An Explosion of Divine Graces! The Asian Report Part IV - Phillipines Part II

November 22-28, 2005

Nov. 25, Visit to the Beth Myriam in Dasmariñas, Cavite, in Greater Manila

Left, The Beth Myriam in Dasmariñas; Right, A warm welcome from the children
Francis Melmon and his wife have been the caregivers of this 3-year old Beth Myriam which was blessed and inaugurated in 2002 by His Excellency Bishop Antonio Tagle, DD of the diocese. When Vassula arrived, a Franciscan priest, Rector of a Capuchin seminary, was celebrating the Holy Mass for the indigent people fed by the Beth Myriam. After the Mass, the people paid their respects to Vassula and her companions. Francis introduced a lady who was a contemplative reader and who had lately gone blind. Vassula was so touched that she brought her crucifix out to say a healing prayer over her. In a subtle way, one could feel the vibration of God’s compassion: “My Righteousness is eternal, My Love I have for you all is Infinite, My Compassion for the wretched and the sick is Great and beyond human understanding, ask and it shall be given to you, I open My Mouth panting eagerly for your prayers...” April 30, 1990

A thanksgiving Holy Mass celebrated while waiting for Vassula

Left, Greeting Vassula and Fr. Richie; Right, The sick come to the Beth Myriam for help
"...establish Our Beth Myriams everywhere you can; lift the oppressed and help the orphan; protect Me, rescue Me from the gutter, shelter Me and feed Me, unload My burden and fatigue, support Me and encourage Me but above all love Me; all that you do to the least of My brethren you do it to Me ..."

March 27, 2002

Joy was in Vassula’s heart as she interviewed the youth and witnessed the feeding of the people who came from the surrounding towns and villages.

Happy children at home in Our Lady’s House

The children learn to ask Jesus to bless their food and thank Him for His gift
Nov. 26, Visit with Archbishop Arguelles in Lipa, Batangas, 80 kms. outside Manila

During all of Vassula’s visits to the Philippines, she had been welcomed by Center for Peace-Asia, an association of people whose lives have been deeply touched by Our Lady in Medjugorje and have dedicated themselves to praying intensively for peace. They were the first in the Philippines to embrace True Life in God, publishing and diffusing the Messages, and helped lay the ground for the True Life in God Philippines Association. It was through their faithful assistance that Vassula met His Excellency, Bishop Arguelles in 2002; he was named Archbishop by Pope John Paul II in May 2004.

Left, Updating the Archbishop in his office; Right, Vassula with the Archbishop, his priests, and our TLIG priests, Fr. Richie & Fr. Julio

Back in 2002, the then Bishop Arguelles had invited Vassula to speak in his Cathedral. The very powerful Healing Service conducted by Vassula and Bishop Arguelles after the talk and the Holy Mass he celebrated were unforgettable, as, to this day, is his graciousness towards the Messages and his valuable help for Vassula’s mission. Her visit to His Excellency’s Residence in Lipa was an opportunity to show her gratitude and thank him for his steadfast and enduring support. His Excellency was very pleased to hear of the progress in her mission for Unity, commending her for her perseverance, and encouraging her to follow through in spite of the difficulties, setbacks, calumny and opposition she encountered. "God’s Work is subject to all these," he remarked, "there would be no Resurrection without the Crucifixion." They spoke about the Holy Father’s strong desire to see Christian Unity finally realized.
After lunch in the Archbishop’s Residence, with the Archbishop and members of Center for Peace-Asia

Meeting in Lipa Carmel Church, the Shrine of Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces

The Church of Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces, located in the Carmelite Convent of Lipa, was filled with 3,000 persons waiting to listen to Vassula. Our Lady had blessed this convent with a series of apparitions to a Carmelite novice in the 1940’s, amidst showers of rose petals. She had given Herself the title of “Mediatrix of All Graces.” After many miracles and much controversy, the shrine was erected and is now a holy place of pilgrimage for Filipinos. It is not a coincidence that these holy grounds are part of the Archdiocese of His Excellency, Archbishop Arguelles whose great devotion to Our Blessed Mother is unparallelled. “...all Wisdom is given to mere children, My Father delights in children...” February 10, 1987

Fr. Richie writes: Here is a happy revelation that would surprise many of us: Jesus, in the TLIG messages, allowed Vassula to listen to the words of Pope John Paul II, as he prayed: "Mediatrix of all graces, save us from the tempestuous floods of sin, multiply Your graces and turn the hearts of parents towards their children and the hearts of children towards their parents...” April 4, 1997
Mrs. Nanette P. Delariarte of Santa Ana, Manila, wrote in her testimony to Vassula: "My friend and I occupied the pews on the left wing of the second floor of the Church so we could listen well and see you better. While you were sharing with us, I closed my eyes so I could concentrate. There was a time when I opened my eyes when I felt like sleeping due to the gentle breeze blowing from the windows. Looking at you at first glance, I wondered: "Why was Vassula wearing dark glasses? There was no glare inside the Church." I looked at you again and I saw that your eyes were swollen, black and blue. Lo and behold, it was no longer you whom I saw but the Most Holy Face of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ!! Slowly your face was changing into the Most Holy Face of Jesus. From his first wounds at the start of His Passion till the end when It was full of wounds!! I also saw the Crown of Thorns on the Head of Jesus. The color of the face was darker than yours. His hair and beard were dark brown. The Face of Jesus was full of blood – some dry, some fresh. His Most Holy Face looked so gaunt, full of pain, of suffering yet still so full of love. ... After a long time, I thought that maybe my eyes were playing tricks on me or perhaps I was hallucinating! For confirmation, I stood up and approached my friends. I asked them to look at you. Most of them saw the Most Holy Face of Jesus. How blessed we were to see the Holy Face of Jesus." Reading the TLIG messages we discover that Jesus meant His face to be seen: "I am, in your days revealing My Holy Face to you all, yes, My Holy Face shall shine on you My beloved ones, I shall reveal to you My Glory and you who might not know Me yet, I shall come to you too..." *January 22, 1990*
God has given the Filipinos the gift of strong faith and devotion. Knowing this, Vassula shared the prophecies of the NY Towers and the Tsunami which had come to pass, and gave the strong warning of a much graver disaster in the near future. But the hope the Lord gives us in the Messages inspires bravery of heart and a renewed trust in God’s Plan. She encouraged the faithful Filipinos to pray and offer acts of reparation for the conversion of the world, these could diminish the evil that draws God’s Justice. During her last visit to the Philippines, she had appealed to the Filipinos for prayers: “Pray for the world to return to God...if you Filipinos do not, who will?” For two Sundays, weeks after Vassula left, the video of this conference in Carmel, Lipa was viewed by thousands of television viewers nationwide.

After Vassula’s talk, a Healing Service was held with Vassula, His Excellency Archbishop Ramon C. Arguelles, and priests laying hands on the faithful. A concelebrated Mass led by Archbishop Arguelles culminated the activity in Lipa, Batangas. After the Mass, Vassula met with the Discalced Carmelite Nuns before proceeding to her biggest meeting ever.
Greeting the Carmelites after Holy Mass, requesting their prayers for the conversion of the world

El Shaddai Meeting in Sucat, Metro Manila: Vassula speaks to 400,000!

Bishop Teodoro Bacani invited Vassula to meet the El Shaddai Community’s leader, Bro. Mike Velarde (in red) who in turn, was honored for Vassula to speak to the community
The 400,000 persons gathering for the usual Saturday night of prayer and worship till dawn was a marvelous sight. An invitation for a person to speak before this mammoth Catholic Charismatic community is a grace from Heaven. The El Shaddai Movement has a large following; at times, this weekend gathering can swell with crowds of up to 1 million. Bro. Mike Velarde is its evangelist-founder who has worked very hard for about 20 yrs. to organize communities at home and abroad to help Filipinos sustain their spiritual life. Through TV and Radio, this weekly happening is broadcast all over Asia, Australia, Europe and America where large numbers of expatriate Filipinos are found.

On stage in front of 400

Fr. Richie simultaneously translated Vassula’s talk to Filipino

Then the grace of God fell on us all, Vassula charmed her huge audience with the sharing of her experience of God’s tremendous and burning love for every one without exception. Fr. Richie Santos translated her every phrase. When she declared: "our Father is a King!", hundreds of thousands of voices cheered joyfully. "He is the King of Kings!", she continued, and the crowd broke out in more cheers of celebration. "You are sons and daughters of the Most High, you descend from Majesty....!" The crowd was almost in a frenzy of happiness, applauding her every word. When she spoke about Unity of the Christian Churches, the same enthusiastic cries flooded the atmosphere, the applause blending in with singing and dancing. What a unique experience it was for us to be among this jubilant assembly of faithful praising the Lord in one voice! Thanks to the Holy Spirit’s Grace, the openness of Bro. Mike Velarde and the cooperation of His Excellency Bishop Teodoro Bacani, DD and Ms. Mercy Tuason who all opened doors for Vassula and True Life in God.

May this excerpt from a December 27, 1994 message be a worthy tribute to the "explosion of
Divine Graces" that happened just in this single day: "by the power of the Holy Spirit I have raised you, My child, to be in perfect union with Me and witness to the crowds in My Name, giving yourself to them to the utmost of your capacity; your fidelity pleases Me; this is why I will continue to build My Plan in you until it is completed...and the poor will hear something never told before and will see My Holy Countenance on you and those who never knew Me will approach Me and those whose eyes were veiled will see all My glory...whosoever will be moved by My Spirit, who, today, blows everywhere, will be heir to My Kingdom and the Father will welcome him together with throngs of angels in Heaven..."

A crowd raving with cries of "Praise the Lord!"

400,000 people, but one could hear a pin drop as Vassula witnessed

This appearance of Vassula was broadcast live that evening, reaching the whole of the Philippines. The video of this talk was played and replayed on national television in succeeding weekends.
On 27 November 2005, Sunday, an airplane trip brought Vassula and company to Cebu City, the second city of the Philippines. It was Day 5 on the last leg of her trip to the Philippines. Msgr. Frederick Kriekenbeek, together with the Evangelization Ministry of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement (CCRM) of Cebu, and TLIG Cebu chapter, organized the event "The Final Glory is True Life in God" with Vassula as their special guest speaker. Although Msgr. Kriekenbeek was unable to welcome Vassula himself due to engagements in the US and Canada, his team of Charismatic Group Leaders organized a marvelous, joyful Meeting with 4,000 members coming from far away towns and neighboring provinces of southern Philippines.

With the beautiful backdrop on the stage, the lively singing of the Charismatic youth band and the visible eagerness of the audience listening to Vassula, the Lord had prepared an animated and grace-filled encounter, as Vassula narrated candid anecdotes about her experiences with the Lord. The calm of her voice contrasted with the enthusiastic praise expressed in song, as she spoke about the Intimacy God desires from us, the way to include Jesus in all instants of our lives by using "We,Us", about the sacrament of Reconciliation and the power in the Eucharist to make us one with the Lord when we receive Him in a state of grace. She continued with the other themes and read to them some of the Messages, and spoke about Our Blessed Mother, leading them gradually into a contemplative meditation.
Singing praise songs to the Lord

Charismatics quietly listening as Vassula revealed the Lord’s Message
Vassula’s talk was a wonderful preparation for the Holy Mass that ensued. The Charismatics from different southern islands and the organizers were thankful for the success of their conference. The translation of the TLIG Messages to the Visayan language is now available and is finding its way throughout the Visayas region of the Philippines.
November 28, 2005 was a day of great privilege for TLIG Philippines. While all the TLIG Associations worldwide commemorated this day with Masses and festivities, our humble celebration took place in the intimacy of Vassula's hotel room, 3 hours before taking our flight out of the Philippines to Singapore. During the Mass concelebrated by three TLIG priests, Vassula read from the Message of November 28, 1995 encouraging us all:

"...celebrate annually the date of today where I have brought you and so many others to come into My Heart and discover those innumerable treasures I kept for your times – keep this great day in mind. Be by My side as you have been for the past ten years now: NEVER leave My side; walk with Me as you have done all these years – see how I educated you? See what I have accomplished? See My Wisdom? By adopting you, I have adopted so many others. My path is straight, My ways of approaching you are delightful...Your King is perfect and beautiful. "Revive My Church, embellish My Church, unite My Church" was My Order to you; and all I asked from you, to be able to work with you for My glory, was for you to consent to do My Will; and so you have won My friendship.

My Church benefits now with so many souls who have returned to Me...and now their praises to Me are joined with those of My angels’ in heaven; and from your mouth I spoke, giving what My Heart desires most for Unity. You have not toiled in vain...

My words: "full you shall be many," were an enigma to you, then I made you understand what I meant: "when you shall be filled with My Holy Spirit, thrice Holy and giver of life, you shall, with the power of My Spirit, convert and bring to repentance many." ...Today, I can say, Vassula: I have not toiled in you for nothing; My Spirit set you free so that you would be a proper place to be lived in by Me. May My sons and daughters approach Me and I shall free them to join My assembly too."

Birthdays and Anniversaries are meaningful to Filipinos who are little children at heart, eager to give and receive gifts to honor any occasion. After the Mass, not being able to withhold their child-like inquisitiveness any longer, they asked her if Our Lord granted her a gift for TLIG's birthday. Vassula confided to us Jesus’ gift to her. What a happy grace when she told us of her
dream the night before: Jesus was quietly listening to Vassula witnessing to someone regarding the wonderful Love of God the Father who calls us to intimacy with Him. And then "we hugged each other;" a very simple picture which each one of us who works to evangelize and live a True Life in God can relate to. Our interpretation is one of gladness, our efforts to spread God’s Message with love for Love please Him. In conclusion, Vassula reminded us never to forget that He is holy and we should worship Him.

TLIG Philippines farewell pictures with Vassula, TLIG priests, TLIG Manila and Cebu organizers

A few minutes after the anniversary Mass, it was time for Vassula and Cecilia to say goodbye to their Filipino hosts and the TLIG Association. They were then taken to the Cebu International Airport for their flight to Singapore, the last leg of their trip. We give our thanks to His Excellency, Archbishop Arguelles, His Excellency, Bishop Bacani, Msgr. Kriekenbeek, Fr. Giron, Center for Peace-Asia, the TLIG Philippines Association - Manila and Cebu Chapters, and last but not least, Fr. Richie Santos and Fr. Julio Gaddi who accompanied us every step of the way. Our country has been blessed, we give thanks and praise to the Lord of Lords!

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

An Explosion of Divine Graces! The Asian Report Part V - Singapore

Singapore Report Nov. 28- Dec. 5, 2005

Our arrival in Singapore marked the beginning of the final stage of Vassula’s 5-week Asian Tour. There had been sixteen meetings in total in Japan, Hong Kong, India, Thailand and the Philippines, and visits to the Beth Myriams in Bangladesh and the Philippines. After all these events, the success of Vassula’s Asian mission was evident in the response and encouragement extended by the clergy and laypeople in each country she visited. The impeccable organization and assistance of the TLIG Associations and the multiplication of Prayer Groups are a confirmation of the special grace from the Holy Spirit bestowed on Vassula for her mission.
Vassula was welcomed for the third time to this little southeast Asian island lodged between Malaysia and Indonesia, by the Singapore True Life in God Association. In the last 50 years, Singapore has become one of the world’s most prosperous countries, its port being one of the busiest in the region. Its multi-racial population of 4.5 million is composed of Chinese, Malay, Indian, among others. The Asian languages spoken are varied, as are the places of worship scattered around the city: Buddhist, Muslim, Taoist, and Hindu temples; Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian churches. The TLIG Association here is made up of Christians of different denominations and ethnic backgrounds, working together for Christian Unity.

**Dec. 1st, Prayer Meeting in the American Club of Singapore**

**TLIG organizers Tisha Starling and Vincent Lee with Vassula**

**TLIG Association’s Gerry Kessler introducing Vassula**
Organizers in the TLIG Association invited the public to this Prayer Meeting where Vassula was the special guest speaker. The objective was for Vassula to explain the importance of reading True Life in God, the Messages through which God reveals Himself and speaks to the soul, bringing it to recognize its Creator. The wealth and abundance of learning in the Messages of True Life in God transform a soul which maybe close to death and in darkness, back to life and into the light of God’s love. In the Messages, God Himself teaches and imparts deep teachings of Theology like those of the Doctors of the Church. Vassula emphasized the importance and power of prayer, prayers from the heart, and the unceasing prayer wherein the soul longs for God and thirsts for Him every moment of the day.

The primary purpose of a TLIG Prayer Group is to progress spiritually by reading the Messages and pray for Christian Unity according to the Lord’s wishes in True Life in God. The Lord simply asks us to unify the dates of Easter, which would allow Catholics, Orthodox and Protestants to celebrate His Passion, Death and Resurrection together. Once this step is taken, the Lord has promised to send His Holy Spirit in full force and bring His Church to Unity. From the Messages, Jesus speaks:

"Will I, brother, one more season go through the pain I have been going through year after year? Or will you give Me rest this time? Am I going to drink one more season the Cup of your division? Or will you rest My Body and unify, for My sake, the Feast of Easter?

In unifying the date of Easter, you will alleviate My pain brother and you will rejoice in Me and I in you, and I will have the sight of many restored.

October 14, 1991

This was an opportunity to gather many to pray for Unity, using the International True Life in God Prayer Meeting Guidelines. Designed to be ecumenical, they contain Catholic and Orthodox prayers, some Protestant hymns, and many prayers from the Messages. Vassula underlined the urgent need to pray for Unity in our times, encouraging us to answer the Holy Spirit’s call today for Unity. Vassula said: "During this time of grace and mercy, take your children to Prayer Meetings. Statues of Our Lady ooze oil showing that Our Lady is pleased to be amidst Her children as they pray from the heart. A statue of the Sacred Heart is shedding tears of blood in a TLIG Australia Prayer Group Meeting, which indicates that something is going to happen and fervent prayers are needed. Pray for Unity to come and the Lord will fulfill His promise to put an end to wars, natural disasters and catastrophes. In His Message the Lord says:"

"If the churches are able to go beyond the negative obstacles that hinder them to unite, obstacles that according to Scriptures are against the fulfillment of the unity of faith, love and worship among them, I will be faithful to My promise of releasing a time of peace in the entire world; this peace will draw every being into My Mystical Body, fulfilling My Words given to you all in My prayer to God the Father, when I implored:"
"may they be one in Us, as You are in Me and I am in You, so that the world may believe it was You who sent Me." [Jn. 17, 21] this supplication uttered by My divine Lips is echoing every second from heaven still;

My Words intonated were meant that the whole of creation must be affected into a spiritual unity and not a unity by a signed treaty; to fulfill My Words the churches must seek first humility and love, graces that can be obtained through the Holy Spirit and a great repentance." December 10, 2001

TLIG Singapore Association was on hand with the books and to guide the people in their requests to join TLIG Prayer Groups.

Visit to Bro. Michael Broughton

Vassula paid a visit to Brother Michael Broughton, the principal of St. Joseph’s Institution, who had hosted her meeting in the school chapel during her previous visit. Bro. Michael is officially involved in the ecumenical and inter-religious activities in Singapore, and was therefore delighted to receive firsthand news of Vassula’s meeting with then Cardinal Ratzinger in his CDF office in Nov. 2004. She had been graciously received by His Excellency, the Prefect of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, and was grateful for the opportunity to personally thank him for his Office’s work in clarifying the matters of concern in the writings of True Life in God and her mission. Bro. Michael had received the booklet Clarifications of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith and was happy to see progress in her mission. He was equally pleased to be informed of the successful TLIG International Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Lebanon-Syria-Jordan in May 2005, and was impressed by the photos with Catholic, Orthodox and Anglican bishops and priests celebrating the liturgy together with 280 pilgrims from 40 countries, and of different confessions.
December 3 Meeting in the Auditorium of the RELC International Hotel

Many in the audience of just over 100 Christians and non-Christians did not know of Vassula or the Messages. Therefore, an introduction was made by Roselynn of TLIG Singapore to make the listeners aware of the scope and breadth of True Life in God and Vassula’s mission for Unity. The main points of Vassula’s talk revolved around her testimony, the Apostasy, the Prophecies, God’s Intimacy, Repentance and Unity.

"I never used to talk about Prophecies before, usually I speak about God’s Intimacy and Repentance. But the Holy Spirit is pushing me and inspiring me to speak about the Prophecies and warnings, and what is to come. In the books, you will find the Prophecy of the 2 Towers given 10 years before. The Tsunami was also prophesied 3 times in the Messages, first in 1987, then a few years later, and again, because the time was approaching. The Lord said:" 

[September 11, 1991]

the earth will shiver and shake and every evil built into Towers will collapse into a heap of rubble and be buried in the dust of sin! Above, the heavens will shake and the foundations of the earth will rock! Pray that the Father’s Hand will not come down in winter;

the islands, the sea and the continents will be visited by Me unexpectedly, with thunder and by Flame; listen closely to My last words of warning, listen now that there is still time; read Our Messages and stop being scornful or deaf when heaven speaks, lower your voice and you will hear Ours;

think twice before you judge; think more than twice before you condemn the Works of the Holy Spirit; I shall not spare anyone who mocks the Holy Spirit, blaspheming Him outright; Justice will send them down to the underworld

lift all of you your faces and search the heavens for My Holy Face to contemplate! Lift your eyes towards heaven and you shall not perish.
repent! and ask the Father to relent; soon, very soon now, the heavens will open and I shall make you see

The Judge

Vassula shared that years before the NY Towers incident, she was watching a documentary on television about Manhattan, and at that moment she had a vision: before her eyes, she saw the buildings crumbling down and she uttered loudly in front of witnesses, “...and all this will be no more.”

We need to decide for God and listen to His Call, and listen to this Message from above. Scriptures say we must love God, love our neighbor and serve Him, and be good. When Vassula wholeheartedly decided to live for God and to serve Him alone, Jesus told her:

"If you want to serve Me, serve Me in the world where they spit on Me daily, where they insult Me, where they scourge Me, where they put thorns in My Heart, where they are re-crucifying Me with their sins, that is where you can serve Me, out in the world. Souls are rendering Me in such a state because of their wickedness."

Vassula continued: "The world has become more violent. That is because the world is glorifying itself rather than glorifying God. Satan is deceiving the world again with the first lie he deceived Eve: “You do not need God, you can be god,” And today he is playing the same trick on the world. It makes its own rules, its own commandments. God has given us commandments and the world is disobeying them. For example, Abortion - Kill! Innocents, how many abortions! In the Messages, it says abortion pleases Satan, because any human sacrifice pleases him. Satan today is glorifying himself with human sacrifice, and gains power because of human blood. Keep pleasing Satan by keeping Abortion legal. St. Michael the Archangel says that this is the greatest sacrifice you can do to please Satan. Which side are we on?"

"And yet, God forgives those that have committed these sins, He only asks you to repent. Ask God for the grace for you to see your sins and repent; He is merciful. Forgive, the more you forgive, the more God forgives us. The Father will forgive us if we forgive and we will grow in the grace and the love of God. Jesus says in Scriptures: "It is someone who is forgiven little who shows little love." [ ... Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, loved little. Luke 7:47] People who do not love, who bear grudges, and are spiteful, they have not been forgiven. They have to forgive others so that God forgives them, as in the prayer to Our Father: "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us...” [Matthew 6:12] In Judgment Day, we will be judged according to the measure of love we had here on earth. To obtain the gift of love, we need Repentance which empties our soul of all sin and allows the Holy Spirit who is dazzling, pure light, to fill us with His Love."
Vassula ended the Meeting with the Prayer for Healing and Deliverance, and prayed over the people individually. I could see that some people were stunned by Vassula’s powerful talk on Forgiveness and Repentance, some were surely shaken by the Prophecies and warnings, but filled with hope in God’s Love and Mercy. Having understood that prayer and reparation could change the world, many were eager to read the books and know more about joining the TLIG Prayer Groups.

Receiving the Holy Spirit

Vassula with TLIG organizers Vincent, Felicia and Monica

TLIG Singapore Association group photo
Vassula had passed on the message and had completed her 5-week mission at that last meeting. Moments before departure, she received a woman quietly suffering from cancer in search of healing. Vassula explained to her that these Messages are anointed by God and that she would have a better chance of being healed if she read the books. God does not like lukewarm hearts – either one believes or not. If she believes these Messages come from God and still remains indifferent, God is hurt and will "spit her out!" Vassula very gently asked if she believed that the True Life in God Messages come from God, and that God speaks in the Messages, and the woman answered in the affirmative. Most sicknesses come from the devil, Vassula was told by an exorcist, so she advised the woman to make a good confession which is an exorcism in itself. Vassula then prayed over the woman who was very touched along with the grateful couple who accompanied her.

Here ends this marvelous tour of 7 Asian countries now engulfed in the Holy Spirit’s Grace. Vassula had done amazing, astounding, miraculous, awesome work for the Lord; His seeds of Love were sown and He was sending us home...but not without a gift for all True Life in God Readers, Organizers, Associations, Prayer Groups, and all those who labour for Unity. About 2 weeks before, Vassula described a vision she had just received:

"I saw myself at the top of some garden steps leading down to a wrought-iron gate. I looked down below and noticed the Holy Father with a bunch of keys in his hand trying to unlock the gate. He was accompanied by a group of clergy who had come to discuss Unity. There was an air of confusion and desperation as none of the keys fit the lock...suddenly, the iron gate turned into a glass door, and I saw them attempt to cut a circle around the lock. I calmly made my way down the steps with my head and my eyes fixed downwards, and withdrew a key which I put in the lock, then opened the door to let the Holy Father and his companions pass through, my eyes looking downwards at all times."

May the Lord be praised and glorified in our work. We thank Him for Vassula and True Life in God, for all the opportunities we are given to serve Him, and for all the saving graces bestowed on the world in this Explosion of Divine Graces!

By: Cecilia B. Lutz
The Theologian as Prophet

In the light of the interesting and informative broadcasts by Dr Niels Christian Hvidt on Prophets and Prophecy, (Voice America 1st & 8th March, 2005) I would like to offer the following observations.

In the early days of the Christian era theologians were those who spoke out of lived experience of God and the things of God. This made them prophets. As time went on theology became more 'scholastic' and theologians more 'scholarly,' and the theologian was no longer necessarily a prophet. He was of course still divinely inspired, and working in the light of Christian revelation, but that can be said of everyone engaged in the pursuit of scientific knowledge. This "knowledge about" is fundamentally different to "knowledge of," as given directly by God to the recipient.

I wonder if now, at the close of the age, Vassula is ushering in the return of that "theology of lived experience" with which it began? In a sense of course it has never been entirely absent, but we could say that for some considerable time such theologians have not been heard, which in itself may be part of the Divine plan. In our day it seems that the return of the Christ to gather his own is set to produce theologians who "speak of the things they have learned from the Father", and Vassula may be the first of many such in our day.

I was reading in Volume 11 this morning,

"I satisfied you (Vassula) and others through My Divine Message with one of My greatest and noblest Banquets and I have granted you all to come and taste it..."

and later, "...through my grace you become sons and daughters, heirs and heiresses of My Father as I am..."

and later, "...you can obtain the entire Godhead within you, dearest ones, Who will teach you sacred mysteries, sublime and Holy Knowledge that comes from Wisdom..."

and later, "My loved one will then be selected as one amongst others of My collaborators who will be ruling with Me; then you could say, 'I am living a true life in God, because I am participating fully in the life of the Most Holy Trinity...'" (All from August 5, 2000)

The incarnation of our Lord as man had the effect of completing the nature of humankind. Human nature is triadic or Trinitarian, in the image of God, and that is what gives us the capacity to be lifted up into a participation in the life of the Most Holy Trinity. Without the incarnation and the completion of human being by Christ, and his taking us all with Him on his return to the Father, this would not have been possible.

This renewal in and by Christ of our human nature is what makes life outside of participation in God so unstable now, so prone to disintegration. It is a form of non-being which human beings are now both able (due to their having free will) and yet at the same time unable, ontologically, to choose, and it is this paradoxical and antinomian quality which for ever differentiates the dispensation of Christ from all worldly philosophies, systems of thought, and indeed religions. There is no fulfilment of our nature outside of God now; indeed, there is only wretchedness. As our Lord warned Vassula when He first approached her, "daughter...do not let your [Godless] era destroy you..." (December 14 & 16, 1986). Participation in the life of God cannot mean very much to us until we have experienced it - it is something beyond anything we could imagine, other than anything we could
hope for. It would never occur to us to ask for it or want it unless God from His side shows us what it is and grants us a taste of it. Once he has done that, our own desire for it does much to keep bringing our feet back onto the path that leads to life.

The theologian who is a prophet speaks and writes only of what he has seen and heard - this I think is what gives the Gospel of St John (the Theologian) its quality of serenity, its sureness of touch - although learning how to do that is a big work in itself, and we read in the Messages how God trains Vassula to tread carefully in what she says and keep to what He gives her and not embellish it from her side until she is properly established in the new life he has prepared for her, that is, in the love of God. It is training for the rest of us too, who read, mark and inwardly digest their content as the Holy Spirit bestows the grace of understanding.

A prayer manual with a difference, yet entirely suitable for our era. Hooray for True Life in God!

Br Andrew CSWG

To hear the interviews of Dr Niels Christian Hvidt on Prophets and Prophecy online, please go to: www.tlig.org/en/background/multimedia/audio/voiceamerica/

Reminder of the Prophecies

This article which, was originally published after the tsunami disaster in south-east Asia, is good to re-read again now that time has passed since the tragedy. Other new readers of the newsletter who have not yet read it - it is an important article that helps to focus us on what the priorities are now for all of us.

Vassula on Prophecies

In this article I will be pointing out the prophecies given to us by God reminding us of His call of repentance and love, prophecies that spoke of the two towers in the USA, and now of the tsunami in Asia that took hundreds of thousands of lives away, most of them innocent children.
I am sure every one of you is in prayer for those that survived and that you have participated in the donations given through your churches. It is a terrible thing to see the pain and the suffering of people of different nationalities who lost their beloved ones, from one minute to the next, especially when it comes to children. Then we remain in awe before some miracles that happened, like the floating little mattress with the 20 day old baby, and the Swedish little boy who was found, and others.

To read the rest of the article click here: www.tlig.org/en/spirituality/letters/tsunami/.

Magazine Announcement from Vassula

There are many people requesting for the TLIG magazine to be reprinted. With this request we have decided to launch one that will contain a good amount of our activities, color photos and as well a great deal of spiritual teachings. This magazine can have a powerful impact if you offer it to people who have not yet read the messages. You can subscribe them as well and offer this magazine as a gift to your loved ones, to friends, to priests etc.

Our intention is that this magazine becomes similar to the "Acts of the Apostles," evangelizing the Word of God and expanding the Kingdom of God to this world that does not know the love of God. It will reflect our apostolic work and God’s great gift of True Life in God for our generation.

However, we will not be able to get this project started, unless we have some financial support and the cooperation from the readers of TLIG. We need to raise money for printing the first one and we need as well to draw your interest on this project.

The editor is Fr. John Abberton, and this magazine will be supervised by me as well as by Fr. Tony Sullivan. Ewa Allan is kind enough to do the administrative part of dealing with the printers.

Hope to hear from you,

In Christ,

Vassula

Note from Editor:

For those that can help fund this project, please donate here: www.tlig.org/magazine.html.

Lebanon Syria Jordan Pilgrimage Booklet Now Available!

This booklet is a must read to gain a deeper understanding of the mission of TLIG. If you were on the pilgrimage it is a must have as it includes over 50 color photos and will recap the entire "Walking in the Footsteps of St. Paul" experience.
For those who did not attend the pilgrimage, there are many articles by clergy including ones by: Bishop Anil Couto, Mgr. Isidore Battika Greek Catholic Patriarchal Vicar in Damascus, His Eminence Cardinal Mar Nasrallah Peter Sfeir, Maronite Patriarch of Antioch and all the East, a daily diary account by Fr. John Twistleton of the whole pilgrimage and much much more.

You can order the booklet in any quantity from TLIG Buckingham in the UK. Click here.

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