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Words of the Vice-President of the Betania Foundation

Dear brothers and sisters:

This year is not half over and the world is already in turmoil. Without a doubt, this is a clear indicator that a profound process of change has begun. It should not come as a surprise to us, since our Servant of God Maria Esperanza predicted it many years ago. This is a time when, although the temples are empty, the domestic Church gathered in their homes is strengthening itself in the intimacy of faith, as happened to the first Christians in the catacombs, who were persecuted by the Roman Empire and now because of a deadly virus. Let us trust in the Lord's mercy that transforms evil into good and let us be hopeful that this evil will pass, but with it, injustice, hatred and envies must also pass. Let us seize the moment for a profound change from the heart. We are called to be better, "ready to serve without getting tired" as our Servant of God Maria Esperanza said and did.

May God bless and protect us,
Maria Coromoto Bianchini Marrero

The Betania Fundación Celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Opening of the Cause of Canonization of the Servant of God Maria Esperanza



Mass in thanksgiving for the opening of the cause of the Servant of God Maria Esperanza ten years ago

On January 31, 2020, the opening of the cause of canonization of the messenger of Our Lady of Betania, the Servant of God Maria Esperanza Medrano Bianchini, was recalled with a Mass at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Lomas de La Lagunita, in Caracas. Father Juan Carlos Silva, from Santa Rosalia Parish in Caracas, celebrated the Eucharist accompanied by the music of the Betania Choir.

At the end of the Eucharist, Mrs. Maria Coromoto Bianchini Marrero invited everyone to imitate her mother's virtues "of hope, humility and unconditional love to neighbor and the Church".

Carnival 2020 Spiritual Retreat in Betania



Pilgrims at the Oratory The Cenacle located at Finca Betania

Eighteen pilgrims from Maracaibo, together with members of the Betania Foundation spent a Carnival full of light, love and divine knowledge in "Betania of the Holy Waters".

The Bianchinis hosted a large group of over a hundred people. Holy Mass, prayer, meditation on the Word and shared experiences of what has been lived throughout the years in Betania since the first manifestations of Our Lady Reconciler of All Peoples, and since the childhood of the Servant of God Maria Esperanza Bianchini – characterized by an intimate coexistence with God, the Blessed Virgin and the saints – were the ingredients of this beautiful sharing.



January 25th, 1985
3:00 p.m.

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

Little children, from this my Holy Mountain of this blessed place, among these trees, I gaze at you from my grotto of prayer... and in silence and seclusion I let you feel me, so the grace of the Holy Spirit may enter fully in each one of you, and all may receive the divine vocation of service here in my Promised Land, and may be able to sweetly work for the love of my Beloved Son...!

44th Anniversary of the Apparition of the Virgin in Betania



Virgen María Reconciliadora de los Pueblos y Naciones en el Santuario Betania

On March 25, 2020, 44 years since the first manifestation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Sanctuary of Betania, under the title of Reconciler of All Peoples were celebrated. Our Lady first appeared on March 25, 1976 to the Servant of God Maria Esperanza Medrano Bianchini.

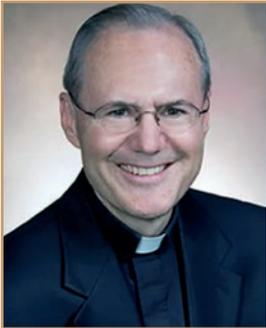
Later, on March 25, 1984, the Virgin became visible to more than 108 people, who gave their testimony to Bishop Pio Bello Ricardo, who approved the apparitions, after a scrupulous three-year investigation.

Due to the pandemic caused by Covid-19 and the quarantine that has taken place in Venezuela, the Sanctuary of Betania remained closed on this date.

The Betania Foundation joined the initiative of Pope Francis and invited to pray the Lord's Prayer. In addition, the Betania Foundation invited everyone to request the mediation of Our Lady Reconciler of All Peoples, since she always listens to her children and intercedes for them.



Words of the Vice-Postulator



My dear friends,
In these times, we are all disappointed that we cannot sing in our church and receive our Blessed Lord. Nevertheless, it is important to recall that the reality of Jesus's Resurrection from the dead transcends all time, space and human limitations. Christ's victory over death, sin and Satan are not impeded by any events in human history except the refusal to embrace his divine mercy. His conquest and our redemption are complete when we assent to Him in faith.

Strictly speaking, the Lord of Heaven and Earth does not need our celebrations to verify his victory, although He is pleased when we acknowledge it. Despite our inability to observe a full liturgical expression of the Easter Triduum, the graces of these saving acts are not nullified. In fact, they are more potent.

The constraints imposed upon us by the coronavirus do not render sterile the power of Jesus' Resurrection; graces abound all the more for those who desire them. This is the dynamic of divine grace. "Indeed, declared Saint Paul, everything is ordered to your benefit so that the grace bestowed in abundance may bring greater glory to God" (2 Cor 4:15).

You will see miracles in these days, my friends; profound interventions from Heaven which will sustain you and confirm you in faith.

Jesus is truly risen, my friends! Unite yourself to Him and rejoice with your families in the divine joy of Easter. I send each and every one of you an Easter blessing and a prayer for your intentions,
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

Speech of the Servant of God Maria Esperanza Bianchini
St. Ignatius Church, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, B.W.I.
Saturday, June 6, 1998 7:30 p.m.



It is the hour of the awakening of consciences and to be able to give our spiritual contribution to the Church, to the Mother Church. Let us love that Church; and I say Mother the Church, because she is our refuge in our illness, when we have our wrongdoings, when a family member leaves... flies to heaven. All this helps us know that we have to live in harmony with the commandments of the Law of God, living the Gospel, contributing with the neighbor we meet on the way, feeding them with faith that gives life, and wanting to join the frontline of "love one another".

"Love one another", brothers, because we are all brothers, we all are brothers. Why? By the Precious Blood of Jesus who gave Himself on a Cross... He opened his arms. His feet... his side were pierced.

SPIRITUAL MAXIMS OF THE SERVANT OF GOD MARIA ESPERANZA BIANCHINI

- How do we save ourselves? By detaching from certain worldly things, giving ourselves to the poorest, the most in need, and silently if possible, secluded in our homes.
- Unity among nations is the prime base, being attentive to faith and to the knowledge of each person, uniting to cooperate and win battles.
- Life passes, but our deeds do not – what we leave here on earth. That is to say, everything passes, but what has been done with a true spirit of love, of charity, does not pass; this remains forever.

CHRONOLOGICAL DATA ON MARIA ESPERANZA

- During Holy Week in 1990, the Servant of God Maria Esperanza presented the stigmata of the Lord.
- On August 9, 1990, the Servant of God Maria Esperanza was in Rome, Italy. At that moment she felt the Lord who told her to help Him save the youth, the virgins, so they would not go astray. The Servant of God had a bilocation in which she helped a young woman in Caracas. The story was told by this young woman months later, on December 8, 1990 in the Sanctuary of Betania. Mrs. Bianchini was in Paseo las Mercedes, in Caracas, she saw a young woman with two young men who were pulling her to one side and the other. She grabbed the young woman and said: "Daughter, let's go." She took her to Las Acacias in a taxi and left her with her mother.

MISSIONARIES OF THE RECONCILIATION

Inspired to continue the mission of reconciliation given to the Servant of God Maria Esperanza Bianchini, and to integrate it into the life of the Church, we have initiated a project to establish the "Missionaries of Reconciliation". The Missionaries of Reconciliation are a religious congregation in which a group of women offer themselves to Christ for the reconciliation of the human family, after the example of their foundress, the Servant of God Maria Esperanza. Their charism is to pray, witness and labor for the fraternal unity that Christ himself aspired. Those single women who desire to join the Missionaries of Reconciliation and live religious life can contact Father Timothy Byerley (frtimbyerley@hotmail.com) for further information.

United in prayer



Dear brothers and sisters:

We are the small Community of Betania VIII in Rome (Italy). Since the Patriarch Geo Bianchini asked us to organize this small prayer group – for him something fundamental and for us something very important – we have been trying to grow. Being part of the many Communities of Betania and being a reference here in Rome makes us happy and makes us feel its relevance. In these particular days when the world has been affected by Covid-19, our daily life has changed, forced to be in our homes without working or doing our normal daily activities, living with the family 24 hours a day, something that in our daily life didn't always happen. This is a reason for confrontation, reflection and daily prayer.

Our days begin with the children's online classes, while we arrange the house and do the little online work that can be done. Then we play with the children and take care of the meals.

Since we are not able to go to Mass or Confession, it is wonderful to be able to share the daily Rosary with the Betania Communities. Despite our somewhat uncomfortable schedule we try to participate with great joy. Seeing Rome and, in particular, the empty Saint Peter's Square causes us deep sadness, but – as the Bianchini family has always told us – reciting the Rosary together makes our prayers touch the Heart of the Lord.

Greetings from Rome,
Marco and Francesca Parigi

**In times of the coronavirus
Saint Anonymous arises (Part 1-2)**

It is almost certain you have never heard of this popular saint. In fact, this saint is not in the books on the lives of the saints. You cannot find him on the Internet either. Yet he is tremendously popular. Not so much because he is known but because there are many Saint Anonymous. They are the ones who go unnoticed because they were not called by God to do great things, like the well-known saints. They are not Doctors of the Church like Saint Augustine, Saint Teresa of Avila or Saint Thomas Aquinas, they are not seraphic like Saint Francis of Assisi or Saint Charbel Makhlof. They are anonymous. Anonymous who have also followed and imitated Our Lord in his meekness and humility, in his absolute dedication to others, in his piety and fervor, in his total trust in the will of God.

Why is it important to reflect on the life of Saint Anonymous? Because this is the call the vast majority of the committed lay people have, and because, if not realizing this, we could spend our lives without even trying to be another Saint Anonymous.

**Message of the Holy Father Francis
for Lent 2020**



Pope Francis called for conversion through fasting, praying and almsgiving

On March 27, 2020, in the framework of the epidemic of the coronavirus COVID-19, Pope Francis imparted the Urbi et Orbi blessing with the Blessed Sacrament, in an extraordinary act carried out in Saint Peter's Square. In addition, he granted the possibility of obtaining plenary indulgence.

"Faith begins when we realize we are in need of salvation. We are not self-sufficient; by ourselves we founder: we need the Lord, like ancient navigators needed the stars. Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to him so that he can conquer them. Like the disciples, we will experience that with him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God's strength: turning to the good everything that happens to us, even the bad things. He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies".

The Lord asks us and, in the midst of our tempest, invites us to reawaken and put into practice that solidarity and hope capable of giving strength, support and meaning to these hours when everything seems to be floundering. The Lord awakens so as to reawaken and revive our Easter faith. We have an anchor: by his cross we have been saved. We have a rudder: by his cross we have been redeemed. We have a hope: by his cross we have been healed and embraced so that nothing and no one can separate us from his redeeming love. In the midst of isolation when we are suffering from a lack of tenderness and chances to meet up, and we experience the loss of so many things, let us once again listen to the proclamation that saves us: he is risen and is living by our side. The Lord asks us from his cross to rediscover the life that awaits us, to look towards those who look to us, to strengthen, recognize and foster the grace that lives within us. Let us not quench the wavering flame (cf. Is 42:3) that never falters, and let us allow hope to be rekindled." *

* Francis. (2020). Homily, 30-27-2020. Vatican City, Taken from: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20200327_omelia-epidemia.html

Concerts

Sanctuary of Betania
January 11, 2020; 1:00 p.m.
Mass

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Chapel, Lomas de La Lagunita
January 31, 2020; 6:45 p.m.
Holy Mass, 10th anniversary of the opening of the cause of canonization of the Servant of God Maria Esperanza Bianchini

Maria, Mother of the Church Church; El Marques
February 2, 2020; 10:00 a.m.
Mass. Day of Our Lady of the Candles

Eastern Cemetery, La Guairita
February 19, 2020; 11:00 a.m.
Mass

Sanctuary of Betania
February 22, 2020; 3:00 p.m.
Mass

Our Lady of Pompei Church, Alta Florida
March 1, 2020; 10:30 a.m.
Holy Mass, day of Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

Holy Family of Nazareth and Saint Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer Church, La Tahona
March 7, 2020; 12:30 p.m.
Christening

Events

Sanctuary of Betania
January 11, 2020; 2:00 p.m.
Betania Foundation Meeting, first of the year

Residence La Estancia del Senor, Alto Hatillo
January 26, 2020; 4:00 p.m.
Betania Foundation Youth Meeting first of the year

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Chapel, Lomas de La Lagunita
January 31, 2020; 6:45 p.m.
10th anniversary of the opening of the cause of canonization of the Servant of God Maria Esperanza Bianchini

Conference room, Holy Family of Nazareth and Saint Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer Church, La Tahona
February 6, 2020
Talk with Theologian Tony Daher

Futsal Park Field, Park Samanes Soccer Field and Los Cortijos Club
February 9, and March 1 and 6, 2020
Matches of the Betania Soccer Club team, against La Hermandad Gallega, Los Avilenos and Los Cortijos teams

Residence La Estancia del Senor, Alto Hatillo
February 15, 2020; 4:00 p.m.
Betania Foundation Youth meeting

Pilgrimages

February 21-23, 2020;
Maracaibo, Zulia State

February 29, 2020;
Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Tocuyo, Carabobo State

Trip

Sanctuary of the Divine Shepherdess, Barquisimeto, Lara State
January 13-15, 2020
Members of Betania I in the procession of the Divina Shepherdess

Eastern Cemetery, La Guairita
February 18, 2020; 3:30 p.m.
Funeral Service

Finca Betania
February 21-25, 2020
Betania Foundation Spiritual Retreat in Carnival and Betania Foundation Meeting

Residence La Estancia del Senor, Alto Hatillo
March 8, 2020; 4:00 p.m.
Betania Foundation Youth Meeting

Betania Foundation with Communities of Betania
March 24-31, 2020; 5:00 p.m.
Rosary and meditation of the Gospel and/or homilies of Pope Francis through "Zoom Cloud Meeting"

Betania Foundation
March 27, 2020
Audio Stations of the Cross against the coronavirus on Whatsapp and YouTube

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:** Isadora Renaud, Carolina Fuenmayor, Raul Pena, Norma Varone, Coco Urrutia, Lizet Lugo, Beatriz Gonzalez, Rodrigo Diaz, Lizet Lugo and Blanky.

• For the health of:

Betania I: Nena Luciani, Amelia Pacheco, Hector, Luis Renaud, Nely Da Silva, Amelia Pacheco, Elba Gutierrez, Juan Rivero, Rosalba, Javier Machado, Maria Colmenares, Josefina, Cayita Cabello, Doris, Joaquin, Mercedes, Omeris, Maria Jimenez, Miriam Silverio, Gabriel Perez, Rossy, Federico Hernandez, Mary Diaz, James, Joan, Joaquin, Florencia, Tibisay, Petra Ramos, Eumaris Sifontes, Mery Souto, Indira Sanchez, Didier, Eleazar Pico, Victor Diaz, Maria Diaz, Mariela De Jesus, Rosalia Pino, Ali Bianchini, Noelia Arcia, Carmen Machado, Juanita Giganti, Vicente Fung, Erika, Gianni Bernardi, Gonzalo Pena, Carlos Rivas, Sergio Alonso, Kayla, Leopoldo, Zolzieth Villaruel, Erika Quesada, Grisell, Mariana Silva, Ligia Lugo and Marita Perales. **Betania III:** Gina. **Betania V:** Mateo Oliart and Claudia Jarufe. **Betania VI:** Fr. Francisco, Fr. Francesco, Cecilia, Ricardo, Josefina, Jaime, Martina, Guada, Vicente, Cirito, Maria, Martin and Vicky. **Betania VII:** Fatima and Cleo. **Betania IX:** Hector. **Betania XVII:** Roman Ali.

For the cancer patients:

Betania I: Ximena Silva, George James, Tania, Alida, Nohemy, Robert, Tania, Rossi, Dominga Ramos, Daniel, Maria Tinoco, Chiquinquira Chavez and Domingo. **Betania VI:** Amanda, Fernando and Valor. **Betania VII:** Piero.

For the deceased:

Betania I: Fr. Giuseppe Beardelli, Albin Arenas, Yazmin Quiroz, Maria Cabanes, Giacomo, Luisa Montes, Cristhian Carrillo, Castor Vasquez, Valeria, Teresa, Eileen, Maria Diaz, Yosmay Pulido, Beatriz Carpio, Olga Castro, Fatima De Oliveira, Rafael Rodriguez, Botero, Ismenia, Guillermo Haydon, Adam Hull, Javier Bolivar and Jose Artola. **Betania VI:** Nuria, Juan and Elina. **Betania XII:** Janet Anderson.

Urgent intentions:

Betania I: Korelly Rodriguez, Coco Urrutia, Maria Chirinos, Jose Perez, Mauro Burgos, Jose Machado, Elizabeth Ferreira, Julio Santella, Milagros Cabrera, Mary Agnes, Carolina Rodriguez, Marquez family, Yuarmand Manrique, Jenny Pereira, Mariana Coello, Milena, Jose Colmenares, Yessica Ball and Juana Vallecillo. **Betania VII:** Belen, Maria Claudia and Ricardo. **Betania XIV:** Eric Mc Donald. **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 eradication of the coronavirus COVID-19 worldwide.

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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