



BETANIA (XIV) CAYMAN

Who are we?

Servant of God, Maria Esperanza de Bianchini, who passed away in August 2004 and whose cause for Canonization opened rather quickly by the Vatican, on January 31, 2010, visited Cayman in 1998 when she formalized the Betania Group of St. Ignatius under the priestly office of **Fr. Devon Nash**.

She asked that we meet monthly for fellowship, and to morally and virtuously support each other in our everyday lives, staying connected to the main Foundation, at Finca Betania, which together with her husband, Mr. Geo Bianchini, and as directed by Our Lady Blessed Mother, she founded, just outside Caracas, Venezuela in 1976.

The Group, (which grew to approximately 40 persons who had been to Betania, and knew her personally), for quite some time, was very active in the Parish, but over the years since 2002, had dwindled, mainly due to members leaving the island. Late in 2009 at the announcement of the Vatican's Opening of the Cause for her Canonization, we were again brought together, by her husband, to re-establish this monthly meeting, and reconciliation.

Where is Betania?

Betania is derived from the word Bethany which is where Jesus used to go and spend time with Lazarus, Martha and Mary.

Located an hour's drive outside Caracas, Venezuela, in the town of Cua, Betania is a self-sufficient Farm, a Holy Site of Pilgrimage approved by Bishop Pio Bello Ricardo, (Vatican approval by Pope Benedict XVI - as Cardinal Ratzinger). Betania, which is the only site of pilgrimage approved by the church during the life time of the Visionary, is open year round, for all the members of the Betania Foundation, and pilgrims from all over the world. Limited standard accommodation is on site for pilgrims, and the family of Maria Esperanza, also have their second homes located there.

Maria Esperanza, died in 2004 but before her death, in a message from Our Blessed Mother, she was told that Betania would spread by communities all over the world. Maria Esperanza thought there would be 12 Betania communities, however what started at Betania to other parts of the World, now numbers 15 communities and counting, with the Cayman Islands approbated #14 community of the Apostolate to be called Betania (XIV) Cayman, on March 27, 2010 in Betania, by Mr. Geo Bianchini, President of the Betania Foundation, and husband of Maria Esperanza.

What do we do?

We endeavour monthly fellowship, when we keep abreast of happenings in the Parish and Country and discuss topics of various interests, in particular how we should disseminate the

messages of Betania, for the development of a Marian Community in Cayman, known with the approbation - Betania (XIV) Cayman.

At each meeting, one or both of our Priests is usually present. We start each meeting with the Rosary, and follow always with a nice pot-luck dinner, discussion and fellowship. Always a very enjoyable time, each person is given the opportunity to voice their concerns and issues, and where needed a plan of collective action is usually agreed. Normally we work within the church along with the Evangelization Committee and the Christian Service Commission, or anywhere assistance is available. We take turns to organize the meetings and rotate to each member's homes as is convenient.

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The mission of Betania (XIV) Cayman is Reconciliation and the Gospel; these encompassing every aspect of human life, through living the Gospels, and spreading the virtues throughout the islands, growing the Catholic faith. There is no definitive plan and the work will unfold according to God's own plan. Focus is on the human family of God encompassing all persons in the nature of God. Love is the path to Reconciliation and the Gospel and this is the route we endeavor to follow.

Our Lady appeared in Betania Venezuela as Our Lady Reconciler of all Peoples and Nations. We are called to live this message and to spread it, by first, reconciliation within ourselves, on into our families, our friends, our community and the rest of the World.

Our Lady's Message clarifies this:-

First Apparition: March 25, 1976 - 8:30 a.m.

*"Daughter, here you have Me, with My Hands enriched with graces and covered with splendors of light, to call all My children to conversion; this is the seed of glory I offer as "MARY RECONCILER OF PEOPLE AND NATIONS", for I come to reconcile all of you. **Reconciliation is the inheritance of divine brotherhood of My Divine Son!** Daughter, hand on My message to all. I will keep you here in My Heart from today on and forever!"*

Mary Reconciler of the People!

If you feel in your heart a desire to join Betania (XIV) Cayman, we are asked to consider that heart-felt feeling in the manner of Our Lady at the appearance of the Archangel Gabriel to her. Ask yourself the question:- What is my role? How can I contribute to the development of Betania (XIV) Cayman through reconciliation and the Gospel?

“Let us recall the words the Most Blessed Virgin, Reconciler of Peoples, gave us, through Maria Esperanza, Servant of God:- “This is my time, this is my hour and the bells are ringing, calling all my children to announce reconciliation to the world, so they may lead a living example of an apostolic life, with true fervor, drawn to love, an expression of peace and reconciliation among brothers. I want your conversion to be total and universal, because this is the humanity of Christ my Divine Son, **Who IS among you.** The great day of

man's freedom is coming and it is only fair for all of you to be saved." Should you decide that you would like to find out more, you are more than welcome to attend our meetings. All our members have had wonderful spiritual experiences to share with you. Together we will build on all our ideas, goals and aspirations for a Marian Community in Cayman, where Our Blessed Mother and Her Son, Our Lord lead us to peace and reconciliation with God; Our Father.

Betania (XIV) Cayman promotes a life of prayer and Community Service, and although not obligatory we do recommend the following:

Daily Mass attendance:- the Mass is the summit of our faith and we gain our strength from receipt of the Blessed Sacrament.

Eighteenth Apparition: March 28, 1989 - 5:00 p.m.

"My daughter, My children, here I am... I beg each one of you to especially mend your lives, with penance, the needed prayer, to vindicate God's justice, so offended in these times by men... on the other hand, it is very important for you to attend Holy Mass frequently and to receive the Eucharist... so that My Divine Son's nourishment may help you in such a way that you will feel enlightened inside by an unknown light... wonderful and sublime... which is the great sign God, Our Father, wishes for the salvation of all those who with humility surrender faithfully to His Heart..!"

"That is why, nourish and increase your fervor, longing spiritual

improvement... so you may serve, offering your lives as brothers with a deep and lively brotherly participation... so you may enjoy the goods God created for all of you..!"

"Children, I love you very much, and My love is so great I call each one of you to My grotto of prayer, so you may meditate and live the Gospel... protected by the grace of the Holy Spirit... with His divine charismas..!"

"Behold, I offer you My Heart, united to My Divine Son's Heart, so you may live the most profound experience with Us... in order to enjoy the sublime moment of a living testimony, the fundamental basis of a great truth: WE LIVE AMONG YOU! Participate children! And cradle yourselves here in My Heart..! I keep you..!"

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Daily Adoration, silent prayer is a means to get to know Our Lord and to build up our relationship with Him.

Fifteenth Apparition: February 16, 1989 - 4:00 p.m.

"Daughter, children, here I am..! Living among you..! Children, My Heart beats with Heavenly delights as I gaze at each one of your faces which come to find the hope of better days, to solidify your steps on the road that leads to Mount Zion. For My fountain of the waters of Betania shall restore your souls to a new life... that will bring you to lead an apostle's life, that is to say, of service, devoted to a mission of love, which will reaffirm your trust in the

light of the New Dawn of My Divine Jesus! He, My Beloved Son, wishes for all of you to live cradled in this motherly Heart, with the charismata and graces of the Holy Spirit. In this way, My children may hold hands, based on the Commandment, Love one another..! It is the only truth that can save mankind from a war among brothers... that is to say, in these times, all should have recourse to the charitable harvest of good deeds, which is the identification of love and of truth of God's people, who are longing for Social Justice... because as long as unity does not come forth, you will lead a life of anguish, grief, shadows and sorrow. Behold, children, the love of a Mother, who cherishes you... and comes as a starting point to lead you toward a law of justice, love, peace and reconciliation..!"

"Prayer... Meditation... Penance... Eucharist..!"

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Daily Rosary, this is a weapon of the Church and through it we ask Our Blessed Mother's intercession.

*Seventh Apparition: March 25, 1984
- 3:00 to 6:30 p.m.*

"My children, I am Mary, Virgin and Mother Reconciler of Nations, I come with My Son in My Arms to reconcile you. O sublime hope of yours..! Pray the Rosary..! Sons and daughters, you have felt Me and seen Me, touching the truth that I live among you... continue to be loyal to the call that today I make... and let us walk

the path together..! I lead you..!"

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We encourage an annual pilgrimage to Betania, or another Holy Place of choice. Our Lady calls us all to frequent retreats, **so that Her Son can rekindle every cell of our body, making us as new.**

Betania (XIV) Cayman is planning a Pilgrimage for **March 25 2012**, Feast of the Annunciation. which is the 2nd Anniversary of our appointment as Betania (XIV) Cayman. This date will be an annual anniversary event.

Should you be interested in attending the next meeting, or desire further information email betania14@candw.ky or call Merle McGann at 916-6214.

Inclusive information on Maria Esperanza, Servant of God is on the website www.mariaesperanza.org

Thanks for your attention and we welcome you.



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