Tania Prado, Ernesto, Guenis Fajardo, Maria Concepción, Maria Guadalupe, Jose Francisco , Gustavo Alfonso, Massimilliano Deana, Isabella Soler, Jose Flores, Jenny, Arnaldo Ponce, Jose Carreno, Todd Nugent, Agustin Irigoyen, Francisco Dominguez, Gonzalo Pena, Louis, Fernando Pena, Estrella Benzecry, Madelena and Ana Castillo. **Betania V:** Diane Santoro. **Betania XIII:** Denise Zekraus.

• For the cancer patients:

Betania I: Oliver Yamuni and Juan Caceres. Betania IX: Maria Consuelo, Luis Rodriguez, Genry Scandela, Rafael Cott, Carlos Perez, Mercedes Perez, Veronica, Francisco, Alvaro, Karen Wetzel, Robert Calzadilla and Elsa Arrieta. **Betania V:** Joanne y Elsa. **Betania VI:** Benjamin, Alejandra, Tiky Oreilly, Alejandro and Mirta Ramil. **Betania VII:** Gino.

• For the deceased:

Betania I: Father John LoSasso, Muriel Camejo, Lidia Perez, Maryori Acosta, Herminia Gonzalez, Dilcia Medina, David Diaz, Julen, Kathleen Hart, Tania Prado, Hernan Vega, Sofia Sosa, Mauro Pacheco, Mercedes Yovera, Elena Pino, Todd Nugent, Tony Fuenmayor, Carmen Delgado and Georges Zalt. **Betania II:** Sister Margaret Sims. **Betania V:** Liliana Tirinnanzi.

• Urgent intentions:

Betania I: Dayris Hincapie, Vania Verrati, Luisa Hernandez, Manolo Pino, Emilio Pino, Fernando Perez, Mauro Burgos, Jessica Ball, Luisa Andreu, Jacqueline Machado, Maria Martin, Lina Bilreiro, Teresa Colmenares, Coco Urrutia and Ofelia Dibos. **Betania VI:** Rodrigo y Julian Ganzabal. **Betania XVII:** Yamila Perez.

• Special intentions:

For the entire Church, Pope Francis, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, all the bishops, priests and religious that form part of our Betania family, especially those who work for the Cause of Maria Esperanza.

For the religious who are persecuted, for those who have doubts.

For the Cause of Beatification of Maria Esperanza and for Father Timothy Byerley who gives it impulse.

For all the Communities of Betania around the world.

For priestly and religious vocations.

For the rulers of all the countries of the world, and for those who have political and economic power, so they may all have the well-being of the nations at heart.

For peace in the Middle East, Venezuela and the whole world.

For the Venezuelan refugees in Ecuador, who are victims of persecution by the inhabitants of that country.

For the Betania Communities around the world.

For families, for couples that are going through a crisis, so the Blessed Virgin and Saint Joseph may lead them through the path of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

For the Bianchini family, so the Holy Spirit may always guide their steps, and God may grant them grace, health and strength to continue working for God and the Blessed Virgin.

Father of Goodness, listen to our prayer and grant unto your servants, who trust in You, the gift of your grace to embrace your love in unity, and reach with your mercy, after this life, the eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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