



# True Life in God Newsletter

*"I come to restore My Vineyard & be happy..."*

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### ***An Explosion of Divine Graces! The Asian Report Part IV - Phillipines Part I***

***November 22-28, 2005***

The Philippines is an archipelago of 7,100 islands off the southeast coast of Asia in the western Pacific Ocean and has a population of 90 million, mainly Roman Catholics. This was Vassula's 7th journey here and was full of events: There was a series of 4 major Meetings in the northern, central and southern Philippines, with crowds ranging from 3,000 to 400,000; there were 2 intimate gatherings with clergy and laypeople; The 3 Beth Myriam Project activities were documented; Vassula participated in Radio, TV and newspaper interviews; and a visit to His Excellency, Archbishop Ramon Arguelles, her steadfast and loyal supporter. Vassula's week-long stay in the Philippines was once again unforgettable!

#### **Manila**

Fr. Richie Santos writes: "Arriving in Manila in the late afternoon of November 22nd from Bangkok, Vassula Ryden's first act was Holy Mass, concelebrated by myself, Fr. Jesus Richie Santos, SDB, and Fr. Julio Gaddi, a parish priest in the south of the Philippines. What a beautiful way to inaugurate her 7th visit to the Philippines!"



Left, Holy Mass celebrated in our host's house; Right, TV Interview first, followed by newspaper Interview for the Philippine Inquirer

### Tuguegarao, Cagayan Valley in northern Philippines

We traveled by plane the next morning to the northern province of Cagayan Valley, a land of majestic caves, glorious mountains and underground waterfalls. Vassula's much-awaited 2nd visit commenced with a royal and enthusiastic welcome at the airport by the TLIG organizers, His Excellency, Archbishop Diosdado A. Talamayan of the Archdiocese of Tuguegarao, and the Governor, Hon. Edgar Ramones Lara.



Left, Welcome banners at Tuguegarao Airport; Right, Vassula being met by Fr. Frank Taea to her left and Dr. German de Laza, TLIG organizers



Left, Vassula was met by Archbishop Talamayan surrounded by 3 TLIG priests: Fr. Frank Taea, Fr. Julio Gaddi and Fr. Richie Santos; Right, Vassula and the Archbishop exchange greetings





**A welcome by the Governor of Cagayan; TLIG organizers Dr. de Laza and Fr. Frank**

Tuguegarao Archbishop's Residence Meetings:

The Archbishop's Palace downtown was in a festive mood with dinner prepared for the clergy and laity, composed of members of the Parish Pastoral Council invited by Archbishop Talamayan.



**Left, A conference for the laity under the cool sky; Right, Conference for the Clergy in the Archbishop's Library**



The Archbishop's library was the venue for a conference with a group of priests and religious sisters. She shared with them the story of how the Lord chose her and she encouraged them to read the TLG messages so they could become better pastors of souls and spiritual guides of the people. One felt the heart of God, there and then, as if saying: **"...I love My religious souls and My priests and nuns as much as My other children, I love everyone including sinners and those who persecute Me, Vassula I approach everyone irrespective to what they are and how much knowledge they have**

**acquired in their life time..."** [January 30, 1987](#)

#### **Tuao: Beth Myriam Visit and Meeting**

A two-hour drive east of Tuguegarao on November 24 brought Vassula to Tuao, which is a town 30 minutes away from the miraculous Shrine of our Lady of Piat who has been the symbol of the staunch Catholic faith of the people of Cagayan.



Left, An image of Our Lady of Piat, the Patroness of Cagayan; Right, A representation of the Orthodox image of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, beside the altar in the Church of the Holy Angels, Tuao

**"Satan's hour is here; he swore from the day I raised you, daughter, to silence you; he puts all his fury against you, but I tell you, if you remain modest and without ambitions and if you maintain your vow of faithfulness to Me, to My Son, to My Holy Spirit and to your Mother of Perpetual Help, he will shrivel away from you..." [April 15, 1996](#)**

Welcomed in the church by Msgr. Gerry Perez, the parish priest of the Parish of the Holy Angels in the small town of Tuao, Vassula was awe-struck by a wooden carving of Our Mother of Perpetual Help enshrined near the sanctuary of the well-kept church. Of the four TLIG messages mentioning this Marian title, this one can affect the reader to a greater faith in Mary; the Message contains a promise of God the Father:

It is interesting to know Our Mother of Perpetual Help is very much revered all over the country; a weekly Wednesday Novena is prayed to Her in almost all churches in the Philippines. Her image, as portrayed in Orthodoxy, is found enshrined in many churches, as it is here in the Parish of the Holy Angels.



## Beth Myriam, Tuao



This Beth Myriam feeds poor people of all ages, they read the Messages and belong to the TLIG Prayer Group in Tuao

The long-awaited visit to the Beth Myriam started as Vassula filmed the enthusiastic singing of indigent children. It seemed at that moment one could hear Jesus' words: **"...all Wisdom is given to mere children, My Father delights in children..."** [February 10, 1987](#)



Left, Beth Myriam caregivers, Dr. and Mrs. de Laza; Right, Hospital beds for the sick in Beth Myriam, Tuao



Left, In the Beth Myriam Chapel; Right, Blessing a handicapped child, Beth Myriam, Tuao



The de Laza's, Fr. Frank, Vassula, Fr. Richie

TLIG is very much alive in the enthusiasm and hard work of Dr. German de Laza and his wife. After the TLIG Holy Land pilgrimage in 2000 they said "Yes" to Jesus and opened a Beth Myriam blessed and inaugurated solemnly by His Excellency Archbishop Diosdado A. Talamayan, DD in September 2000. His free medical services for the unfortunate and TLIG evangelization have reached the mountains of the next province, Kalinga Apayao.

Divinely powered by regular prayer meetings and personal contemplative reading, the couple and the TLIG-BM volunteers have been surely taking these words of our Holy Mother seriously: ***"...abide only in Faith, Hope and Love, let these be your fruit filling your heart ♥ God-is-among-you to provide your soul all that it lacks; the Vineyards of the Lord shall multiply and They shall yield enough fruit to feed thousands..."*** [September 22, 1989](#)



Through them, the Lord has established TLIG vineyards (Prayer Groups) in the Municipal Jail and in 8 far-flung villages where the poorest of the poor really dwell. Because they have been roaming daily, feeding these villages with both food for the stomach and food for the soul on a weekly basis, they call their work "Beth Myriam-on-Wheels." A delighted Vassula encouraged them to continue following the call of God to read, meditate and live the Messages so that Beth Myriam becomes the fruit of what they learned from the TLIG Messages.



#### Beth Myriam "On-Wheels" Municipal Prison Visit



Left, Welcome banner at the Prison. Once a week, the Beth Myriam "On-Wheels" visits the Prison to feed the prisoners and hold a TLIG Prayer Meeting; Right, The prisoners welcoming Vassula



## Capusian Village

This village is one of the 8 feeding areas with TLIG Prayer Groups formed by Dr. de Laza and the Beth Myriam-On-Wheels.



Left, Vassula speaks to Carlito Magday, a prison inmate for 7 yrs. and TLIG Prayer Group leader inside the prison. Considered the miracle of his life, his Release papers arrived 5 minutes after Vassula's visit!; Right, The staff of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, and the prisoners waving flags behind.



Left, Walking to Capusian with BM helper Teresa, and Dr. de Laza; Right, Village children welcoming Vassula



Left, Village children welcoming Vassula; Right, Vassula is introduced to a baby born right after the TLIG Prayer Meeting..he was named "Tligy" which stands for TLIG Youth! Right, Feeding the children of Capusian Village

## Barangcuag Village



A lot of joy and songs from the children, thanking God for the Beth Myriam

Here in these villages, the children hungry for education and God's Word are so many that one recalls Jesus' command in Matthew 9:37-38: **"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."** Vassula also paused once in a while, to personally talk with simplicity to individuals, especially among the poorest.

## Tuao Meeting



After the visits to the Prison and the villages, the afternoon saw Vassula welcomed by the Town Mayor, Mr. William Mamba who joined Vassula on the podium in the Tuao Gym where she spoke to 5,000 seated in the gym and an additional 2,000 listening through loudspeakers outside. The Mayor had declared it an official holiday in Tuao for schools and government offices, and the whole town came to see and listen to Vassula. She spoke of the beginning of her mission and God's Mercy and His Desire to share His Love and Peace with the whole of mankind. Her powerful talk touched

the hearts of the listeners. Parish priests who missed her conference the day before, listened and joined in the concelebrated Holy Mass that followed the talk. The parish priest of Tuao, Msgr. Gerry Perez, gave some spirited concluding remarks proclaiming from his heart that the TLIG messages can aid one in understanding Scriptures better.





Speaking and praying over 7,000 people from nearby villages, towns and the city of Tuguegarao. This day was declared a holiday by the Town Mayor.



The priests in procession before the Holy Mass celebrated by Msgr. Gerry Perez after Vassula's talk



Vassula was emphatic as she challenged contemplative readers present to make a commitment to form TLIG Prayer Groups. She stressed to each one the task of reading the Messages meditatively and of striving to live them. Her words came from Jesus who said: **"...beloved children, it is I your Jesus who was giving you so many Messages to remind you of My Law, to remind you who I Am; if you make My Word your home your soul shall be lifted to Me and you will reach Me; come to Me before your spirit fails you, come and reflect on all that I have been giving you, come and ponder on My Desires, seek Me, be thirsty for Me, come and meditate on all that I have given you and take My Words at heart, I desire that you actively put everything I have given you into practice and treasure Them ♡"** [February 9, 1990](#)

Aurora Lim, a TLIG newcomer who volunteered to help the organizers, gave this positive comment: "I was struck by Vassula's being transformed and formed by the Messages. I hope I can emulate her dedication to her mission and her compassion for the poor. I noticed how her facial features become younger every time she speaks about God's Messages."

Our short stay in the north abounded in graces, Vassula was grateful for the good work our TLIGpeople are doing for the poor. It was a great blessing to meet His Excellency, Archbishop Talamayan of Tuguegarao once again, TLIG priest Fr. Frank Taeza, the fervent TLIG organizers and Prayer Groups, and the Beth Myriam volunteers. Through their cooperation with the Holy Spirit's Grace, True Life in God has a solid foundation and is spreading like a tide in the north of the Philippines.

Praise the Lord!

By: Fr. Richie Santos, Cecilia Lutz, and True Life in God Philippines Association

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### ***Three Types of Confirmations from His Divine Presence - A Personal Testimony***

I have been immersed in the True Life in God messages since 1995 and I am on hemodialysis for the past 24 years.

Today while reading messages from Volume 12, I tremble with joy as in this instant I clearly understand the signs and experiences that the Lord had shown to me in the past. My heart pounds as I read the following words:

**"...for the sake of My Name and for the sake of the Love I have for you, I have shown Myself to all of you; into your room I have come to visit you with My Divine Presence; sometimes I have come as a fragrance of myrrh, at other times I swirled as the smoke of incense perfuming you and your room ♡ have I not appeared as a ray of light in your heart as well?"** NB 103, p.45, [May 5, 2001](#)

#### **1. "sometimes I have come as a fragrance of myrrh"**

The first time I smelled a fragrance from the Host, it was on Sunday, Sept. 25th 2005. This is taken from my dairy:

Sunday, Sept. 25th 2005

Today I woke up with no back pain. It is so nice to be relieved from pain, what a wonderful feeling! It started out three weeks ago. I injured my back exercising with leg weights. It caused me such pain merely to lean forward just to brush my teeth. It hurt to sit, to lie down and to stand up.

The hardest part was after my dialysis treatment when I had to stand up and walk. It was excruciatingly painful to walk. Needless to say no amount of medication would help.

So in the evening I stopped by the Blessed Sacrament to give thanks to the Lord. As I finished praying the Stations of the Cross taken from True Life In God, I rushed in line to receive the Holy Communion and headed out to the church parking lot to do my Rosary. It was just after 6 pm.

I recently learned that the angels see Our Lady at 6 pm, so I implore my guardian angel to always bring all my prayers to the Blessed Mother of God at this hour.

A wonderful event has just occurred: As I paced around praying I noticed a very pleasant fragrance from my mouth. The fragrance lasted the entire time while I held the Host and Wine still in my mouth during the Rosary and the Orthodox prayer.

When I came home and for some time late I could still smell it around me. I knew this was Our Lord's manifestation, a distinct fragrance I had never experienced before. I did ask for the Lord to stay with me during Communion. I also remembered that yesterday during Saturday Mass, at the moment the priest poured the wine, I smelled wine instantly for a few seconds. Recently I had started to receive this grace, smelling wine during the Homily, during the Consecration and being in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

A few days later while searching for some introduction TLIG messages, a portion of the project Trinitas has assigned me to do, I found the exact explanation of these fragrant graces spoken by the Eternal Father about the Son. The message was: **"...in your soul I exhaled a perfume of resurrection, I have breathed out a scent of myrrh, and in the Tabernacle\* of My Son, I have perfumed it with incense\*\*..."**



Vassula's footnote below: (\* "The Tabernacle of My Son", means, us, for when we receive Communion, Jesus enthrones Himself in us. We are all meant to be live Tabernacles of Christ. \*\* Incense drives Satan away. God had to perfume me with incense to purify me and receive His Son in the most perfect condition.) Vol. 8, NB: 76, p. 49, [February 8, 1995](#)

## 2. **"at other times I swirled as the smoke of incense"**

The first time I saw smoke swirling around the monstrance, it was on Friday, Dec. 2nd, 2005.

Friday, Dec. 2nd 2005, second week of Advent After my dialysis, I rushed to the church for Adoration. On every first Friday of the month, our church has 24 hours of Adoration, which is an occasion that I try not to miss. The chapel is kept very cold. I attempted to do the True Life In God Stations of the Cross but only managed to make to the 7th Station. I felt tired and frigid. I paused and looked at the Lord from the monstrance for a moment suddenly I noticed a mist of thin smoke swirling around the monstrance. I looked again and once more the scene repeated. I did not know what to make of it. All I could say to myself was, wow! It was reminiscent of the incense and dense smoke that occurred during the solemn feast in a Cathedral.

Monday, February 6th, 2006, revelation for 'mist of thin smoke swirling around the monstrance.'

I rushed to church after dialysis because I know today they have some sort of event going on, thus the door will be opened in the evening. To my surprise, the priest was in his proper garment for Mass! I was somewhat surprised. I decided to stay in for Mass even though I was exhausted. Closing my eyes to hear the Reading, I was even more surprised as the reading subject included **"the cloud filled the house of the Lord"** which instantly reminded me of the 'smoke swirling around the monstrance.' The reading continued **"for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord"** - that was the explanation to what I saw on during the second week of Advent!

The Reading was: 1 Kings 8: 1-7, 9-13

**6 Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim.**

**7 For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering above the ark and its poles.**



9 There was nothing in the ark except the two tables of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the people of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

10 And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord,

11 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

The Lord led me to attend Mass (totally unexpected), then the Lord gave me His explanation to the event which had occurred earlier.

On another note in a conversation with Jonathan, he said that whenever Vassula takes down the True Life In God messages, she is wrapped in a thick cloud.

### 3. **"have I not appeared as a ray of light"**

I recalled the event that had occurred in 1998, on the Feast of Our Lord's Baptism. During Adoration, as I was singing "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel," I saw a dazzling silver streak about three feet (one meter) long from the right of the monstrance and cutting through the Blessed Sacrament Host. This was repeated twice.

This was confirmed through the TLIG messages written by the late Bob Carroll in The Light Thrice Holy:

"As a further confirmation, when this article was just about finished, I came upon a passage in NB 89 which is not yet published and which Twin has not seen. Jesus says (on page 62): **"...now and then, to hearten you, I shall show Myself. do not ask: 'who is this like a column of light' "** Vassula's footnote says, "One night, when everything else in the room was dark, I saw two columns of a dazzling brightness; like a mirror sparkling in the sun, but not hurting the eyes. I feared; then I heard: 'do not fear'; and it vanished." So the fullness of meaning in the dazzling light Twin saw and the light Vassula saw seemed to come to us later through the TLIG messages"



The Light Thrice Holy was written by Bob Carroll, the beloved organizer of the American Association for True Life In God. The article was published by Trinitas bulletin, #15 April 1998.

The strange thing is that I have read all the volumes of the True Life In God over and over again and only today has the explanation been granted.

All this writing is made possible on this day, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. It is only through Her intercession that I am able to write and to share some parts of my experiences on this journey.

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, 2006

Twin Berkowitz



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### ***True Life in God... What is it? Again?***

Our Lord says in a message that: **"All of these messages come from on high and are inspired by Me. They can profitably be used for teaching and for refuting error; they can be used for guiding the Church into Unity and for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. They are given for a better explanation to the Revelation (the Holy Bible) given to you, they are an inexhaustible source of amazing grace for you all to renew you. [July 30, 1999](#)**

In the day-to-day journey of life...sometimes it is helpful to step back a little and think: "What exactly is True Life in God and why do we have it now?"

Jesus answers this clearly in the above message. In True Life in God we have a very special body of words, something for all of us, for our times, to help us convert, and grow.

So many people ask me: How can I stop my friends from seeing the Da Vinci Code? To those who have an inner spiritual life, even a tiny bit of inner spark, they naturally find the movie questionable, if not repulsive. There is no need to moralize to them: "Be good and don't see it." But many people have dried up inside; they have eyes but do not see, including millions and millions who grew up inside a church and with religion. They are like tombs. They need renewal. True Life in God is a special medicine; it can revive people. It can lead people to a direct and intimate relationship with God, even if they have never known God before. Once this happens, they want to return to the church, they want to return or participate in prayer and the sacraments.



**"Once this happens, they want to return to the church..."**

True Life in God – the message itself – has tremendous power to do this. Does our planet, our civilization, our society, our souls, need renewal? We can't say God is not trying...He is trying to reach us! Those of us He has reached, now have to do our part to reach others.



There are those who say evil things about True Life in God; they sadly fail to recognize what it is. It is a help in life for our times and a medicine for the church, lay and clergy. If the church in places rejects this medicine, it still goes forward trying to heal souls and rebuild her.

Like a child who will not eat their vegetables, Mom mixes the veggies into something different so the children get the nutrients anyway! Even if in places people in the church reject TLIG, still the message grows and moves around the world sending renewed people back into her!

True Life in God always aspires to live the Motto: **Repay Evil with Love.** This is one way we do it.

Editor

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"I am, today My Sacred Heart is calling all nations to hear My Voice: I am Love ♥ I am Peace, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; there is no other Refuge for the salvation of your soul than in My Sacred Heart ♥ ...

O Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
Teach me Your Ways,  
Sacred Heart of Jesus, lead me in  
the Way of Integrity,  
Keep me away from the evil one  
and do not abandon me at his will,  
Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
Be my Sheltering Rock  
for You are my Refuge,  
Assign Your Love and Peace  
to guide and guard me,  
amen "

[June, 1989](#)

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# Editor's

## CORNER

### June Deadline for Registering to go on the 2007 Pilgrimage with TLIG to the Churches of the Revelation

This is a follow-up announcement about our TLIG pilgrimage, especially for new readers.

About every 2 years since 1997, TLIG has organized an ecumenical pilgrimage to places of prime importance in the history of Christianity, the Bible and the Church. In 2007 we will see the 7 Churches of Revelation and Patmos.

Every year with much effort by a group of volunteers, it has been a huge success and a priceless experience in "Living the Messages" for those who have participated.

This is not a fund raiser for True Life in God, rather it is done as a service and as part of the TLIG apostolate of Unity. The pilgrimage is primarily for lay and clergy who are active volunteers in the apostolate, readers of a TLIG prayer group or those who feel a call to move deeper into application of the True Life in God Spirituality.

In November of 2005 we first announced our next pilgrimage (see this link to review the announcement: <http://www.tlig.org/en/news/2005-11-24/1963/>).



About 400 people have already registered and some already have made deposits to go on the pilgrimage. If you do not have an info package or do not know where yours is - send an email to [pilgrimage2007@tlig.org](mailto:pilgrimage2007@tlig.org) and request an info package.

Once you have your package you can see all the details of the trip itinerary, the costs, the hotels, etc. If you make a decision to go - you need to send your registration materials and deposit in by June 30th.

You must make a deposit of either 300 Euro or \$350 dollars now or if possible pay in full. As we in turn have to make deposits on all of our hotels, etc.

Places are becoming limited, so you better hurry, first come, first served. Please request your registration/info package and send your registration and deposit in before June 30th.

Any and all questions should be sent to: [pilgrimage@tlig.org](mailto:pilgrimage@tlig.org).

God Bless, The Pilgrimage Team



### ***TLIG Book Table Event : Reaching out to Souls!***

#### ***Update on the Spring/Summer 2006 Project***

**"...sacrifice pleases Me, generosity is also agreeable in My Eyes; I wish to remind...you how important it is to keep up with My pace (Jesus' step is rather swift), the urgency of My Message; you are facing the dawn of the great events to come; put your heart at work; then, be gracious to one another; tepidness in your work displeases Me;**

**oh, what could I have given you more that I have not given you?"** [Feb. 18, 1995](#)

We, reading this, we are the disciples Jesus is forming and sending off to witness and He is saying again, **"Time is short."** Even if you are unsure of what to do, Jesus will help you when you step out in faith to reach His beloved souls.



Over one hundred information packets have gone out and the response is encouraging. So many requests have come in from all over the world! From such places as Germany, New Zealand, the Philippines, South Africa, Madagascar, the Czech Republic, Argentina, England, Ireland, France and the USA.

**"...increase your fervor; do not listen to those who persecute you and set aside the grace I have given you, saying, "it is of no value;" Divinity is in front of you, generation, Spring is bending all the way to reach you in your gloom; do not moan and bemoan anymore, I am inviting you to take refuge in Me, generation..."** [March/April, 2001](#)

Everyone in True Life in God, especially all the Prayer Groups, the invitation is still wide open to you to participate in the **Spring/Summer TLIG Book Table Project**. Send for your Information Packet at [book-tables-project@tlig.us](mailto:book-tables-project@tlig.us).

Let us work ever more closely in unity and love, spreading our enthusiasm and energy and the Fire of the Holy Spirit to one another.

Again: **"...let your sole ambition from now on be to yield a rich harvest from True Life in God!"** Excerpt from Message [July 4, 1994](#)





We can do it. The Lord Jesus wants it. He is at our side. God is helping us all.

Sister Veronica, Volunteer Coordinator



***Looking for Connections In the Book Publishing Industry in the USA or Canada Only***

Several TLIG publishing initiatives are underway and if you have any direct connections with a book publisher please contact me ASAP. I am not looking for connections to printers nor to magazine publishers. Only book publishers who might be willing to advise or help out with several TLIG book initiatives.

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Jonathan



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