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Proudly created with Wix. Many people have asked about it. Certainly when I began tossing around ideas, I shied away from it. The word conjures up images of men in dark robes, stirring vaporous substances in huge cauldrons. That is definitely NOT me. I live in the suburbs. I drive a car. I have an iPhone. I worked in the business world for 20 years. The word, mystic, kept coming up, though. In dreams, and daydreams. Out of the mouths of friends. My personal path has been one of continual awareness of God. I have been seeing the spirits of people who have passed on, since I was 4 years old. For a really long time, this seemed like a burden. Trouble with a capital T. But, as I continue to evolve, to grow, to learn, I am finally able to understand the great blessing that God has bestowed upon me. I believe that more people than not have had a mystical experience. The path of a mystic, then, is to take the experience of union with God, and to let that define your choices, define yourself. It is a path of faith, of evolution, of learning, of being. This is the path that I follow. And I want to use my gifts to help others see their connection to the entire Universe. You are very welcome here. I believe in complete honesty. Your time is YOUR time. Come prepared with questions, ready to talk and ready to work.

Chapter 3 : Modern Day Christian Mystics

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What is a Modern Day Mystic? Well, first of all a modern day mystic is a mystic. Mysticism usually centers on a practice or practices intended to nurture those experiences or awareness. Mystical experience shares this common thread through all religions. There are Catholic mystics, i. Teresa of Avila; Islamic mystics and the Sufis, i. According to Evelyn Underhill, there is a process of mystical experience that she delineates into five stages: The response in this stage is one of self-discipline and mortification. The third stage, illumination, is one reached by artists and visionaries as well as being the final stage of some mystics. It is marked by a consciousness of a transcendent order and a vision of a new heaven and a new earth. The great mystics go beyond the stage of illumination to a fourth stage which Underhill, borrowing the language of St. John of the Cross, calls the dark night of the soul. It is the period of final "unselfing" and the surrender to the hidden purposes of the divine will. The final and last stage is one of union with the object of love, the one Reality, God. Here the self has been permanently established on a transcendental level and liberated for a new purpose. Filled up with the Divine Will, it immerses itself in the temporal order, the world of appearances in order to incarnate the eternal in time, to become a mediator between humanity and eternity. The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali is also a good outline of the process of mystical experience. Basically Patanjali discusses eight steps of mystical yoga practice. The first five steps of: Yama, Niyama, Asana, Pranayama and Pratyahara are ways to purify the mind and body, preparing one for deep meditation. The last three steps of the Yoga Sutras consisting of: Dharana, Dhyana and Samadhi are the contemplation and meditation that result in the final stage of union with the One Reality. But in both processes the individual mystic does have to let go of the ego in order to reach Samadhi or union with God. In conclusion, a mystic is really anyone who has had these mystical experiences. If you have had direct experience of God or Divinity, whether through your intuition or direct awareness, than you are a mystic. So what then is a modern day mystic? Then later after my book was published, I noticed that Thomas Lyons also uses this phrase in his book, *Modern Day Mystic*: To quote from his book: So a definition for a "modern day mystic" could be: Because a modern day mystic has to communicate his or her mystical experiences through present day culture, religion and technology. Things are different now than they were in the past. We have become a more global society due to new technology and transportation. I am more aware of other countries, religions and nations than my grandparents were. I can turn on the TV and see what is happening on the other side of the world instantly. I think this has given rise to a more global consciousness. And part of that global consciousness is a more expansive view of oneself and the world. Ancient mystics were more restricted in communicating their mystical experiences through their specific culture and religion. Now as a global society, we are much more aware of other religions and mystical practices. Also with advances in technology, we understand the universe differently than we did in the past. Through the advent of Quantum physics, scientists have redefined the nature of matter and energy. The universe is not what it appears what many mystics have said all along , it is really an illusion. When we observe matter closely, it is not solid at all, but actually consists of electrons and protons swirling in a magnetic field. The table that I lean upon, may seem solid to my senses, but in reality is far from it. So as technology progresses, our understanding of the universe changes and it is up to the modern day mystics to share how the divine manifests in the present day and age. A modern day mystic knows the universal mystical reality that is the source behind all creation and a modern day mystic never loses sight of the truth which is very ancient, but ever experienced anew. For further information, see: Jill Lowy was born near Chicago, Illinois. She was also initiated into Kriya Yoga under the lineage of Paramahansa Yogananda. Jill has been practicing and teaching Yoga and Spirituality for many years. She has given many lectures and workshops. Her recent book *To Jill with Love, Memoirs of a Modern Day Mystic* contains stories of spiritual inspiration after being initiated into the mystical arts. She works as a Counselor and her hobbies include: Post new comment Please Register or Login to post new comment.

Chapter 4 : Mystics of the Church: Maria Esperanza -Modern day mystic and messenger of hope

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Maria Teresa Carloni, A modern day mystic Maria Teresa Carloni, A modern day stigmatic with exceptional mystical gifts -The mystic who came back to the Catholic faith at age 32 The webmaster would like to gratefully thank Mrs. Angelica Avcikurt for translating from the original Italian the inspiring and informative passages below. May God reward her for her efforts. Introduction Maria Teresa Carloni, a twentieth century mystic, is better known in Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and Bulgaria than in her native Italy. At the age of four, she became an orphan, and together with her brother Adolph, went to live with her grandmother. As a child and adolescent, she suffered from terrible scruples. This together with the fact that she met some priests and religious that were not leading edifying lives, kept her away from the Church. However, she desperately wanted to find God. At the age of 17 she tried once more to go to confession, but was misunderstood by the priest. Although she felt she was far from God, she offered many sacrifices for the conversion of her patients and was even fired from a hospital unit for opposing abortion. Because of her outstanding service, she was given the Silver Medal of Valor by the military. While she was living in Rome, she fell in love with a young doctor. This young doctor, however, was tragically killed on the St. Angelo Bridge when they were together on a medical visit at night. Sometime later, she accompanied the soldiers from the hospital to an audience with the Pope at the Vatican. Her Conversion at age 32 After finishing a degree in Pedagogy in , she returned to her native Urbania. On April 16, , at the age of 32, she had a conversion. She made an appointment with the Parish Priest of St. Francis Church, Father Cristoforo Campana, because her grandmother was dying. She also wanted to speak with him, and told him all about her bad experiences with the Church and that this was her final attempt to come back. Campana accepted to be her spiritual director and she returned to the Church. On June 16, , after asking her spiritual director, Maria Teresa makes a vow of perpetual virginity. From then on, her prayer and penitential life became more intense. The Beginning of her Mystical Experiences: Inner Locutions While working as nurse at the Bonomelli Foundation of Milano, a charitable institution, she was sent to the small town of Spotorno, to do educate children about TB prevention. Soon after her arrival there, an epidemic broke out and she was quarantined with the children. This is when her first mystical experiences started and she then began writing letters about it to her spiritual director, Fr. She felt that another person was talking inside her head and when it stopped, she would answer. At the beginning these dialogues lasted just a few minutes, but as they became longer, she used to leave whatever she was doing and hide somewhere so that people would not become alarmed. Her spiritual father, of course, was cautious, and told her not to pay attention to this Voice, that it was probably her imagination. However, no matter how much she tried to ignore this, it continued and her fighting it took a toll on her health. Once she was back in Urbania at the end of March, , Father Campana wanted to look into what was happening to her. This is what he wrote: It would last from between fifteen minutes to half and hour. Then everything would return to normal. She would become embarrassed when she realized I was there and would say: You are still here? Campana, consulted many books about mystical phenomenon, and since her conversations were highly spiritual and he found no doctrinal error in them, he decided to allow this to continue. This took place regularly every Friday. You, being her spiritual father, can accept or reject this from happening, because you are the authority that represents Me, but know that this is My will. This soul has offered herself to me and I have accepted her offer. She will be a victim for the salvation of many, according to what she has told you. The wounds will not appear externally, because everything must remain hidden, as you said, but later, whenever you want, you can make them appear and they will be seen visibly. Cristoforo Campana, who later became a Monsignor. When Maria Teresa regained consciousness, she did not remember anything of what was said in this dialogue between Jesus and her spiritual director. Campana went to see her at 2: Campana witnessed her terrible suffering as she appeared to be nailed to the Cross and then it appeared she had given her last breath and expired. Campana to bring her to Church. Campana heard the following: Campana finds out that Ivana Puskin had died. Ivana was

the great granddaughter of Alexander Sergeevic Puskin, considered to be the father of contemporary Russian literary language. Ivana was Catholic and was active in the underground Church movement. Campana of the death of Ivana Puskin and asked him to tell Maria Teresa if she wanted to take the place of this victim for the salvation of Russia and the other countries ruled by the doctrine of atheistic materialism. At the beginning of March, , Stalin was dying. Before Stalin dies, I want to give him the possibility of being saved, like I do with all redeemed souls, despite his crimes. If you two accept, I ask you to offer these three hours for the soul of Stalin. It seems, however, that Stalin did not benefit from the grace that Jesus offered him at the moment of his death. Blessed Elena Aiello, another Italian mystic, was granted a vision of hell in which she saw the soul of Stalin and a place for his followers. Campana new mystical phenomena started. One Sunday afternoon, Fr. He used to go see them once in a while to encourage their faith. She accepted and immediately went to bed because of the pain in her legs. In the meanwhile, Cardinal Stepinac was able to fulfill his mission. This taking upon herself the sufferings of others, together with the phenomenon of bilocation, started happening almost daily as she assisted priests who were being tortured in communist countries. Campana noted that Maria Teresa started sweating blood on Good Friday, and bilocated for the first time on December 6 of the same year. Actually, she became like a transmitter-receiver for persecuted persons. She could hear people calling for help from far distances. These mystical phenomena allowed Fr. Campana to make contact with leaders of the persecuted Church, who could not contact the Holy See. Through this special mission of Maria Teresa, Fr. Campana would keep the Pope up to date with what was happening in these places. Besides traveling by bilocation, Maria Teresa also traveled physically to many of these places and was able to visit leaders of the Church even in prison. Her first trip was to Innsbruck, where she met with Card. Stepinac, and visited Card. Often she went by bilocation wherever she was needed. After the failed rebellion in Hungary, Fr. Campana sent her there in bilocation to encourage the Hungarian people. These trips in bilocation would take a toll on her physically and spiritually making her very weak. Her spiritual father would make the appointment with the Pope. When she would arrive in Rome at the train station, a Swiss Guard would come pick her up to take her to the Vatican. She sometimes had dinner with the Pope and then they talked all night. The Pope was very interested in what was happening in those areas, he even cried when he heard of the tortures and the sufferings those people had to endure. Since he knew that among the many spiritual gifts that Maria Teresa had, was the gift of being able to tell apart consecrated hosts from unconsecrated hosts, he ordered Maria Teresa to attend all the Masses celebrated on June 13, from Maria Teresa later met the Pope to give him the report: Masses celebrated with attention and intention, 6; Masses where the celebrant was distracted but the Mass was still valid, 8; Masses in which the celebrant was so distracted that the consecration did not take place, 1; Masses celebrated by priests with deliberate venial sins, 5; Masses celebrated by priests in mortal sin but not sacrilegious, 2; sacrilegious Masses, 0. A Eucharistic Miracle The day she gave the Pope this report, she had lunch with him and then they took a walk in the Vatican Gardens. During their walk, the Pope took out of his pocket a theca with 4 hosts. The Pope was moved to tears and knelt and so did Maria Teresa. She gave one of these hosts to Maria Teresa and told her to put it in a Theca and keep it close to her heart under her clothes. She lay on the papal bed and the Pope knelt at the bedside crying. Many years later, when Maria Teresa was distressed because of problems and tensions among the Curia in Urbana, Pope Pius XII appeared to her dressed in red on the anniversary of his death. It is not your fault. You are just a victim. Maria Teresa informed the Pope of what was happening in the persecuted Church. This report was based on her visits in bilocation to the leaders of the Church in those countries from December The Pope gifted her with a chasuble which she kept in her private chapel in Urbana. During the audience on March , Maria Teresa spoke to the Pope about the problems of the Church in Sudan, after her recent trip there. She spiritually adopted many seminarians from Sudan and prayed and suffered for them. On June 3, , she went in bilocation to the dying pope.

Chapter 5 : MDM abbreviation stands for Modern Day Mystic

A modern day mystic knows the universal mystical reality that is the source behind all creation and a modern day mystic never loses sight of the truth which is very ancient, but ever experienced anew.

This guy runs an experiment where he tries to keep in constant contact with God. It still is one of my favorite books, and this time, I was able to copy all the good quotes out of it in my academic journal for the Institute! I like my review below from I really think everyone should read this little gem again and again! I have not read this book since ! I thought I had read it since then, but NO. I have read The Game with Minutes three times beca I just read it again in I have read The Game with Minutes three times because it is part of our ministry curriculum, but this is one of my top ten favorite books that deserves a reread! I have never written a review of it, other than having referred to it when I have reviewed other Laubach books, but I found a very old post from this blog entitled, "In His Presence" from July 30, that gets to the heart of why I love this book: I do not know what is happening with me. There is this amazing connection that I am having with God right now. I cried out to You with the desire to not let strange encounters with others derail me from Your precious presence. It became my passion and something in which to strive because "In Your presence is fullness of joy and pleasures forever" Psalm Yet, being the emotional self that I am, it has always been difficult. Those bi-monthly extended times of prayer helped to recalibrate me, but by the end of the sixty days, I was undone again. Oh, to be undone only by God because of His overwhelming presence. That is what I yearned for more than anything. And I added another resolve -- to be as wide open toward people and their need as I am toward God. Window open outward as well as upward. He also did not live a monastic existence as Brother Lawrence did. His inward and outward growth were simultaneous. I wanted that moment by moment experience of God in the midst of the daily grind of life with "tilting people. I realized that I had only read a chapter with longer excerpts referred to above from Laubach called "Opening Windows to God" in the Devotional Classics by Foster and Smith. Why had I never read him? If people like Willard and Ortberg and Foster and countless others were quoting him, why have I never read him directly? So I Googled and found this book. Thankfully, by , this edition had been made available, and I ate it up! I never knew that he was a worker among the Moro people in Southeast Asia too! My kind of guy! The Introduction by Ken Smitherman, President of the Association of Christian Schools International puts it well, when he says that, "Although these letters were written nearly eighty years ago they speak forcefully to anyone who desires the highest level of the pursuit of God and effective discipleship and discipling. It is that important of a book, and paired with The Practice of the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence, it is that much more powerful! There is an online version, but I really like this little pocket book that includes The Game with Minutes too.

Chapter 6 : List of Modern Mystics

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Thu, 19 Apr I think a clue can be found in the bitter argument between Carl Jung and Sigmund Freud that led to their parting of ways, way back in in the early 20th Century. Freud was looking for a rational, causal explanation for the subconscious world, which he reduced to taboos, family romance, sex and death drives. But Jung was a mystic, and his interest lay precisely in the world of the unseen and occult. Being so apparently rational, Freud had no room for occult speculation: My sense is that this same Freudian fear and loathing of mysticism - a certain terror of the irrational, the dark, and the unknown - is what people fear in Jordan Peterson, who is a scientist but also a Jungian mystic. Neuroscientist and psychoanalyst Iain McGilchrist, on the other hand, believes that this is a reductive view: Freud and Jung fought this same eternal war between reason and mystery, and the conflict rages on. Certainly, fear of fascist mysticism is not unfounded: Nazism, for example could be thought of as a kind of pre-rational mysticism, and Hitler a kind of negative mystic monster. However, was Jung a Nazi, as Pankaj Mishra seems to suggest? Actually, such rumors have since been proved unfounded: Jung actually risked his life in a conspiracy to bring down Hitler [iii]. Peterson, Jung and Archetypes Jordan Peterson is a student of Jung, and like his teacher has genuine mystical qualities. This may be one of the reasons why he is quite threatening to those rationalists like Freud, and now Sam Harris, and others who believe that we need to outgrow religion. And Peterson is doubly threatening to extreme scientific reductionists because he is highly empirical, and a scientist to boot. It should be pointed out that Jung was also a scientist and more empirical than many people give him credit for. Jung is very hard to understand, and Peterson has read the complete works - an achievement in itself. These days Jung is taboo almost everywhere in official circles - while being loved by independent minds and all kinds of artists and storytellers. My own professors warned me against Jung, which just made me more curious about him. An archetype, as Peterson has describes it, is a limit. For example, Christ is an archetype of the ultimate hero, Lucifer of pure evil, Judas of betrayal, Cain and Abel of the warring brothers, and Adam and Eve of the fallen man and women. Archetypes are representations of a complex reality - the grammar or code with which we understand and compose the human story. Like piano chords, some are dark and some light, some major and some minor, but each has a certain axiomatic quality. The amount of archetypes are limited but they can be arranged in limitless ways - just as the few notes of the western scale contain the possibility of infinite variation. William Blake understood archetypes before the word was in circulation. This can be understood, with or without religious belief, because enduring stories are existential, rather than merely moralistic or religious - atheists can benefit from knowing the mythopoeitics of The Bible, as well as believers. Peterson, Atheists, and Traditionalists Incidentally, it is interesting to note, that Peterson has a lot of atheist fans: This is another Petersonian idea: The Jewish born Christian mystic Simone Weil was an atheist when she had what she described as a religious awakening. She subsequently asked herself: She came to an interesting conclusion: And even more radically, a loss of faith might be necessary for the birth of a genuine spiritual awakening. Perhaps our post-modern loss of faith is necessary for a more genuine future mysticism to be born. Peterson, on the other hand, gives a humbler answer: Peterson has revived the notion that we should fear God and Hell. Perhaps mysticism cannot be born prior to a certain salutary terror. This world, whether there is an afterlife or not, is still full of numberless heavens and hells. Moreover, unfortunately or not, the biblical God and his stories, keep coming back to haunt us - and people are more religious than ever, despite the scientific revolution. Peterson has shown a lot of skeptics that biblical stories are not that simple - that they are deeply realistic. It has a happy ending for the chosen few, but it is also full of heart-wrenching tragedy for many. The proof of the veracity of biblical stories is in how many centuries they have endured. But the bible does not offer an easy road to salvation certainly - the old testament god Yahweh especially can be pretty monstrous. There is good reason to fear Him. And, ironically, atheists fear him a great deal. Peterson has also tangoed with traditionalists like the Catholic pundit, Patrick Coffin [vii]. Imitation of Christ - which Jung described as

the hero journey - is no easy task. A sort of total humility, total surrender to the investigation of truth does. Peterson, Intellectuals and Leftists So who else fears Peterson? Intellectuals and leftists, obviously. The world of perfect equality has often led to a world of perfect horrors, as the 20th Century has shown us. He is an anti-racist who, despite himself blurts out racist epitaphs. Is he unaware of his own intolerance and resentment, and perhaps of his own envy - the envy of an intellectual for a real embodied philosopher? The language police want to control and compel speech - and are particularly humorless. As I have joked before, he is leading the real revolution of the proletariat. Pankaj Mishra throws a lot of nasty words in Peterson's direction: The dark mud here, or dark envy - the negative mysticism - seems to belong to Mishra, who appears to be unknowingly animated, and indeed possessed, by a totalising, devouring ideology - so he cannot tell the difference between a reasonable man and a fascist. The devouring mother wants to keep men boys forever - manhood is feared. Progressives - and I include myself in that category - got got. Each person has a shadow to reckon with - the shadow of the left is the devouring mother; the shadow of the right is the tyrannical father. And the really difficult reckoning - which Jung brought forward and which Peterson has popularized - is that wisdom comes from acknowledging the dark aspects of our soul, which no one really wants to do. To know that the worst lies hidden in ourselves is a terrifying realization. But the alternative, as Peterson keeps saying, is much worse: The alternative, as Peterson has said, is indeed hell. Belief and Gnosis This essay grew out of a conversation which I had with David Fuller of Rebel Wisdom about why people have such strong - and sometimes even hysterical - reactions to Jordan Peterson [ix]. And nothing threatens the status quo more than a mystic. I say that real hard-headed mysticism and spiritual illumination is what can heal the various divides in our hearts - but again, this is something I cannot prove empirically.

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Her mother, Maria Filomena, and father Aniceto Medrano had desperately wanted a daughter, as they already had three boys, and so the mother asked the Blessed Virgin, to grant her a girl. As a child, Maria was often sick but she repeatedly recovered from mysterious disorders in a miraculous way, most notably surviving severe heart and respiratory maladies. It seems that God was preparing and purifying her through suffering, as is often the case with those called to a special mission in the Church. During her childhood, Maria showed a precocious interest in religious matters, often playing with dolls that were dressed as priests and nuns. Her first mystical experience At the age of five, she had her first mystical experience. The saint tossed Maria a rose that she caught with her hand. It was a red rose and it had a velvet texture. She then gave it to her mother who was amazed because of the fact that there were no roses nearby. She then prayed, waiting for an answer. When she opened her eyes, the Blessed Virgin was smiling in front of her. Our Lady appeared to Maria as the Virgin of the Valley of Margarita another apparition site off the coast of Venezuela and told the girl what medication to take. Maria later learned that her father had a special devotion to the Virgin of the Valley, and on his deathbed he had called upon the Virgin to protect his wife and children. A vision of Jesus There were other trials during her youth, and so sick was Maria that she was fed through injection. Still, the young Esperanza never wavered in her faith. Praying another time for Christ to take her so she would no longer be such a burden to her family, Maria opened her eyes and this time saw the Heart of Jesus. It was full of light and dripping blood. It was so beautiful, beautiful eyes His face was so gentle! But they explained that life is a long series of trials, and that the bridge to Heaven is constructed through trials, purgation, and humility especially humility. During her teenage years she received several mystical graces including the ability to read into hearts, and she often had the premonition of knowing when guests would arrive, or when her family or friends were sick, or if something significant had happened to them. She also prayed upon a little boy who had Typhoid fever and the child was healed. More mystical visions and heavenly graces As she passed from adolescence into young adulthood, naturally her vocation in life was at forefront of her concerns. At first she wanted to become a nun and entered a convent in That same year, on October 3, at the end of a Mass, she had yet another implausible experience. Once again, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus appeared to her, and once more a rose was thrown to her. Rather, something pinched her right palm and blood began to seep from that hand. It was the onset of the stigmata. Maria felt at that moment that she would eventually leave the convent and become a mother, working for the Lord in the world. Her vocation was to be that of a family woman. Also, you shall be the mother of seven children: Six roses and a bud. One day she saw an apparition of a man waving a flag that was white, red, and green, and to her it was a sign that her future husband would be an Italian. Soon afterwards, an apparition of John Bosco announced to her that she would meet her future husband on November 1, The following October 13, the anniversary of the great miracle at Fatima, Our Blessed Mother told Maria she would be married on December 8, -the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Purchase of the land in Betania- Another vision becomes a reality When Maria was a young woman, the Blessed Virgin Mary showed her in a vision a special piece of land with an old house, a waterfall, and a grotto. This vision was etched as it were into her mind. Maria had even discussed the vision with Padre Pio during a visit with him on one occasion. We called the guy in March and went to see it. In June we signed the contract – It corresponded exactly with a vision my wife had been given when she was a very young girl. My heart I give to you. My heart I will always give to you. However, approximately 80 people who were with her at Betania that day witnessed a cloud that came from the forest, as well a remarkable movement of the sun. It was also around this time that the wounds of the Stigmata began to be more apparent. Thus began the apparitions at Betania. What has made Betania different than any other apparition site is that while the appearances there were initially given to Maria, many of the subsequent supernatural events that have occurred at apparition site are independent of her, that is, many events have taken place at Betania with or without Maria being there or experiencing them. The most momentous of these occurred on March 25, , when seven successive apparitions were witnessed by a total of

people. It was this event that started the local Bishops investigation into the alleged events. Bishop Pio Bello thus began an intensive study into the occurrences up to that point, interviewing as many eyewitnesses as possible. In the days and months that followed the first apparition to Maria, literally hundreds of people saw the Mother of God at Betania. They most commonly see her as a type of living marble statue or as a manifestation formed in luminous light, smoke, or clouds. Others have witnessed The sun pulsing as at Fatima, along with a blue butterfly that seemed to flit out from the grotto at the moment Maria began to see the Virgin Mary in a vision. Pilgrims have also reported seeing a "glitter" or sparkly radiance that falls from the sky and strange lights in the heavens. A giant cross has also appeared above the mountain, and there have been many cures. Arrieta, who studied at Harvard, there have been more than 1, physical healings at Betania. He himself was cured of prostate cancer that had metastasized to his spine. Others have been cured of paralysis, liver disorders, and leukemia. A miracle of the Eucharist Additionally, holy relics have been miraculously found at Betania such as on December 14, when Maria Esperanza felt compelled to go to the creek, where she spotted a rock, pulled it from the creekbed, and in turning it over saw that it held a white image of the Virgin. There have also been Eucharistic miracles at Betania as for example on December 8, , when a Host began to bleed as the priest held it. Investigation the matter, Bishop Pio Bello states "I had a scientific investigation conducted, and this was done by a laboratory in Caracas that is totally trustworthy," says the bishop. Maria Esperanza always traveled directly guided by the Virgin spreading the message of reconciliation and brotherly unity. Thus she visited many places around the world, always spreading the Word of God in Churches and participating in Marian conferences with the proper ecclesiastical permission. Immediately after her death, numerous individuals present remarked a profuse scent of roses that wafted through the room. The countless souls who knew Maria will always remember her for her extraordinary humility, sincerity, kindness and devotion to Jesus and Mary. Francis of Assisi marking the opening of the cause for beatification and canonization of Maria Esperanza de Bianchini. On this day Jan 31st the Church celebrates the feast of St John Bosco who had appeared to her in a vision informing her of her upcoming marriage. Now that her cause has been opened, Maria is now referred to as a Servant of God. Finally, a second miracle will be needed for her canonization. Maria was told by the Virgin that we are living the "hour of decision for humanity. She sees a coming purification. She foresees war, societal problems, and natural disasters. But she also sees a cleansing that will restore humankind. The world will improve. It will solve many of its problems. It will draw closer to Heaven.

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