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Words of the President of the **Betania Foundation**

GEO BIANCHINI GIANI



My wish for the Betania Foundation and for everyone is for you to be happy, and for you to be able to transmit that happiness to your family and friends. My wife, Maria Esperanza de Bianchini, taught us to be happy because he who is with God is always happy. During these days we must think that the Child Jesus will come again among us. He

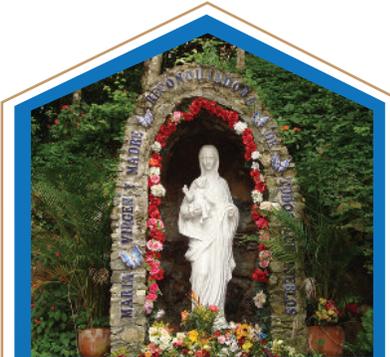
I encourage the Betania Communities to reflect upon a point Maria Esperanza spoke of: To be happy in God. To not seek happiness in liquor or madness. We must do what is fair and balanced.

For the New Year 2013 I wish we all would make good resolutions to lead a better life every day, correcting our mistakes, forgiving our brothers and sisters, that is, to do away the things that are troubling us, to resolve to be better each day, and be a child of God and surrender to his will. I am asking the Lord for a total conversion for my family and for myself, to surrender to his will in order to become a soldier of Christ and a faithful disciple of the Blessed Virgin. This is the greatest thing we can wish for.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

is with us, but every year we recall the time when he was born in a town called Bethlehem, in Palestine.

Jesus always obeyed his foster father, St. Joseph, and his mother Mary. He always helped his father until the day St. Joseph died. To feel the pleasure of the presence of Jesus within us should bring us happiness and love. So we cannot be sad. God is not where there is sadness; joy and love are required to evangelize.



6TH APPARITION
NOVEMBER 27, 1978
9:00 A.M.

Excerpt of a Message of Our Lady Given to Mrs. Maria Esperanza de Bianchini

My daughter, in 1983 you shall be able to carry out the excavation of the land in a clear way and then in 1984 the great event of my presence will occur in that place! And then behold the great triumph of a march which unites, reestablishes, and lifts multitudes that shall start coming to my chosen place for these times! [...].

And on May 13th I shall lull you in my arms. All shall turn into healthy, good, and honest children! Among those present there, some shall feel me, others shall see me, their hearts shall be touched! Daughter, that great day is coming! I keep you in my Heart!

Mr. Geo Bianchini **Becomes Emotional Every December 8th**

The feast of the Immaculate Conception is an important date for the Bianchini family and the Betania Foundation, since it is a day of joy and celebration. This year this day was celebrated for the first time in the Cathedral of Caracas, commemorating the 86th birthday of the President of the foundation, Mr. Geo Bianchini, and another wedding anniversary of the Bianchins.

The celebration consisted of a Mass officiated by Father Juan Carlos Silva and concelebrated by Father Timothy Byerley. The Bianchini family, members of the Betania Foundation and the Betania Choir all attended. The Mass

was accompanied by the music of the Betania Choir, and some of the hymns included were: Adeste Fideles, the Ave Maria of Caccini, the Ave Maria of Luis de Victoria, giving tribute to Our Heavenly Mother, the Blessed Virgin.

After Mass, Mr. Geo and the priests approached the statue of the Immaculate Conception, where they made their petitions and took the opportunity to take pictures in front of the beautiful statue. Later, they went to a private room in the Cathedral with the members of the Betania Foundation, where they had a celebratory toast.

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Holy Mass Was Celebrated in **Commemoration of the Birth of the Servant of God**

On November 22, Mass was celebrated in commemoration of the birth of the Servant of God Maria Esperanza de Bianchini. The Eucharistic event was officiated by Bishop Ovidio Perez Morales, in the Chapel of the Virgin of Mount Carmel, in Lomas de La Lagunita. At 6:30 p.m. more than one hundred people gathered at the site and with joy they recalled the exemplary life of the Servant of God. Among those present were members of the Bianchini family, and of the Betania Foundation and Choir.



His Excellency Bishop Ovidio Perez Morales celebrating Mass to commemorate the birth of the Servant of God Maria Esperanza de Bianchini, at the Chapel Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 11-22-2012

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Before sharing the hors d'oeuvre, Mr. Bianchini expressed in beautiful words his gratitude to God and his companions, then the priests blessed the food and the feast began.

According to an interview with the husband of the Servant of God Maria Esperanza, he stated that this time of the year always makes him emotional, because it makes him recall his childhood when his parents would take him every December 8 to Mass and he would see a beautiful image of the Immaculate surrounded by lights. He also recalls how the date became even greater for him, after he married his great love, Mrs. Maria Esperanza: "Every day I thank Maria Esperanza, for I am here because of her, she obeyed Heaven. I thank God for meeting her. What would have become of me if she would not have looked for me?"



Mr. Geo Bianchini and his children at the Cathedral of Caracas celebrating the feast of the Immaculate Conception and his birthday, 12-08-2012

Holy Mass Was Celebrated in Commemoration of the Birth of the Servant of God

According to the best information we have about that memorable day of November 22, 1928 (the date that also marks the feast of St. Cecilia, patroness of music) in San Rafael de Barrancas, Monagas State, Venezuela, Maria Filomena, mother of Mrs. Maria Esperanza, who, almost in labor, boarded a small boat to go the nearest hospital to give birth to her daughter. However, before reaching the port, she gave birth in the boat while crossing the area where the Orinoco and the Caroni Rivers meet.

To remember this beautiful day, the Bianchini family distributed a letter that the Servant of God wrote in 1970, in which she stated: "This is the time of reconstruction, of rebuilding hearts rooted in the foundations that Jesus gave us as an inheritance [...]. It is necessary that the dew of grace reaches everyone. So we have to pray. Prayer is in part the most efficient apostolate. Thus let us pray and suffer, offering the best of the sacrifice that comes from our soul to build straight and pure hearts." (Rome, 06-24-1970.)

Following in the Footsteps of Maria Esperanza

On Tuesday, December 18, 2012, Mr. Geo Bianchini accompanied by some of his children, Maria Esperanza and Maria Gracia; his son-in-law, Carlos Marrero; his granddaughter, Maria Esperanza Jaime, and some members of the Betania Foundation had a day of distributing bags of food and toys to the underprivileged inhabitants of the areas surrounding the Sanctuary of Betania.

During the day, the attendees fondly recalled their experiences with the Servant of God, Maria Esperanza and her example of great charity, as Mr. Geo expressed: "Every year we are delighted to distribute these bags of food to the people of this area who are in need. This time we brought a lot to give like Maria Esperanza used to do with great detachment. I would like to have the gift she had; she would give whatever she had."

On the other hand, Maria Gracia added that to work for Christ and his Blessed Mother was to work for others, for the needy, especially during this time of the year which is so wonderful, when people recall the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ: "The Lord not only saves our soul but He also saves our body, because during this time of the year you feel the need to reach out. What better time than this, when St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin went door to door in Bethlehem? Nobody opened their door, until someone compassionate enough offered them a small manger, a little grotto where they were able to take refuge. God reached out. So in these days let us imagine that it is St. Joseph and the Virgin who are moving us to give to others, so that the people may be happy and may have in Christmas what is just, a basket of food and toys [...]. We have to put into practice what Jesus taught us: To love one another and serve our brothers."

More than a hundred toys (dolls, skateboards, cars, blocks, toy houses, etc.) and bags of food were distributed. Maria Esperanza de Foley said this was a way for the Betania Foundation to collaborate, which gave "them comfort at Christmas time so they may get ready for it with enthusiasm and joy, with the food, the gifts for the children, and help them engage in the joy of the coming of the Lord [...]. We want to thank all the people who have been cooperating with us in order to make this possible. But above all, we ask the Lord that we may all truly understand that material things give us something to look forward to but they are not the goal. They are a way to facilitate this approach to God and assist others so they may feel pleased. The final goal is that we are a big family, the family of God in Betania, and we are united in the love of the Lord. This is a way to show this, mainly through our prayers and then through these collaborations that come from Heaven".

Finally, after the day ended, Carlos said: "It is a wonderful feeling to be able to share. Of the three theological virtues, as Mrs. Maria Esperanza taught us, the virtue that has more value, which is more worthy before God is charity [...]. She was an example of this and we are trying to follow in her footsteps, and we are enjoying it immensely. The practice of charity itself is the source of true happiness."

A Successful Christmas Season for the Betania Choir

The Christmas season has become a tradition for the Betania Choir, especially in the eastern parishes of Caracas, to the point that the community is looking forward to the concert program when the holidays arrive. For this the choir prepares enthusiastically by rehearsing and practicing again and again the new numbers that will be sung, renewing their repertoire.

This year the season splendidly started on November 17 with a concert at the spacious Amphitheatre of El Hatillo, kindly provided by the Mayor of the Municipality. An audience of more than three hundred people coming from different areas of Caracas joyfully applauded the performance of the choir. The program included, besides the traditional and cheerful Christmas carols, operatic areas as "Va Pensiero" from the opera Nabucco by Giuseppe Verdi, "Libiamo" from La Traviata, and others which portrayed the excellent voices of the soprano and choir director Maria Auxiliadora Bianchini de Leon, and of the tenors Ricardo Hernandez and Juan Carlos Leon. Another part of the concert consisted of the performance of popular songs like "Carnaval", "Bilirubina" and "Pastelero", which highlighted the new young voices of the choir, and delighted the audience, making them dance in their places.

With this same repertoire, the choir presented itself on November 25 at the Church St. Mary Mother of God, in the area known as Manzanares, in the Municipality of Baruta, to mark the feast of Christ the King and the birthday of Father Jose (Pepe) Martinez. Then on November 27, they participated during the Holy Mass at the Church of La Milagrosa, in El Placer, and on November 30 they went to the Sports Center of La Boyera for a concert that was well attended by the residents of the area, who already knew the Betania Choir and always welcome them with love.

On Saturday, December 1, very early in the morning the choir traveled to the coastal area of Vargas State, specifically to Catia La Mar, where it gave a concert to the sick of the Leper Colony of the Hospital Martin Vegas and to the children of the Home of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, offering a message of faith and hope with their tunes to these people who need it so much.

On December 2, the choir gave a concert at the outdoor patio of the Church The Ascension of the Lord, at Cumbres de Curumo. It was a truly emotional event because of the words of appreciation of the Parish Priest, Father Ricardo Guillen, and of community representatives. Mr. Geo Bianchini, in response, wished a Merry Christmas to the parish that has always welcomed the choir group with much love for bringing them a touch of Christmas joy and peace every year.

By a special invitation of the Rector of the Cathedral of Caracas, Father Juan Carlos Silva, the Betania Choir went to the Metropolitan Church to celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the birthday of Mr. Geo Bianchini, and the wedding anniversary of the Bianchini-Medrano to delight the attendants from different parts of the capital. They had another concert on December 9 at the Church St. Thomas the Apostle in Sorocaima which had a massive turnout of parishioners who had been invited by the Parish Priest, Father Carlos Porras, who only had words of gratitude and expressed his good wishes for the success of the Cause of Beatification of the Servant of God Maria Esperanza.

On December 24 at the Church The Holy Family of Nazareth, in La Tahona, for the Christmas Mass, popularly known as the Midnight Mass, the choir accompanied the liturgical celebration together with the massive congregation of parishioners who attended the commemoration of the Birth of the Child Jesus.



Deluxe Concert of the Betania Choir at the amphitheater of El Hatillo, 11-17-2012



Members of the Betania Choir at a Christmas Concert



The Betania Choir performing for the community of La Boyera, 11-30-2012

Words of the Vice-Postulator
Christmas Time



Dear Members of the Betania Family,

First, I would like to give you a little report on the annual December 8th celebration with the Betania Foundation. As most of you know, this day is both Senor Geo's birthday and also the day he married Maria Esperanza in the Immaculate Conception Chapel of Saint Peter's Basilica, in Rome. This year we celebrated the great Marian feast of the Immaculate Conception with a splendid Mass at the Cathedral in downtown

Caracas, at 5:00 p.m. Fr. Juan Carlos Silva, Rector of the Cathedral, officiated the Mass and the Betania Choir provided the musical support. After the Mass, Fr. Juan Carlos formed a small procession with the liturgical ministers which made its way to the side of the sanctuary to venerate a beautiful blue colonial-style statue of Our Lady as the choir sang a Marian antiphon. Then the choir presented a mini-concert for the congregation with music appropriate for the season. Afterward, Fr. Juan Carlos invited everyone to a large room adjacent to the cathedral sacristy. There the Betania Foundation held a birthday party for Senor Geo, complete with a birthday cake. Senor Geo was in great spirits and excellent health for this celebration. A joyous time was had by everyone.

Second, I would like to wish everyone a very blessed Christmas and New Year! May the deepest peace of the newborn Christ Child penetrate your hearts and permeate your homes. May the heavens open up and pour down immense supernatural graces upon you. May the Lord assist you to overcome all the challenges of your lives and always keep your loved ones safe. May He bless your Betania Communities as you celebrate this holy season in unity with all of your Betania brothers and sisters spread throughout the world, but especially those in Venezuela. Above all, may that fraternal unity that Maria Esperanza prayed for so fervently all her life become a reality in our day.

Merry Christmas,

Fr. Tim



The Servant of God Maria Esperanza with some of her daughters, granddaughters and spiritual daughters sharing Christmas in her home of Alto Hatillo in 1999

Reflections of the Servant of God Maria
 Esperanza de Bianchini When She Lived in Rome,
 June 24, 1970



Peace and Good

My dear children: Here I am among you [...]. I could not let this day go by without giving you an intimate moment of spiritual communication [...]. Yes, Oh my children! It is so painful so see the multitude of human beings who perish [...]. Each day that passes, I realize that we have to see with the eyes of Christ, to look at our brothers, and we must love them with our heart in order to feel their needs. Yes, it is necessary to approach them with will power and the sacrificial fortitude of Christ in order to save them [...].

Children, let us continue joining forces, our wills into one – that of Christ – to save souls, many souls, so many souls, thousands of souls! [...]. We have to walk hastily around the world like bright torches showing the path that leads to the true path of truth and justice. We have to have the blood of the apostles in our veins [...]. This is the time of reconstruction, of rebuilding hearts rooted in the foundations that Jesus gave us as an inheritance [...]. It is necessary that the dew of grace reaches everyone. So we have to pray. Prayer is in part the most efficient apostolate. Thus let us pray and suffer, offering the best of the sacrifice that comes from our soul to build straight and pure hearts [...].

My children, while I am writing I feel that you are all here, I feel a strange force that moves me within. It is a divine stream flowing over my soul. It is as if the Holy Spirit is instructing us, strengthening us so we may continue building his great work, which is the salvation of mankind [...]. My children, the end of my communication to you is near, the sun is setting on the horizon, and I want to say: I am living here, waiting for each one of you [...] so when the time is right we may raise the banner that should shine in the world: "Peace to all men of good will. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. "

God bless you,

Maria Esperanza de Bianchini



Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

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.ve

Chronological Data on Mrs. Maria Esperanza

- From 1949 to 1951, Maria Esperanza carried out an intense apostolate work. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, an Italian-American nun, inspired her to extend her apostolic work. She organized catechesis, the distribution of food, clothes and medicine to the people in the slums of Caracas. She visited the sick, assisted at funeral services, prepared young couple to constitute Christian homes, organized the prayer of the rosary in the slums for a different person each week. Every Friday she visited the Hospital of Children, the Hospital Vargas, the Hospital Jose Gregorio Hernandez besides going under the bridges of Caracas: Dolores, Guanabano and Arauco. She was also inspired to dress in black garments with a veil of the same fabric, as a nun, in order to carry out these visits.
- On September 7, 1950, they buried her brother, Julio Alberto Medrano, in Caracas, who died of pneumonia. Her brother's death left a great wound in her soul. During this period of time she was very devoted to Our Lady of Solitude of Caracas, she was a member of the Archconfraternity of the Solitude of Caracas and she always carried her image with her.
- In 1951, Don Bosco announced to her that on November 1st of a year in the future she would meet the man that had been prepared by God and had been chosen to be her husband. She would recognize him because at the appointed time he would be carrying a sword in his hand.

Spiritual Maxims of Maria Esperanza de Bianchini

December the 24th is near and many are thinking about vacation and enjoying themselves. I want them to think about You. It is not that we are going to focus on a great meal at home, and on the Christmas tree, and so on. No, no! First your manger, your birth with your Mother and St. Joseph, who were so poor and were in that cave, but nevertheless all the angels, all the shepherds, all the small animals, Lord, with the wise men who came to adore You.

Let us meditate about Jesus' life in Nazareth with his Mother and with the Patriarch Saint Joseph – the Holy Family. Because only the family will achieve the stability of all peoples. The family will have the responsibility of putting into effect the principles of the doctrine that Jesus bequeathed us.



The Virgin Mary, St. Joseph and the Child Jesus in the manger

Betania XIII, Long Beach, New York, USA

This is our account of what some of our newscasts here have called the “Frankenstorm” as related to Frankenstein from the horror movies. This is what it truly was on Long Island. It was actually two storms that met and became one.

Carole, my wife, and I were very conscious of our predicament. We live about 75 yards from the water on a bay, on the northern coast of Long Island, New York, a coastal area to the Atlantic Ocean. We were informed of unusual high tides due to the full moon, heavy winds up to 80 miles per hour, plus water surges that would cause waves 30 feet high.

As the storm became stronger at night Carole and I looked out of our windows as the water began to rise. I was very concerned and Carole said to me with great faith, “Maria Esperanza will not allow anything to happen to us.” I must admit I was not as confident as she. The water came close but never touched our home and we had absolutely no damage plus we never lost our electric power or telephone. We were one of 9% of all Long Island that was not touched, the other 945,000 families suffered.

Carole and I prayed before and after in thanks, but most of all for all those that were affected by the storm. Many died, and others lost their homes due to the hurricane or were burned to the ground. Two weeks later still many had to go to places of refuge for heat and food. Many thousands are still without water, electricity and telephone. Gasoline is hard to get as well as food and medical help.

We have opened our home to anyone that needs help and we thank God everyday for our miracle.
Fino Giordano

The Betania Communities and Hurricane Sandy

As you know, New Jersey and New York, the home of several Betania Communities, were struck hard by Hurricane Sandy on October 28-30. Betania X (Williamstown, NJ) and Betania XI (Haddon Heights, NJ) escaped without major difficulty. The members of Betania III (Long Beach Island, NJ) and Betania XIII (Long Island, NY) were seriously affected.

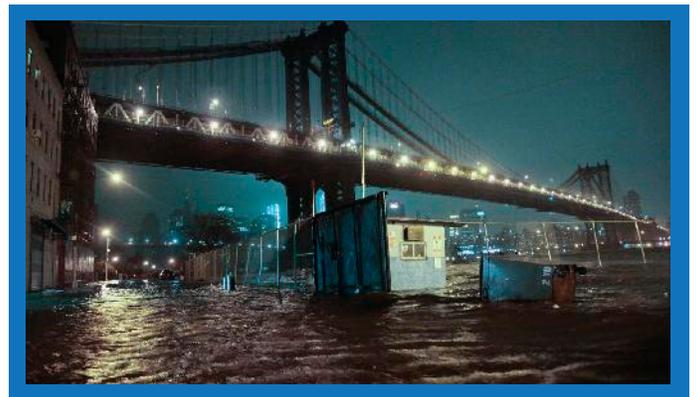
In Long Beach Island, homes and businesses were flooded, power was down for many days, cars were crushed by trees, and there was great destruction of property. Mike Hagan, Betania X, and Betania XI moved into action to see how to help Betania III with emergency assistance, a sign of true Christian concern for our brothers. At the same time, John Crimi was happy to report that the house where Maria Esperanza spent her last months was not damaged at all.

Long Island, New York was devastated. Ninety-five percent of the Island suffered damage by flooding, fierce winds, falling trees, and loss of power and water service. In an amazing turn of events, the house of Fino Giordano, the leader of Betania XIII, was untouched. Water came right up to his property but did not enter his house. He never lost power or water service. In his area, only his block was spared. Later he recalled something that Maria Esperanza told him during her visit to Long Island in 1993. She said, “One day, all of Long Island will be submerged under water, but you will be standing safely on a rock.” It seems as though the Servant of God’s prophecy was fulfilled during Hurricane Sandy.

Father Timothy Byerley
Betania III and Betania XI, New Jersey, USA



Hurricane Sandy leaves a trail of destruction in the States of New York and New Jersey



New York City flooded due to Hurricane Sandy

Betania XIV, Cayman Islands, BWI December 13, 2012

Normally Betania XIV doesn't meet in December; formerly we thought it was too busy a family month. This year however in November we reflected that Maria Esperanza – when she formed us into a group back in 1998 – asked that we meet monthly, at a time convenient to most, that even if it was just two of us, we should get together monthly for fellowship and support for each other. A month from our November meeting was December 8th. We also agreed to exchange unmarked little Christmas gifts.

The group was meeting at my house, and on the morning of December 8 as I awoke, I had a very strong feeling; it was like a voice told me to put up my Christmas tree. I agreed, and that was done. After that I set a nice Christmas table and everything was lovely; Christmas was in the air, I felt good and went upstairs to get ready.

Checking my email I'd heard from Allan, the leader of Betania XVII in Houma, Louisiana. He'd sent me copy of an email from Mr. Carias and what a delight came to me! Without realizing it, our meeting was taking place on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It was Mr. Geo's birthday, and of course, the wedding anniversary of Maria Esperanza and Mr. Geo. Furthermore, a celebration Mass was being held at the Cathedral in Caracas at 5:00 p.m. The email from Mr. Carias also told of the "miracle" of the baby who had cancer of the eyes. I was ever so pleased to have followed that inner voice, as I awoke that morning!

We had a wonderful meeting; everybody was joyous as we celebrated along with the family at Betania in the spirit of our beloved Servant of God! I also had good news for our group as it had been confirmed that Fr. Timothy Byerley will visit us in Cayman in February, 2013, to speak to our congregation about Betania, the Betania Communities, and of course, the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of our beloved Servant of God, Maria Esperanza.

Living the spirit of Betania, I can only say, it remains amazing! There is never a dull moment, thanks be to God!

Merle McGann
Representative of Betania XIV



*Merle McGann, Betania XIV's
representative, Cayman Islands, BWI*

CHURCH

Continuation.

What Has the Pope Said in Lebanon? The Ten Key Messages

The Internet has registered the speeches that the Pope gave in Lebanon on September 2012. Based on an article of the website Vida Nueva*, the last five of the ten key messages the Pope gave in Lebanon are presented below:

6. A pluralistic society can only exist on the basis of mutual respect, the desire to know the other, and continuous dialogue. Such dialogue is only possible when the parties are conscious of the existence of values which are common to all the great cultures because they are rooted in the nature of the human person.
7. I am aware of the difficulties which you face daily on account of instability and lack of security, your difficulties in finding employment and your sense of being alone and on the margins. In a constantly changing world you are faced with many serious challenges. But not even unemployment and uncertainty should lead you to taste the bitter sweetness of emigration, which involves an uprooting and a separation for the sake of an uncertain future. You are meant to be protagonists of your country's future and to take your place in society and in the Church.
8. In a world where violence constantly leaves behind its grim trail of death and destruction, to serve justice and peace is urgently necessary for building a fraternal society, for building fellowship.



The Holy Father Benedict XVI at Lebanon

9. I appeal to the international community! I appeal to the Arab countries that, as brothers, they might propose workable solutions respecting the dignity, the rights and the religion of every human person! Those who wish to build peace must cease to see in the other an evil to be eliminated.

10. May God grant to your country, to Syria and the Middle East, the gift of peaceful hearts, the silencing of weapons and the cessation of all violence. May men understand that they are all brothers!

**Vida Nueva (2012). Iglesia en el mundo. September 21, 2012. Taken on 10-31-2012 from <http://www.vidanueva.es/2012/09/21/que-ha-dicho-el-papa-en-el-libano-los-diez-mensajes-clave/>*

Season of Advent

On Sunday, December 2 the period of Advent began. It is a time for preparation, which includes the four Sundays before Christmas, to prepare the heart with humility and love for the Birth of Baby Jesus.

The Catholic Church invites us to await the coming of the Lord. In regard to this, Pope Benedict XVI said that “the Virgin Mary perfectly embodies the spirit of Advent that consists in listening to God, with a profound desire to do his will and to serve our neighbor joyfully. Let us allow ourselves to be guided by her, so that God who comes may not find us closed or distracted but rather may extend a little of his kingdom of love, justice and peace in each of us”.**

*** Vatican (2012). Benedict XVI. Angelus. December 2, 2012. Taken on 12-05-2012 from http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/angelus/2012/documents/hf_ben-xvi_ang_20121202_en.html*



The Holy Family

Reminder

As part of the declaration of the Year of Faith promulgated by His Holiness Benedict XVI, which started on October 11, 2012, and ends on November 24, 2013, we invite all our readers to continue to pursue the uplifting reading of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Then we will be following the inspiration the Holy Father desires “to usher the whole Church into a time of particular reflection and rediscovery of faith” (Benedict XVI, Porta Fidei, no. 4).

AGENDA

Pilgrimages

Place: Sanctuary of the Virgin of Betania

Date: January 12, 2013

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Detail: Group of Father Miguel Angel Vielma. Parish San Luis Rey of Francia Villa de Cura. Aragua State. Mass at the sugar mill. Attendance of 20 to 25 people.

Trips

Place: Betania V, Miami, USA

Date: January 12 to 15, 2013

Detail: The visit of the Vice Postulador, Father Timothy Byerley

Place: Betania XIV, Cayman Islands, BWI

Date: February 7 to 11, 2013

Detail: The visit of the Vice Postulador, Father Timothy Byerley

Petitions of the Communities

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:

Thank you, Lord, for the birth and Baptism of Maria Mia Esperanza Schultz Marrero.

Health Petitions:

For the cancer patient: the President of Venezuela.
For the health of: Mrs. Perez.

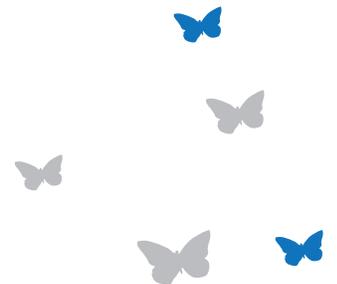
Petitions for the Deceased:

For the souls in Purgatory.
 For Mr. Silva.
 For the children and teachers who died in Connecticut.

Special Petitions:

For the entire Church, the Pope and all the bishops and priests who help us in our journey.
 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 economical power, so they may all have the well-being of the nations at heart.
 For peace in the Middle East and the world.
 For the Bianchini family and for Mr. Bianchini, so God may grant him grace, health and strength to continue working for God and the Blessed Virgin.
 For the hostages: Veronica and Monserrat Castro, and Josefa Campipglio and Ricardo Bejes from Mexico.

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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