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A Word From the President of the **Betania Foundation, Mr. Geo Bianchini Giani**

The commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the apparition of the Blessed Virgin on March 25, 1976, will be commemorated on April 10. Maria Esperanza was in Italy and the Virgin told her to come to Venezuela. I stayed in Rome with the children. When Maria Esperanza arrived she called me and asked me to come, but I arrived on the 26th, and the apparition had already taken place. Maria Esperanza saw the Virgin for the first time, with a group of 80 people, although she was the only one who saw her. She appeared as Mary Reconciler of All Peoples and Nations.On March 25, 1984, she appeared to all of our family and to a group of 150 people, 7 times over the course of 3½ hours, staying for about 10 to 15 minutes each time.. The last time she appeared for over half an hour. It was a great event. I remember her. I gave my testimony to Bishop Pio Bello Ricardo, in which I said that I thought that the apparition was a sign of great importance for Venezuela due to the title with which she came.

The Betania Foundation and the Opus Dei donated 140 bags of food to the neighboring communities of the Sanctuary of Betania

Neighbors of the Sanctuary of Betania with their bags of food

The Betania Foundation closed and opened the year offering food to the needy. On Saturday, January 16, 2016, members of the Betania Foundation, in collaboration with the Opus Dei of the Holy Family of Nazareth and St. Josemaria Esriva of Balaguer Church, again carried out the distribution of 140 bags of food to the neighboring communities of the Sanctuary of Betania. The daughter of the Bianchinis, Maria Esperanza Bianchini Foley, was the one who led this initiative.

Two Golden Jubilees in the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God

On February 23, 2016, the 50th anniversary of the profession of vows of Friar Gonzalo Parada and Friar Jesus Casanova of the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God was held in the chapel of the Hospital St. John of God, in Caracas. The Eucharistic celebration was presided over by the Auxiliary Bishop Jose de La Trinidad Valera Angulo, who said everyone should feel "joyous because we have been called by the Lord, so that by being with Him, his joy in our lives as religious, priests, bishops, believers, baptized Christians committed to the Gospel, may be an offering to the God of love, the God of life, the God of reconciliation ". The Betania Choir was proud to be part of this beautiful celebration with its music by singing, among other pieces, the Official Hymn for the Jubilee of Mercy and Caccini's Ave Maria.

The Sanctuary of Betania was the perfect place for Easter

The Betania Choir with its leader Maria Auxiliadora Bianchini Leon in the Sanctuary of Betania, on Good Friday

Statue of The Nazarene exposed in the Sanctuary of Betania in Easter

From Monday, March 21st on the Betania Sanctuary was visited by many pilgrims, from different parts of Venezuela and Argentina to take part in the Holy Week activities. The Betania Foundation and the Betania Choir joined this commemoration, which recalls the sacrifice of Jesus for mankind. March 25th was a very special day for the pilgrims, as the Stations of the Cross and various pleas to Our Lord Jesus Christ were prayed, remembering his martyrdom. The Vice-Rector of the Sanctuary of Betania, Father Jhonfer Camacho, was the person who led the service, and his words were accompanied by the music of the Betania Choir. Among the latter were: Popule Meus, Lacrimosa and Misericordes Sicut Pater.

19TH APPARITION
APRIL 1, 1989
4:30 P.M.

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

Little children, I call you to the site of my new apparition as Mary Reconciler of All Peoples and Nations, so you may begin to work on the harvest that you shall sow in the hearts of the innocent children, and in the hearts of others who are young and long for truth, love and justice! I call you for the great moment of reconciliation has arrived, holding hands, and you need to prepare yourselves as soon as possible; for example in: the sowing of the doctrine; catechism; spiritual exercises; the Gospel; and mainly, the Eucharist, daily Communion, the nourishment of the soul; accompanied with work in a task in which you can be productive, sowing the furrows with the holy seed of nourishment.

Words of the Vice-Postulator

Dear Friends,

Interest in the Servant of God Maria Esperanza continues to grow. This month (April), I spoke to a group of three hundred people in Cleveland, Ohio about Maria Esperanza. They are a Padre Pio prayer group with a great desire to know about her relationship with the holy Capuchin priest. I signed many books that weekend.

Next month I will speak to a local chapter of a national Catholic business group in the USA called Legatus. This group is from Green Bay, Wisconsin, home of the famous football team, the Green Bay Packers. While there I will also be a guest on Drew Mariani's nationally syndicated radio program Relevant Radio. Drew and his family have known Maria Esperanza since the early 1990s. They traveled with her several times, and Drew produced an excellent video about the Servant of God that is still popular today.

So you can see that Maria Esperanza's fame of sanctity continues to grow. Nothing can stop the action of the Holy Spirit!

With Easter blessings,
Fr. Tim Byerley
Vice - Postulator

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 aswife, 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

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Reflections of the Servant of God Maria Esperanza Bianchini

Thoughts of the Servant of God Maria Esperanza on Divine Mercy

"Blood and water that gushes forth from the Sacred Heart of Jesus as a fountain of mercy, have mercy on us and on the whole world." You can see how the divine mercy of the Lord has come back in these times to show us that He is real and is there, in the Eucharist, and with his open Heart has come to enlighten man, He has come to give him awareness, and to restore the joy he has lost due to so many sorrows he has gone through; some perhaps due to the lack of confidence, the lack of fear of God.

How great is the mercy of the Lord, who comes to look for his children, to protect them from evil, from the enemy; especially from some terrible enemies, that of haughtiness, that of pride, that of vanity, that of distrust and that of moving backwards when they are about to reach the point of meeting with all their separated brethren. We must forgive, we must unite, we must reconcile and, even more, we must live modestly, and in a simple manner with a heart full of joy and peace.

Spiritual Maxims of the Servant of God Maria Esperanza Bianchini

Behold three yeasts of new life for us: faith that is the basis of divine knowledge, hope the sublime dream of righteousness in future spiritual achievements, and charity the harvest of love, because love is your only religion. It is and should be your salvation.

Forget ill-feelings inflicted by wounds, past troubles, challenges, sadness, weeping, tears. Forget all this, and think that the storm has passed. The time of sowing is coming, spring, the seed that grows, the flowers that smile, the leafy tree with buds of nourishment; nature grows, trees grow, flowers grow, all plants, everything grows. And do you know why? Because spring is arriving, and with spring the elderly grow young again, and the young attain their ideals. Thus the fire of love, the fire of a Lord of lords who enkindles his flame in people's hearts so they may find their truth. What is the truth? Divine knowledge.

Chronological Data on Maria Esperanza

• In September 1971, the Bianchini family moved to Rome, Italy, for three reasons: to assist the mother of Mr. Bianchini, who was elderly; to lead a more intimate family life and offer a more spiritual education to their children; and to give support to His Holiness Pope Paul VI.

• In December 1972, the Bianchini family returned to Caracas.

• On March 29, 1974 the Bianchini-Medrano went to Finca Betania. When they arrived, Mrs. Bianchini said, "We must buy this farm."

Betania VI, Argentina
visited the Sanctuary of Betania in Easter

The Community of Betania VI, Argentina, with Maria Esperanza Bianchini Foley in the Sanctuary of Betania

With great joy a group of 8 pilgrims from Argentina (3 of them for the first time) were able to make true the dream of traveling to Betania of the Holy Waters. We were there during Easter and we were able to walk, "to live", with much emotion the way Jesus walked; his Passion, Death and Resurrection. It is hard to put into words what is experienced in the heart, but it is as if the heart is broadened, as if the grace of God that is in this holy place fills each corner of our being, flooding us with peace, joy, hope, inner healing, with confidence that, united to Jesus and the Virgin, we can make a better world, where love will always be what moves our actions. Thank you, Lord, thank you for this land blessed by God, in which He sent his Mother with a message of love and reconciliation to speak to our hearts, to teach us how to be better people, how to live the Gospel, how to love his Son more, how to win Heaven. Thank you, Mr. Bianchini, the patriarch of the Betania Foundation, for your joy, your words of life and teachings; all the Bianchini family, and each and every one of the members of the foundation who treat us with so much love through their words, gestures and works that do us so much good and teach us. We ask Our Dear Lord, his Blessed Mother and Maria Esperanza that we may live and spread what we have experienced in our families, in Betania VI and wherever we go.

Thank you, Lord!
Betania VI, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Norma Varone

Pope Francis
prays for Venezuelans

On March 26, 2016, Pope Francis gave his blessing Urbi et Orbi (to the city and the world), and read his Easter message from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, in Rome, Italy. In his speech, he addressed the Venezuelans.

"God has defeated selfishness and death. His Son Jesus is the door of mercy wide open to all. May his Easter message be felt ever more powerfully by the beloved people of Venezuela in the difficult conditions which they are experiencing, and by those responsible for the country's future, that everyone may work for the common good, seeking spaces of dialogue and cooperation with all. May efforts be made everywhere to promote the culture of encounter, justice and reciprocal respect, which alone can guarantee the spiritual and material welfare of all people."*

Francis. (2016). 03/27/2016 Urbi et Orbi Message. Vatican. Taken from https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/urbi/documents/papa-francesco_20160327_urbi-et-orbi-pasqua.html

Betania VII, Peru, healed its hearts
in the Sanctuary of Betania

On January 24, 2016, about 20 people traveled on a pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of Betania. There were people with very deep wounds in the group that attended, such as, the loss of a 20-year-old daughter and the great difficultly to overcome it. Others were unemployed, some were just overcoming difficult stages of cancer, and others had destroyed marriages, family losses, among other things. Once again, we were able to appreciate how Our Lady works healing these hearts, filling them with peace and luring them to her Son, giving them new hope, by making them feel loved by herself and her Son Jesus. Thus we experienced the onset of true conversion, recovering hope and lost joy. We wish to express, one more time, our gratitude to our Mother Reconciler, to the Servant of God Maria Esperanza, to the entire Bianchini family and to the Betania Foundation. They all are an example of life, love and dedication that enlighten our path on earth.

With much love and gratitude,
Betania VII

The Community of Betania VII with Maria Coromoto Bianchini Marrero in the Sanctuary of Betania

AGENDA

Events

Finca Betania
January 16, 2016; 9:00 a.m.
Distribution of bags of food, together with the Opus Dei, for the neighboring communities of the Sanctuary of Betania

Holy Family and St. Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer Church, La Tahona
January 23, 2016, 9:30 a.m.
Retreat with Father Ignacio Rodriguez

www.mariaesperanza.org
February 8, 2016
Implementation of the new platform for the official website of the Betania Foundation

Pilgrimages

From January 24 to 30, 2016; Betania VII, Lima, Peru
February 8, 2016; Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Guigue, Carabobo State
February 13, 2016; Saint Peter Parish, Los Chaguaramos and San Juan, Los Teques
February 27, 2016; Santa Rosa de Lima Parish and the Society of Brothers of Jesus
March 4, 2016; students and representatives of Ave Maria School, Los Teques
March 5, 2016; St. Lucia and Santa Rosalia Parishes
March 11, 2016; students and representatives of Ave Maria School, Los Teques
March 18, 2016; students and representatives of the Holy Angel of Ocumare del Tuy School and Ave Maria School, Los Teques
March 19, 2016; La Rosaleda Parish
19 to 30 March 2016; Betania VI, Argentina; Betania XI, USA; and religious from Poland

AGENDA

Concerts

Eastern Cemetery Chapel
January 31, 2016; 10:45 a.m.
Holy Mass

Santa Ana Church, La Lagunita
February 2, 2016; 6:30 p.m.
Holy Mass on the occasion of the feast of the Virgin of the Candles

Chapel of the Hospital San Juan de Dios, Valle Arriba
February 23, 2016; 11:00 a.m.
Holy Mass on the occasion of the Golden Wedding celebration of Friar Gonzalo Parada and Friar Jesus Casanova

Eastern Cemetery Chapel
March 12, 2016; 10:00 a.m.
Holy Mass

Parish Church of Santa Rosalia, Caracas
March 20, 2016; 11:00 a.m.
Holy Mass, Palm Sunday

Funeral Home Valles Chapel, La Florida
March 21, 2016; 11:00 a.m.
Holy Mass

Holy Family and St. Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer Church, La Tahona
March 23, 2016; 6:30 p.m.
Holy Mass, Holy Wednesday, the feast of the Nazarene of Saint Paul

Sanctuary of Betania
March 25, 2016; 2:00 p.m.
Liturgy of the Word, Good Friday

Santa Ana Church, La Lagunita
March 26, 2016; 6:30 p.m.
Holy Mass, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

PETITIONS

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:

Yessica Soarez, the Garcias, the Leon Lloves, Nati, Tibisay, Aida, the Cheblys, the Andreus, Monica Diaz, Carolina Fuenmayor and Beatriz Gonzalez.

For the health of:

Betania I: Father Numa Rivero, Yessica Soárez, Cristina Monserrat, Ivan Gomez and family, Luis Vargas, Hilda Gomero, Daniel, Andrea, Sara, Jesus Echeverria, Rafael, Marisol Franceschi, Chinta Montilla, Adriana, Roberto Briceno, Fernando Perez, Elssie, Adela de Guerrero, Maria Abreu, Katherine, Omar García, Clarita, Paula, James, Vanesa Martin, Ricardo de la Vega, Flor Hernández, Pam Tyrrel, Alfredo Avendano, Pietro Catanese, Raul Lopez, Mercedes Silva, Natacha Suarez, Victoria Diaz, Deyanira Rosario, Virginia Pinzon, Aura Jimenez, Federico Reyna, Oscar Martin, Luis Alfredo Chapellin, Miriam Coromina, Abilio de Abreu, Damelis, Carolina Fuenmayor, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, Miguel Lara y Ana. **Betania V:** Gonzalo Ríos, Nati, Leila Rondón, Luis Alvarado y Fernando Pena. **Betania VI:** Javier, Rodrigo y Antonia. Betania VII: Edmundo Paniagua. **Betania IV:** Jose Antonio Dominguez. **Betania XVII:** Alfonso Callejas.

For the cancer patients:

Betania I: Alba Guadelis, Gilberto Garcia, Miguel Ambrosio, Mark Hovfepian, Kathleen, Dylan Alejandro, Enma Hernandez, Nelly Molinas, Xiomada Ramoni, Maria Alejandra, Rosario Zambrano, Humberto Rivas, Francis Cabrera, Morocho, Ernesto, Luisa Diaz, Gladys Alvarez y Gabriel Paz. **Betania VI:** Olivia, Federico, Loli, Silvia y Judy Terril, **Betania VII:** Magdalena Buckley.

Petitions for the deceased:

Betania I: Father Darwin Zambrano, Alejandro Zamora, Andres Rodriguez, Amalia Rugeles, Hilda Gomero, Regulo Velasco, Diosdada Hoep, Elssie, Pelusa Talavera, Angel Siso, Flor Blanco, Flor Hernandez, Nora, Vita Ragusa y Yolanda Silva. **Betania VI:** Antonia, Celeste, Oscar y Marta. **Betania XIII:** Sr. Maniscalco.

Urgent intentions:

Betania I: Rodrigo Diaz, John Navas, Amelia Pena, Osnan China, Maite Cilleruelo, Ana Maria, Asdrubal Barrios, Jim, the Garcias, Ana Cifuentes, Henry Coello, the Jaimes, Raul Siso, Luis Eduardo, Isabel Urdaneta, Gilberto Urdaneta, Cesar, y por 22 misioneros cristianos que fueron sentenciados a muerte por extremistas. **Betania VII:** Zonia. **Betania IX:** Anabel Galue.

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 Pope Francis in his mission to the 8th World Meeting of Families.
·For an end to the persecution of Catholics in Iraq and Syria.
·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, love, and reconciliation in Venezuela.
·For peace in the Middle East and the whole world.
For the victims of the terrorist attacks in France, Turkey, Iraq, Belgium, Lebanon, and ·Syria.
·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 and for Mr. Bianchini, so the Holy Spirit may always guide his steps, and God may grant him 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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