Every 25th of March, the Church commemorates the greatest event in human history; the Incarnation of the Son of God in the womb of a Jewish Virgin. Of the millions of people on the earth when that event took place, only the Hebrews – a tiny nation – had any reason to suspect what had happened in Nazareth.

For centuries, the Jews had prayed for the coming of a Messiah, a Savior who would establish God's Kingdom upon the earth. But none of the Hebrews, except for the Mother of God herself, knew when the Great Event occurred. The turning point in history passed unnoticed. The Virgin Mary, the living tabernacle of God, moved among men in silence and obscurity.

Thirty years after the birth of the Son of God, Jesus revealed Himself to the world with signs, wonders, and a divine message. By His sufferings and death, Jesus redeemed the human race and won the gift of everlasting life for all who would believe and obey His Gospel.

To give mankind the power to share in His life, Jesus founded a Church to teach, rule, and sanctify in His Name, and instituted Sacraments as channels of Divine Life for all of His children. At the same time, Jesus taught His disciples to pray for the coming of His Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven.

For almost 2000 years, the Catholic Church has lived the life of Jesus in the world. With differing degrees of success, the disciples of Jesus have struggled to spread His Kingdom on earth. Indeed, the lives of the saints have demonstrated the possibility of a near-perfect harmony between the human will and the Divine Will of the Most Holy Trinity. But who will dare to say that the petition of the Lord's Prayer has been fulfilled: “Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven”?

At the age of 13, she saw a vision of Jesus carrying the Cross and experienced a deep conversion. For the three years, Luisa suffered intensely from diabolical attacks. Undeterred, with the permission of her confessor, she accepted an invitation from Jesus to become a victim soul.

At the age of 17, Luisa began to suffer mysterious physical ailments which defied medical diagnosis. At the age of 22, a strange condition confined Luisa permanently to her bed where she suffered the exterior and interior pains of the Lord’s Passion. In this victim state, she retained no food for 64 years, subsisting solely on the Holy Eucharist.

During this period, Luisa often left her body for hours or days at a time, returning only at the express command of a priest. In spite of her extraordinary suffering and graces, Luisa remained humble and totally obedient to her confessors, one of whom, Fr. Annibale di Francia was
recently canonized by Pope John Paul II. On October 16, 1888, Jesus deepened His union with Luisa through the grace of “Mystical Marriage,” in preparation for the grace of all graces, the Gift of the Divine Will.

On September 8, 1889, the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Luisa received this “grace of all graces” from the Holy Trinity. Under obedience to her confessor, Saint Annibale di Francia, she described the Gift in these words:

“I found myself in Jesus. My little atom swam in the Eternal Will; and since this Will is a single Act that contains all acts together; past, present, and future – being in the Eternal Will. I took part in that single Act that contains all acts as far as it is possible to a creature. I took part in the acts which do not yet exist and which must exist unto the end of the centuries, and as long as God will be God; and also for this did I love Him, thank Him, bless Him, and so on. There was no act that fled me. And now I took the Love of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and made it mine, as their Will was mine; and I gave it to Them as mine.”

During the century since Luisa received the Gift of the Divine Will, a number of saintly men and women have received graces under different names, including “the Divine Substitution” and “the Mystical Incarnation.” At the command of her superiors, Blessed Dina Belanger (1897-1929), otherwise known by her religious name of Mother Cecile de Rome, RJM, described the “Divine Substitution” in these words:

“God has absorbed my being entirely, annihilated in Christ. I live by Him in the Adorable Trinity of life of Eternity; and He, Jesus, takes my place on earth. Yes, this is true; Jesus lives in my place on earth. He has substituted Himself in me; and I am no longer anything.”

On March 25, 1906, Maria Concepcion (“Conchita”) Cabrera de Armida, a wife, widow, and mother of nine children, received from God a similar, if not identical, grace – the gift of the “Mystical Incarnation.” Addressing Himself to Maria, Jesus explained this as His “living and growing in your soul, never to leave it, to possess you and to be possessed by you as in one and the same substance… It is a union of the same nature as that of the union of heaven, except that in paradise the veil which conceals the Divinity disappears…”

While the gifts of saintly souls like the Blessed Dina Belanger and Conchita de Armida cannot be precisely equated with the Gift of the Divine Will, the appearance of such graces in modern times has prompted a number of eminent theologians to reflect on their significance. The eminent Dominican theologian, Fr. Marie-Michel Philipon, a close associate of the world-famous Fr. Garigou-Lagrange, concluded his study of Conchita with the following observation:

We are incontestably in a new era of spirituality…a calling of all, even the laity, even of married people, to the greatest holiness.

The Gift of the Divine Will

While no student of the subject has denied the sublimity of the “Mystical Incarnation” and the “Divine Substitution,” Luisa’s writings reveal that her Gift has a unique importance in Divine Providence. According to the teachings which Luisa recorded at the command of her confessors, the Gift of the Divine Will is the same gift which Adam and Eve received at the moment of their creation. By the Gift of the Divine Will, the Holy Trinity lived and acted within Adam and Eve, who never exercised their own wills apart from the Will of God until their test.

Had our First Parents remained fixed in the Divine Will, God would have confirmed them in that state, and their children would have been born with the same Gift. But when Adam and Eve chose to reject the Divine Will and to exercise their human will apart from God, they lost this Gift not only for themselves but for all mankind. This gift of the Divine Will was not restored to any human being until Our Lady received it at the moment of her Immaculate Conception. From the first moment of her life, Our Lady allowed the Holy Trinity to act within her without opposition. Thus, she paved the way for the Incarnation.
Although the immediate purpose of the Incarnation was to redeem mankind from slavery to sin, its ultimate purpose was to render all men capable of receiving the Gift of the Divine Will. Jesus instituted Baptism and the other Sacraments so that, strengthened and illuminated by sanctifying grace, Christians could conform their wills to the Divine Will. But this stage of conformity between the human will and the Divine Will fell far short of the ultimate stage in the Divine Plan for mankind; the coming of God’s Kingdom on earth, in which the Divine Will would act in place of every human will on earth.

On January 29, 1919, Luisa recorded the words of Jesus on the plans of His Providence:

“My beloved daughter, I want you to know the order of My Providence. In every 2000-year period I have renewed the world. In the first period, I renewed it with the Flood. In the second 2000 years, I renewed it with My coming to the earth and manifesting My Humanity from which, as so many channels of light, My period of 2000 years, those who are good and the saints themselves have lived the fruits of My Humanity, but have enjoyed My Divinity scarcely at all.”

“Now we are at the end of the third period and there will be a Third Renovation. This is why there is general confusion. It is due to the preparation for the third renovation. And if in the second renovation I manifested what My Humanity did and suffered, little was said about the working of My Divinity. Now in this third renovation, after the purging of the earth and the destruction of a large part of the present generation, I will be still more generous with creatures.”

According to Luisa’s writings, Jesus chose Luisa to be the first person since the Blessed Virgin Mary to receive the ultimate expression of His generosity. Calling her “the Herald of the Divine Will,” Jesus appointed her to be the first of a new generation of saints who would ask for and receive this Gift of the Divine Will. In these saints of the Latter Days, the words of the Lord’s Prayer would finally be fulfilled: “Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as It is in Heaven.”

The Smile of the Mother Church

In light of the extraordinary content of the 36 volumes which Luisa wrote under obedience between 1899 and 1938, it is no surprise that various members of the Church hierarchy have examined them carefully for many years. On April 2, 1994, Archbishop Cassati of Corato, Italy, received an historic letter from the Sacred Congregation for the Causes of the Saints. The letter announced that the appropriate congregations at the Vatican had reviewed the life and writings of Luisa Piccarreta and found no impediment to opening the Cause for her Beatification. On July 22, 2010, the Church approved all 36 volumes of the writings of Luisa Piccarreta.

Of the bishops, priests, and lay people who have studied Luisa’s writings, many have already echoed the words of Luisa’s confessor, Saint Annibale Maria di Francia:

“Our Lord, who from one century to the next always exposes the wonders of His ever-growing Love, seems to have found this virgin whom he calls the smallest upon the face of the earth, destitute of all learning, and it was his great pleasure to make of her an instrument of a mission so sublime that no other can compare with it – the triumph of the Divine Will in the entire universe as supplicated in the Our Father: “Your Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.”

The Book of Heaven: the Doctrine of the Divine Will

Where can the teachings of Jesus concerning the Divine Will be found? Under obedience to her confessors, the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta wrote the teachings of Jesus in 36 volumes known as “The Book of Heaven.” After receiving the Nihil Obstat from Saint Annibale di Francia, volumes 1 through 19 were transcribed by the religious community of the Daughters of the Divine Zeal and translated into various languages. In 1938, Church authorities impounded volumes 20 through 34, although volumes 1 through 19 had received the Nihil Obstat and volumes 20 through 34 had received the Imprimatur. These volumes remained hidden in the offices of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith for 58 years until their release to Archbishop Cassati in February 1996. The two final volumes of the Book of heaven were completed on December 28, 1938, at which time Luisa’s confessor released her from the obligation to record any further teachings.
Of the contents of the Book of Heaven, Jesus told Luisa:

“I see that these writings will be for My Church as a new sun that will rise in her midst. And men, attracted by its radiant light, will strive to transform themselves into the light to become spiritualized and divinized. Thereby, renewing the Church, they shall transform the face of the earth.”

On another occasion, Luisa added: “[Jesus] showed me a table in the midst of the Church with all of the Divine Will writings placed on it. Many venerable persons surrounded the table; and they became transformed into the light and divinized, and as they walked they communicated this light to whomever they encountered.”

And Jesus added, “You will see this great good from Heaven. The Church will receive this heavenly nourishment, and, having been strengthened, she will arise in full triumph.”

The First Fiat of God

What is the essential message of the Book of Heaven?

1. to proclaim the Third Fiat of God, and;
2. to invite all souls to know, to seek, and to receive the Gift of the Divine Will.

The Latin verb “fiat” means “let it be done.” In Luisa’s writings, the Three Fiats of God are the three main decrees of the Holy Trinity from the beginning of time until the end of the world. In the first Fiat, the Divine Will of the Holy Trinity created the heavens and the earth and made Adam and Eve in the image and likeness of God.

According to Tom Fahy, official U.S. representative for the Cause of Beatification of Luisa Piccarreta, The image of God was theirs [Adam and Eve’s] by nature; that is, their souls’ will, intellect, and memory. This was their natural state as human beings. The likeness with God is a supernatural gift with which God crowned Adam and Eve, making them the little king and queen of creation.

God bestowed on them the greatest Gift, the very same life of the Holy Trinity, the Divine Will, source of every grace and good. Our first parents possessed God and God possessed them. They were animated by the Divine Will which reigned in them...

By exercising their human wills apart from God’s will, and by rejecting God’s command, Adam and Eve lost the Gift of the Divine Will. From that day, the weak, sickly, disorderly human will reigned in their souls of their descendants, afflicting them with selfishness, suffering, sickness, and death.

In the Book of Heaven, Jesus explained how the loss of the Gift of the Divine Will rendered man incapable of doing God’s will and prevented him from giving God the glory that he should have returned to His Creator. Nevertheless, the Holy Trinity promised to restore the kingdom of the Divine Will to earth through a Messiah, the son of a sinless woman. Through the patriarchs and prophets, God prepared a people for Himself and inspired them to hasten the coming of the Redeemer with their prayers and sacrifices.

The Second Fiat of God

With their Second Fiat, the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity decreed that the Gift of the Divine Will should be restored to the Blessed Virgin Mary so that Jesus, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, might take on human nature in her womb. In Jesus and Mary, the Divine Will of the Most Holy Trinity reigned perfectly, so that their human wills never once – even for a moment – depart from the Divine Will.

According to the Book of Heaven, the Gift of the Divine will enabled Jesus not only to atone for the sins of mankind but to perfect even the good and indifferent actions of every rational creature, past, present, and future, by redoing every one of their actions in the Divine Will during his life on earth.

According to Tom Fahy, “Jesus, the God-Man, redid everyone’s life in the divine order by means of the Divine Will while He was on earth...By giving the Divine Will again to men, in the era of the Third Fiat, creatures would be enabled to do what Jesus did. In this way, the primary purpose of creation would be fulfilled.”

According to the Second Fiat of God, Jesus became man, suffered, died, rose from the dead and opened heaven to mankind. Jesus also established the Catholic Church and instituted the seven sacraments to sanctifying grace. As a participation in the life of God, the gift of sanctifying grace far surpassed the greatest of natural gifts.

However, the gift of sanctifying grace falls as far short of the Gift of the Divine Will as the rays of the sun fall short of the sun in all its splendor. Through the Church and the sacraments, Jesus planted the seeds of His Kingdom on earth, but He taught His disciples to pray for the future coming of His kingdom when God’s will would be done on earth as it is in heaven.
In the *Book of Heaven*, Jesus explained the vast difference between doing God’s will as it is done on earth and doing God’s will as it is done in heaven. In the former case, a person uses his human will to carry out God’s commands. In the latter case, the Divine Will of the Holy Trinity divinizes and carries out all of the person’s actions, both voluntary and involuntary. A person in sanctifying grace could be compared to a planet illuminated by the sun. A person in whom the Divine Will lives and reigns could be compared to the sun itself.

Seeing that the Lord’s Prayer could only be fulfilled when every person on earth possessed the Gift of the Divine Will, Luisa asked, “if Jesus Himself wants so much that His kingdom be established among creatures, then why does He want us to ask for it insistently? If He wants, He can give it without so many continuous requests.

Jesus replied: “If our justice had not found the prayers, the sigh, the tears, the penances of the Patriarchs, the Prophets, and all the good people of the Old Testament, and moreover, a Virgin Queen who possessed our Will integrally and who took everything upon herself with so many unceasing prayer, taking upon herself the work of making satisfaction for the whole human race, our Justice would never have conceded to the descent of the desired Redeemer among creatures.”

Therefore, to establish the Kingdom of My Will on earth there must be sufficient acts by creatures to keep My Kingdom from remaining suspended and enable It to descend and take form upon the very acts which creatures have formed in order to obtain such an immense good.

The actions of the saints, martyrs, and holy men and women of the past 2000 years have all contributed to one overriding purpose – the hastening of the Third Fiat of God, and the coming of God’s Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven.

**The Third Fiat of God**

According to Tom Fahey, “The Third Fiat of God” is the fulfillment of God’s eternal decree to sanctify man with the divine sanctity itself by giving souls, as far as it is possible to a creature, the fullness of the very same life of the Holy Trinity which is the Divine Will, eternal fountain of grace and blessings.

By their Third Fiat, the Holy Trinity chose Luisa Piccarreta to be the first human being since Jesus and Mary to receive the Gift of the Divine Will. Calling her the “Herald of the Reign of the Divine Will on Earth,” Jesus entrusted Luisa with the task of preparing mankind to seek and to find the Gift of the Divine Will and to enter the era of living in God’s Will.

Speaking of this new era, Jesus told Luisa Piccarreta,

“I am preparing the era of living in My Will. What past generations have not done and those in the future will not do, the good souls in this era of My Will will do. They shall complete the love, the glory, and the honor which all creation owes Me; and I will give them astonishing and unheard-of graces.”

On another occasion, Jesus described what life will be like for those who enjoy the Gift of the Divine Will in the new era:

“They will feel the life of My Will alive in them, its joy and happiness and its operative and creative power. They will feel in possession of My same life...All things will be converted into good for them; passions will lose their power to lead them into sin.”

When will this era of the Third Fiat begin? According to the Book of Heaven, it began more than a hundred years ago, in 1889, when Luisa received the Gift of the Divine Will. Since then, many other holy men and women have received the same gift, forming a small army of living hosts whose mission is to prepare for “the third renovation” – the destruction of evil, and the reign of the Divine Will on earth as it is in heaven.

According to Jesus, the fulfillment of the new era will take place soon, but not without cataclysmic trials and tribulations.

**In 1919, Jesus told Luisa:**

“In every 2000 year period, I have renewed the world... Now we are at the end of the third period and there will be a third renovation... But first the earth must be purged and a large part of the present generation destroyed.”
In the same year, He added, “Oh, My daughter, there will be wars among the peoples and death will take many lives, even among priests! Oh, how many priests are only masked! I wish to unmask them before the rise of persecution against My Church and the revolution to come; perhaps they will convert at the moment of death. Otherwise, if I leave them, under persecution they will remove their masks to become apostates (sectarians)...”

When Luisa pleaded with Jesus to prevent these calamities, He assured her that if He permitted persecutions and calamities, it was only to save souls and to renew the face of the earth:

“My daughter, I have no concern for cities, for the grandeur of the earth. Cities, churches, and all the rest can be rebuilt after they are destroyed. Wasn’t everything destroyed in the flood, and wasn’t everything reconstructed? But if souls are lost, it is forever.”

“I will make reappear the sanctity of living in My Will, which is not a human form of sanctity, but rather a divine sanctity. It will be such a high order of sanctity that, like a sun, it will eclipse the most beautiful stars of the saints of previous generations. That is why I want to purify the earth because as it is now the earth is unworthy of such a wonder of sanctity.”

A few days later, Jesus added: “Ah, my daughter, the present generation deserve to be totally destroyed; and if I allow a small remnant to survive, it is only to form these suns, sanctified by living in My Will. These suns, sanctified by living in My Will, will restore to Me everything that all creatures – past, present, and future – owe Me. Then the earth will give Me true glory, and My “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven” will be heard and will find fulfillment.

The Gift of the Divine Will Is For You!

In the Book of Heaven, Jesus told Luisa Piccarreta:

“These writings will be for My Church as a new sun that will rise in her midst. And men, attracted by its radiant light, will strive to transform themselves into this light to become spiritualized and divinized, thereby, renewing the Church, they shall renew the face of the earth.”

But how does one make use of the Divine Will teachings?

The following three steps are open to anyone interested in applying the teachings:

1. Ask for the Gift of the Divine Will.
2. Begin to live in the Divine Will by calling It to reign in all your actions.

Jesus told Luisa: “The sign that I want to give the Gift of My Will in these times is the knowledge of it... everything is prepared and done; nothing remains but to open the doors and make it known to let man take possession of it.”

In order to ask honestly and intelligently for something, a person must first understand what he is asking for and form a true desire for it. In asking for the Gift of the Divine Will a person should intend to renounce his human will permanently in favor of the Divine Will. One who asks for the Gift lets Jesus live his life, careful to avoid not only sin but even good or indifferent actions that would be less pleasing to God than His perfect Will. A true child of the Divine Will longs to become a living Host, in whom Jesus can live, pray, and act at every moment, in time and in eternity.

At the conclusion of this article, you will find an Act of Consecration to the Divine Will, approved by the Luisa Piccarreta Center for the Divine Will. After sufficient reflection on the meaning of the act, any person in the state of grace can make the consecration and enter into a deeper relationship with the Holy Trinity.

In conversation with Luisa, Jesus assured her, “My daughter, you don’t need doors, nor keys to enter into My will...To enter, creatures need but remove the pebble of their own will... If a soul removes the rock of her own will, in that very same instant she flows in me and I in her; and she finds all my goods at her disposal.”

Live in the Divine Will

“Live in the Divine Will! This command sums up the doctrine of the Divine Will and the whole purpose of human life. But how does one do it?

Jesus gave this explanation to Luisa Piccarreta: “My daughter, in order for a soul to be able to forget herself,
everything she does or has to do must be done as if I wanted to do it in her. If one prays, she should say, “It is Jesus who wants to work; it is Jesus who wants to eat; who wants to sleep; who wants to get up; who wants to enjoy Himself.” And it should be like that for the rest of her life, excluding errors.”

In the Divine Will, Jesus and the soul together repair the sins and imperfections of all creation by offering the Holy Trinity perfect acts of love, thanksgiving and adoration on behalf of all creatures – rational and irrational – past, present, and future. Through these prayers – which Jesus referred to as “making the rounds of creation” – the soul in the Divine Will recapitulates the prayers of Jesus Himself.

Likewise, through the prayers of the Mass, through the Rosary, and through meditations on the life and sufferings of Jesus and Mary, the soul in the Divine Will offers the perfect acts of Jesus and Mary to the Holy Trinity and atones for the sins, faults, and imperfections of the whole world.

Study the Divine Will Teachings

If the Divine Will is primarily a life to be lived, it is also a doctrine to be learned. In the Book of Heaven, Jesus stressed the importance of knowledge and study of the Divine Will teachings.

“These truths, according to whether they are known, will form the different categories of the souls that live in My Will. One degree of knowledge more or less will let one rise or remain in a different category. Knowledge will be the means for making one rise to a higher category and there will be the same life of the fullness of My Will in them.”

How is one to grow in the knowledge of the Divine Will? Through the mercy of God. English-speaking readers can obtain a wealth of information, including large portions of the Book of Heaven, from the Luisa Piccarreta Center for the Divine Will in Jacksonville, FL.

In addition to substantial portions of the Book of Heaven, the center carries a wide selection of commentaries on Luisa’s writings, all of them approved by the appropriate Church authorities. Interested parties can obtain a free list of materials available in English by contacting the center at the address below: Luisa Piccarreta Center for the Divine Will, P.O. Box 5, Ortega Station, Jacksonville, FL 32210.

The directors of the Luisa Piccarreta Center also encourage students of the Divine Will teachings to form cenacles of the Divine Will. In these cenacles, members meet on a regular basis to pray and to grow in the knowledge and practice of the Divine Will teachings. The directors of the Luisa Piccarreta Center advise cenacles in various parts of the United States and Canada and conduct workshops and retreats on the Divine Will teachings.

A Message of Hope

In a world that seems to be hurtling on its way to self destruction, the writings of Luisa Piccarreta offer a message of hope and resurrection. Jesus assured Luisa:

“My Fiat Voluntas Tua (Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven) will be like the rainbow that appeared in the heavens after the Flood. As a rainbow of peace it assured mankind that flood had ceased. Such will be the Third Fiat. As it becomes known, both loving and disinterested souls will enter into the life of my Fiat. Like rainbows of peace, they will repacify heaven and earth, and will cause the flood of so many sins to recede.

“The life of these rainbows of peace will be the Third Fiat, so that my Fiat Voluntas Tua will have its fulfillment in them. Just as the Second Fiat called me to earth to live among mankind, so the Third Fiat will call down My Will to live in souls; and there it will reign on earth as it does in Heaven.”

Act of Consecration to the Divine Will

Oh, adorable and Divine Will, behold me here before the immensity of Your Light, that Your eternal goodness may open to me the doors and make me enter into It to form my life all in You, Divine Will. Therefore, Oh, adorable Will, put myself into the little group of the sons and daughters of Your Supreme FIAT. Prostrate in my nothingness, I invoke Your Light and beg that it
clothe me and eclipse all that does not pertain to You, Divine Will. It will be my Life, the center of my intelligence, the enraptured of my heart and of my whole being. I do not want the human will to have life in this heart any longer. I will cast it away from me thus form the new Eden of Peace, of happiness and of love. With It I shall always be happy. I shall have the singular strength and a holiness that sanctifies all things and conducts them to God.

Here, prostrate, I invoke the help of the Most Holy Trinity, that They permit me to live in the cloister of the Divine Will and thus return in me the first order of creation, just as the creature was created.

Heavenly Mother, Sovereign Queen of the Divine Fiat, take my hand and introduce me into the Light of the Divine Will. You will be my guide, my most tender Mother, and will teach me to live in and to maintain myself in the order and the bounds of the Divine Will. Heavenly Mother, I consecrate my whole being to Your Immaculate Heart. You will teach me the doctrine of the Divine Will and I will listen most attentively to Your Lessons. You will cover me with Your mantle so that the infernal serpent dare not penetrate into this sacred Eden to entice me and make me fall into the maze of the human will.

Heart of my greatest good, Jesus, You will give me Your flames that they may burn me, consume me, and feed me to form me in the Life of the Divine Will.

Saint Joseph, you will be my protector, the guardian of my heart, and will keep the keys of my will in your hands. You will keep my heart jealously and shall never give it to me again, that I may be sure of never leaving the Will of God.

My Guardian Angel, guard me; defend me; help me in everything so that my Eden may flourish and be the instrument that draws all men into the Kingdom of the Divine Will. Amen.