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Dear friends of the Divine Will,

I wish to bring to your attention some information concerning the Divine Will.

The Archbishop of Corato recently wrote a nice letter in support of Fr. Joseph Iannuzzi's "*good reputation*" which he has "*never called into question*", and on the assiduous "*research and diffusion*" (publication) of the first Church-approved Doctoral Dissertation on Luisa's writings.

I would like to share two things that will benefit you all. The first thing is the recently released Church documents officially authorizing the publication and diffusion of Fr. Joseph's Doctoral Dissertation on Luisa's writings that I share below.

The second thing is disconcerting, for it involves some shockingly false comments made by a priest whose sole purpose in phoning me was to suggest strongly that I disassociate myself from Fr. Joseph and his Doctoral Dissertation and that I do the following: 1) Do not invite him back for a retreat; 2) That we not mention him at all on our Blog; 3) That we discontinue using his Doctoral Dissertation during our cenacle.

He informed me of these things whisperingly to the unawares of Fr. Joseph, which I honestly found lacking in transparency from a clergy member whom I was raised to look up to with the utmost respect.

May I emphasize that the counsels from this priest are false, and quite frankly, an injustice to the Church-approved Doctoral Dissertation and to Fr. Joseph and who has spent the last 27 years researching and promoting with Church approval the gift of living in the Divine Will that is found in Luisa's writings. After prayer, I asked the priest why he spoke falsely about Fr. Joseph, and he answered that his "memory has gotten worse", that he does not recall his statements and that he "only" looks to Corato for permissions on Luisa (her doctrines, spirituality and so forth). May I share with you all that the priest's insistence of looking not "also" but "only" to Corato for the such things as interpretation of Luisa's doctrines is not what the Church teaches.

I found out that Corato is entrusted with Luisa's writings and beatification, but *not* with the interpretation of her "doctrines" which is to us laity who want to follow Magisterial teachings the most important thing! I found out that the Catholic Church's Code of Canon Law (cans. 815-817) that is universally binding on all Christians and especially on all clergy, does not grant to Corato the power to "authorize" or "approve" a theological doctoral dissertation on Luisa's writings or doctrines, rather it grants this power to an "Ecclesiastical University". And Fr. Joseph has obtained from the Ecclesiastical Pontifical University of Rome, which is authorized by the Apostolic See (the Vatican), this approval and authorization to publish his Doctoral Dissertation on Luisa's writings.

I now share with you the following official document of November 22, 2012 and January 11, 2013, granting Fr. Joseph authorization to publish his doctoral dissertation on Luisa's doctrines from the Pontifical University of Rome, which is authorized by the Apostolic See:

“Fr. Joseph Iannuzzi... you shall be called ‘Doctor in Spirituality’ after you have published your dissertation, consigned the requested copies to the Secretary’s Academic Office and obtained approbation from the Censors”

(original text:“*P. Joseph Iannuzzi... sarà dichiarato ‘Dottore in Spiritualità’ dopo che avrà pubblicato la sua dissertazione, ne avrà consegnato le copie richieste in Segreteria Accademica e avrà ottenuto l’approvazione dei Censori”*).

In the official document of January 11, 2013, the above censors granted “*approval magnum cum laude*” (high honors) to Fr. Iannuzzi’s doctoral dissertation on the doctrines found in Luisa’s writings and authorized its “publication”. And in accordance with Church law governing all Ecclesiastical Universities, extracts of this Doctoral Dissertation were then printed and distributed to 40 Ecclesiastical Universities.

Furthermore, since Corato cannot grant authorization to publish a Doctoral Dissertation on Luisa’s writings – only the Ecclesiastical University can do so – Corato granted the maximum it could to Fr. Joseph, namely “permission” to write a Doctoral Dissertation in the following letter of January 29, 2002 from the Corato Archdiocese:

“In response to your request for a letter for the moderator of your doctoral thesis... I can assure you that there are no objections for the scientific research on the writings... of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta.”

(Original Italian: “*In risposta alla tua richiesta di una lettera per il moderatore della tua tesi di dottorato... posso assicurarti che non vi sono obiezioni per l’approfondimento scientifico degli scritti... della Serva di Dio Luisa Piccarreta*”).

As one can now see, the priest that informed me that Corato did not grant authorization to Fr. Joseph’s Doctoral Dissertation, which of course Fr. Joseph never claimed nor would he want to as he has the obtained maximum lawful authorization from Pontifical University, is misinterpreting the Church’s authorization that does not grant Corato, but an Ecclesiastical University power to authorize a Doctoral Dissertation.

Therefore, it is my understanding that those who say that Fr. Joseph’s Doctoral Dissertation was not authorized by Corato are using a purposefully deceptive tactic to unfairly de-emphasize this Doctoral Dissertation that has received the accolades of scores of Catholic bishops and has been diffused throughout the world to expedite the reign of God’s Will on earth as in heaven. Among the many accolades of over 45 Catholic bishops, consider the following statements that express in writing their esteem for Fr. Joseph’s Doctoral Dissertation on the doctrines in Luisa’s writings:

“Such scholarly work provides an essential service to the Church and to the New Evangelization”;

“This will be of great service to the Church on behalf of this Servant of God who has had such incredibly mystical experiences. Thank you very much for taking care of the publicity and publication of this wonderful work”;

“I was struck with the splendid work of research and competence in writing which Fr. Iannuzzi brought to the completion of the book... It is deep and rich writing from a theological perspective...”

I hope this information resolves the recent confusion, and I heartily recommend Fr. Joseph Iannuzzi as the only present-day “theologian” (doctoral alumnus) who is faithfully promoting Luisa’s writings in according with teachings of the Church’s Magisterium.

If you are unable to attend one of Fr. Joseph’s conferences or seminars, and you have questions, you may want to check out the following website: www.LTDW.org.

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