



True Life in God Newsletter

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

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(A Few Days Late)



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Vassula Ryden and the Vatican: The Former and Present Situations by Fr. John Abberton

The document known as the "Notification," written with regard to Mrs. Vassula Rydén was issued from the office of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on October 6, 1995. At that time, I knew almost nothing of Vassula Ryden and her writings, but I had seen enough to make me uneasy. I did not like the presentation - a wire-bound A3 booklet containing printed handwriting. It looked odd. I had friends who believed that her writings were not to be trusted. They had read some of them, and had been persuaded against them by a priest who told them Vassula was "false." I came to believe - based on what they, and some others told me, that Vassula was not a genuine mystic. However, I have to say that some things about the Notification also seemed odd. At the same time, I had to accept, in all honesty, that I had not done enough research to form what might be called a considered opinion.

I have always tried to be scrupulously honest in making personal judgements about mystical writings, for the following reasons:

1. If they are genuinely inspired or are of supernatural origin, they should be respected and, whether read or not, may not be treated with disdain.
2. If they are not "from God," they could be diabolically inspired, and the writer needs both correction and help. Those who have been led to read the messages must be treated sensitively but firmly, clear advice being given to avoid any misunderstanding.
3. If they are most probably the product of an imagination affected by serious mental illness, or even a fairly substantial personality disorder (including an unhealthy or dishonest desire for

fame), the writer will need more help than censure, and, in the best way possible, others must be dissuaded from reading the material.

Whatever the situation may be, some care has to be taken in forming any judgement, both for the sake of the person writing the material and of those drawn to read it. In other words, pastoral considerations are paramount.

I was unhappy with the Notification, although, at the time, I could not, as they say, "put my finger on" the problem. As I read it again and discussed it with another priest (who was also sceptical about the writings) I began to see that the Notification was flawed. Its "legal" status was questionable because Vassula is Greek Orthodox, and there had already been an agreement between the Orthodox Church and the Vatican to the effect that the rights of Orthodox Christians would be respected (the Balamand Declaration of 1993). That a Greek Orthodox woman should be the subject of a warning of this kind seemed strange, and others raised the question as to whether this process conflicted with the statement mentioned above. Perhaps it didn't, but there appeared to be a fine line, and we were not told of any consultation with Orthodox hierarchy. Could the activities of a Greek Orthodox Christian be subject matter for Roman Catholic Canon Law? Then there was the whole question of what kind of "process" had taken place. As Cardinal Ratzinger later said (January 1999) the Notification was not a condemnation but a warning. There was no formal hearing; no "trial." In fact, Vassula was not consulted, nor were documents that had already been prepared by a theologian/advisor to Vassula either submitted to or read by any member of the Congregation before the Notification was issued. A vital principle of procedure, namely, dialogue, seemed to be missing. In an interview (already alluded to) in 1999 (30 Giorni No 1 January 1999) the Cardinal said that the procedure to clarify the matters raised by the Notification was continuing. The original Notification was confirmed in 1996, but not quite three years after that the Cardinal agreed that the procedure (or investigation) had not been completed.

The present situation is quite clear: the procedure referred to by the Cardinal has ended. His [letter](#) to the Presidents of the Episcopal Conferences of France, Switzerland, Uruguay, Philippines and Canada leaves no doubt that there is no longer any need to ask the opinion of the Congregation.

Vassula submitted her answers to the questions raised by Cardinal Ratzinger. These answers were accepted up to the point that the Cardinal asked for them to be printed for others to read. However he asked that they be printed in the books (the True Life in God books, containing Vassula's writings), making the books themselves one of the sources of the answers. Clearly, certain things are now obvious:

1. The books are not, in any sense, "banned."
2. It is permissible for Catholics to obtain and therefore to read a book (or books).
3. The answers to the Notification are simply that - the answers.

Later, these answers were called "useful clarifications," and in answer to a question about how the office (of the Congregation) would reply to a query about the present position regarding Vassula, the Cardinal replied: "The situation has been modified."

Since the answers to the questions have been given, and since the Cardinal asked for these answers to be printed so that others might read them, it is no longer necessary to read the Notification. When questions are answered, it is not the questions which are important, but the answers. If I ask someone to tell me why they have written a book, and they tell me - and the answer is acceptable to the point that I insist on it being printed, what is the use of continuing to ask the question? It has been answered. I may ask for more detail; I may even ask for the

answer to be repeated, but if the answer is substantially acceptable, the question is no longer a problem.

In summary, we can say - and for justice's sake we must say, that the warning against Vassula no longer retains its force. In so far as the questions suggested by the Notification have been answered ("clarified" if you will), the Notification simply cannot have the same status it had before. As a warning it was issued before any real, thoroughgoing investigation had taken place. Such a procedure has been followed and has now ended.

The fact that the Notification has been entered into the Acta Apostolicae Sedis (from which it will not be removed) does not mean that it has any serious moral force. Other documents (including at least one on the use of Latin in Seminaries) are also in the Acta, but this does not automatically mean that they retain the moral force they had when first issued. Situations change, and those who still want to argue against Vassula by referring to a document that has, in fact, been "usefully clarified" must answer the question as to why Cardinal Ratzinger asked for Vassula's answers to be printed in her books!

It is worth repeating some of these things for the sake of clarity.

1. The questions put by Cardinal Ratzinger have been answered.
2. The Cardinal did not reject the answers, but asked for them to be printed.
3. The answers were printed, at this specific request - IN THE BOOKS!
4. VASSULA IS NO LONGER UNDER INVESTIGATION AT THE VATICAN! (Please take special note!)

It is unrealistic to expect the Vatican to do any more than it has done in the case of Vassula and "True Life in God." Those who are aware of how the Holy See proceeds in such matters must honestly say what else should or could be done at this time. It is, in any case, quite amazing, and of some historical importance, that such a process took place whilst the subject (Vassula) is still alive! Since the books are not banned, and access to Vassula's own explanations was, for some considerable time, limited to the books themselves the obvious conclusion is that Catholics may read the books. What they are to make of them depends - as it always has done - on human faith. In so far as there is no condemnation (repeat - THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION) and no moral pressure is being applied by the Vatican against those who read the writings, Catholics are free to make of them what they will, always submitting themselves in obedience to the Holy See. Where no condemnation exists, consciences are free under the usual constraints applied in these cases.

Whilst no one at the Vatican has yet said, "these messages are worthy of belief," it is clear that the writings present no danger to any Catholic's faith, providing everything is kept in proper order and we continue, as in all such matters, to trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, submitting ourselves in obedience to the Holy Father and the bishops in union with him.



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"Jesus Style" - What is a TLIG Association?

Vassula wrote an article on the associations a few years ago and that article is online here: <http://www.tlig.org/en/spirituality/prayergroups/assoc/>.

Everybody can benefit by reading this article again written by Vassula.

One of the most impressive aspects of True Life in God for me is what Vassula calls doing things "Jesus style." This has always delighted me to no end.

When I was younger I had the opportunity to observe several different forms of organizations. In particular I was able to observe and participate for several years in organizations that did work with the mentally and physically handicapped. One of these organizations was completely voluntary and another one was run by people with salaries and offices. I was able to get a look at the budgets of both organizations and realized in non-profit organizations employee salaries and offices can comprise even 90% of expenses. I also realized if you get rid of offices and salaried employees over 90% of all money can go towards the actual people you are trying to help or the project you are trying to accomplish.

Vassula has always operated without an office, a formal secretary nor paid staff. And despite this, the message has been able to move non-stop around the world. The reason for this is the hard work of the associations and single individuals who volunteer for TLIG without receiving any money or salary and sometimes not even recognition. They work quietly behind the scenes - in service to God. This is a unique and precious "Jewel" we have in TLIG - the messages and the ability to be able to come and work in this lush vineyard of spirituality.



Some people think Vassula has followers. This is just another form of lie and attack. I was joking with a person recently the only thing I follow is Vassula's dog, on occasion when I take it for a walk on a leash. So I walk behind and "follow the dog." All of us including Vassula are working for God, the church and our fellow human beings. Vassula can be seen as an older sister in Christ, a friend and yes quite rightly as a modern day witness for God. The best attitude is always, that more than anybody else Vassula wants to help the apostolate - not for herself - but again for God, the church and others. Her voice, that at times suggests and guides is worthy of giving extra weight and consideration to.

Authority is another aspect of Vassula's role in the work of TLIG. Jesus told Vassula in the messages she can call on him any time. People think mistakenly sometimes, when Vassula uses her authority that it is her personal discernment alone or her opinion about something. This is not always the case. On important issues Vassula is following the lead of Jesus himself. If you take a long look at all of Vassula's instructions and letters over the years - many of which are on the TLIG website, you will see again and again that the guidelines of the major work areas of the apostolate have been all spelled out. The big stuff and the directions on how to do it are all there. From the prayer group guidelines booklet, to how to evangelize and spread the messages, to guidelines on Beth Myriam. Vassula has done her job and laid out all of the major areas of the TLIG apostolate with years and years of work. Now if something does not work well...who do we blame? We have to in every case blame ourselves!!! Really look at all the letters, the personal interventions, the pilgrimages, the meetings, the thousands of emails. Vassula has been involved with us all these years. Now it is really up to us...and yes, she may even still be willing and able to help us!!!



In True Life in God we are taught one of the most important aspects of Unity is humility and as a rule Christians should treat "the other" as better than themselves. It makes good common sense that we should at least have the humility to practice this with Vassula herself for without her cooperation with the Lord and willingness to be His "Pupil" we would not have the TLIG

messages. We can never separate the message from the messenger. And why would we want to? In Vassula we have an example of a person like us...a nobody, and can see how the Lord works with her and we can learn!

Many years ago a magazine article was written to attack Vassula that claimed she had a private driver and fancy cars and so forth. In today's media age - basically anybody can write any lies and people believe it. If it is in a newspaper or on the internet people have no discernment for lies and truth. They often take things as "gospel" which are nothing more than attacks based on pure lies. A lie is even more effective when it is delivered with total seriousness and given an air of authority or if you can by using deception get a name or title to endorse the lie.

Let us again set the record straight for new readers of our newsletter: Vassula takes no money from True life in God and never has. Only travel expenses are covered. Countries that struggle to pay these expenses have been helped out of an account of book sale royalties. Never have any book sale royalties gone to Vassula for personal use.

That aside, if you attempt to compare the apostolate of True Life in God with any of the large mainly protestant ministries who have budgets sometimes in the millions of dollars they start to look a lot like businesses. "Jesus style" avoids all of this. True Life in God has no headquarters, no main office - but rather contact points of volunteers.



Christmas 2005 and more recently February 2006 I had an opportunity to speak again with Vassula about the Associations: What exactly are they? The TLIG associations are created by people in the TLIG prayer groups to deal with legal and tax matters associated with book sales and fundraising for Beth Myriam. Sometimes also with collecting money for supporting evangelization activities. In order to sell something or to collect donations for Beth Myriam you have to deal with legal and tax issues. This is one of the reasons in some countries there are legal entities set up to deal with legal and tax issues. In order to set up a legal non profit organization - often times a Board of Directors and a President and Vice President needs to be chosen. These titles are for administering legal and tax issues and that is the only scope of their formal activity. If they are hard working people and want to do more, often times they indeed do. But the title they have gives them no authority over other people and is simply a title connected with legal and tax matters pertaining to the country they are in.

The danger of course for all of us is the temptation to usurp authority where there is no authority. And this is a very tricky business!!! Making a structure of authority does not resolve the problem! Ask any clergy about the political problems they encounter within their structures where clear lines of authority are in place!

Here are a couple of thoughts about this. Some people say: "Vassula needs to decide this" or "I will only do this if Vassula tells me." Or even worse - "If you do not do it the way I have said it must be done - I will withdraw from working with you."

Vassula does her work...which is transmitting the message and has told volunteers in TLIG: *"work as if I am no longer here."* In other words Jesus does not want her in the day to day administration of TLIG. The work areas of the apostolate are our chance to share in this work which comes from the Lord. What joy for everyone to be able to work for God's kingdom on earth!!! In fact this is not optional - all Christians inside or outside of this apostolate are called in scripture to work for the Lord.

"But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude

themselves." James 1:22

"Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." 1 Cor 15:58

Now if there are disagreements about how to move forward on something people want to consult Vassula, sometimes this may be the right thing to do. But if the consultation comes from looking for adjudication to settle a conflict or a disagreement - this perhaps is our own failing. If there is conflict anywhere in our associations we have to see a red flag.

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The Banner of TLIG is unity, with strong emphasis on humility and love.

Now if an association is not working together well in humility and love and self effacement putting the Lord's interests before personal agendas...this is a failing of all the people involved. How can we evangelize anybody if we ourselves are not an example of unity? It takes real sincere effort to live a True Life in God. It is hard - it is not the broad easy way...for it means we have to die to ourselves and our personal interests and live more out of selflessness, in other words: crucify our flesh.

Jesus warns us of the danger of disunity in our associations:

♥ **treat each other as I treat you, love one another as I love you, respond to one another as I respond to your prayers, feed from Me and do not accept Satan's fruits which are disloyalty, jealousy, disunity and impurity, be like one! be perfect! let My House glitter from its pureness** ♥ **allow My dew of Righteousness to descend upon you and dissolve these heavy thunder clouds, scattering them away, allow My Light to pierce them so that all darkness and evil disappear** ♥ **be like flowers facing the sun and let My Warm Rays revive your holiness, purity, integrity and love** ♥ **follow My commandment always to love one another as I the Lord love you** ♥

I, the Lord Jesus Christ, love you boundlessly, I am soon to come, I bless you all ♥♥

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July 29, 1988

In another message Jesus says:

I promise that anyone who decides to do good, giving Me honour and will make peace with Me and neighbour, he will obtain peace and will come to realize that in their weakness and in their sleep they were led astray ♥ **I want no more trouble from anybody; nor should anyone delude**

himself into thinking he is righteous, I repeat My warning, do not delude yourselves into thinking you are righteous; when one works or had decided to work for Me they should follow Me in My Foot-prints bearing My Cross wholeheartedly and with honour and joy; when this is done with goodwill they will be properly rewarded for all the work that had been done well in My Name;

no one is anyone's master³ I am the only Master; I urge them to repent and turn to Me and prove to Me their goodwill;

consult Me anytime Vassula, and I shall answer you; I bless you, cling to Hope;

courage daughter; ic

January 20, 1999 (This whole message deals with quarrels in associations)

(3 In other words Jesus means that there should be no one in a group who works for God become a dictator, ordering others around and 'filtering' everything)



A classic example I always like to use is the one of Brother Lawrence who wrote the book: *The Practice of the Presence of God* (you can read it online [here](http://prayerfoundation.org/booktexts/z_brother_lawrence_001_index.htm) or go to http://prayerfoundation.org/booktexts/z_brother_lawrence_001_index.htm).

Jesus says again and again he brings nothing new in TLIG and our "**we, us**" is the modern form of this same idea - the unceasing prayer - for us it was given in a simpler form, but the idea of living and working in prayer is as old as the Gospel itself.

I refer to this as Brother Lawrence was one day asked to buy the wine for his monastery and he knew nothing about buying wine. He was afraid he would buy bad wine and make his brothers angry with him. But in his we/us practice he gave the task over to God and ended up getting the best wine his brothers in the monastery had ever tasted! This example from classic Christian literature serves to remind us - it is not always the best ideas that make things work out well. But sometimes God will make something work through a person - whose idea was not so good but it worked anyway!!! Because God was with the person or the group.

Another way to see this is in the example of Vassula herself:

Vassula, you would have never been able to glorify Me unless I was joined to you; you would never be able, either, to accomplish this work that surpasses your ability were I not joined to you; yes, what ability has man, unless it is given to them from above? [January 6, 2003](#)

So the same can be said of all of us...what can we do without God? No matter our training and our titles? One of the best defenses of TLIG to the Greek Orthodox comparing the sayings of Jesus with the Desert Fathers was accomplished not by a theologian but by a musician!!! His distinction was he was the guitar player in a rock band for 10 years! This is also Jesus style! A non religious housewife is chosen to unite the church, a base player is inspired to write theological apologetics and a janitor who did not even know how to book an airline flight coordinates an international 40 nation, 7 languages pilgrimage. This is TLIG!

This does not mean that Jesus cannot use skills and talents we have - but he can also work with

people with no skill or talent - He is God! He can do anything he likes! Sometimes fruit can come not after a battle of ideas and wills - but out of purity of heart and love itself. Working together in humility and love attracts the graces of the Holy Spirit. Selfishness, egotism, dissensions, conflicts and disputes drive away the Holy Spirit. Whereas if some one was to observe any group of volunteers in TLIG no matter who they are - our ideal would be for them to say:

"What patience they have for each other."

"What a good spirit these people work in."

"What a nice atmosphere and feeling of joy was with these people."



In volunteer organizations often times the strong personalities rise to the top. This may be good - may not be good. Natural leaders arise in all small groups. The problem is, having leadership that follows the example of Jesus. This is foot washing! Higher serves the lower. If you want to lead something in TLIG the opportunity is there! In fact there is much more work than workers. And there are unlimited leadership opportunities available. But it means you have to do more work and sometimes sacrifice more. It may mean sacrificing a pet project. Sacrificing your personal ideas about something. We strive to never work for rewards or benefits - we work for love and with love. All of us fall short, all of us make mistakes for all of us are imperfect! If you want to lead in TLIG it means you want to serve and give more. It does not mean you have to lord it over others or can be a little dictator or Napoleon. This is hard. It means we all have to sort things out together and strive to be of one mind - in fact a lot like the early church. But we have clergy to help. We have the messages, and we have the fruit of much effort by Vassula in assisting to clarify all aspects of the work of this apostolate for years and years and years.

You want to be a leader? Make a witness meeting. You want to serve? Volunteer for a Beth Myriam. You want to work for unity? Join a prayer group and organize new ones. You want to evangelize the messages - make a book sale table (see Athens Prayer group example [here](#)).

We do not have a charismatic leader at the helm of TLIG in the traditional sense. Vassula is a doer. More than anything she leads by example. If there are disagreements within a working group...all can feel ashamed, all have fallen short. Vassula is not some school teacher who is going to endlessly run after us like small children and ask us to not fight and to put away our toys! We are all accountable to Christ, each other, the church and the mission.

Now what happens when a strong personality dominates activities and they want to lead things in a certain direction and are strong willed about it? Worse - what if this natural leader has a Jezebel spirit? So you have a situation of a bunch of Ahabs with a Jezebel driving them...then what do we do? This is why we have an exorcist like Father Abberton who can discern what is going on and where a more serious problem may lie. We also by God's grace still have Vassula.

All the volunteers and working groups need to help each other and call on each other for help. Working together in humility and love has no complete rule book.

What if I am trying to be humble - and I am being humble with a Jezebel inspired leader in our work group? That's why I said earlier - this is tricky business! What if someone is very strong in personality and has good ideas and is assaulted verbally that they are a Jezebel and they have no Jezebel...just a slightly "rough around the edges personality?" So then what do we do? These situations are the exceptions not the rule. A good method Vassula suggests is to share your concerns with other people in your association or friends or co-volunteers in TLIG and see if other people agree with your perceptions. Do not force the issue, be gentle, be kind and with

maturity, humility and discernment. We are all trying to grow and become mature Christians.

For we can go overboard and anybody who shows leadership we can claim is a Jezebel. In the end we have to have some faith in God and each other and hold true to our basic ideal of working in humility and Love. In time through helping each other and with God's grace these things are eventually dealt with. We must not fall to the temptation of calling everybody a Jezebel just because they do not agree with our ideas!!! What a bunch we are! Thank God his patience with us is of divine proportions! The focus of all work in TLIG is TEAM WORK. That is our protection along with prayer. If the majority of a volunteer group over a extended period of time has a different idea than a strong self appointed leader and his or her resistance is causing problems - then this leader has to ask himself - is my idea (which of course she or he is sure is the right one) more important than unity and good spirit between the people in the work group? Perhaps the leader is called to sacrifice his idea which may even be better...who knows, sacrifice it on the alter of dying to oneself and unity.



Working in TLIG does not mean you sacrifice your daily responsibilities to your job and family and then brag to everyone what a martyr you are. No! But it does mean at least sacrificing some of your time. No one is working for God if they neglect their health, their family or work responsibilities and claim they do it for TLIG. Healthy balance and moderation - is something all of us must struggle with. We are all called to serve God after our conversion - be it in an apostolate like TLIG or in our church or to the poor. But this service must never be an ego trip - a demonstration to others so they see how "holy" we are or how much "blood we pour out." This is self delusion and only a cover for pride.

Jesus asks Vassula: **can you work with love, for love?**

Vassula responds: *I will try Lord.* ([March 3, 1987](#))

Are we capable of making the same answer as Vassula? Or do we demand... "Well, yes Lord as long as my ideas are respected and my conditions met." Or, "Yes Lord I can, if I am in charge and get to be the boss." Or, "Yes Lord I will - if you give me a big fancy title."

In TLIG we have no titles. We cooperate and work together in a spirit of love and humility in the different areas of the TLIG apostolate. These areas include:

Evangelization: presenting and promoting the messages of TLIG in order to strengthen people spiritually with the aim of building the church.

Beth Myriam: projects to help the poor around the world.

Unity: anything we do for unity, the primary mission of TLIG pleases Jesus a lot. This includes participating in the TLIG pilgrimages where unity is practiced and praying for unity in the ecumenical prayer groups of TLIG.

Does this mean the group of people within one of these legal structures cannot do anything but administer tax and legal issues?

No it does not mean that, absolutely not. But the correct attitude of these structures is not that they are in charge of TLIG activities but rather how can they help. A Jesus style organization can never be made on paper or by decree. Jesus gives us our freedom. The TLIG associations are FREE associations of people gathered in prayer, humility, love and cooperation. And out of the

degree to which these individuals practice the beautiful spirituality of True Life in God, they will continue to blossom and flourish around the world serving God and the church.

Satan is observing all of you and has sworn to stop My Plan by obstructing it and by using strong opposition; his threats are reaching heaven daily; without delay, work hard and willingly; for My sake work with My Spirit and not with yours; - should anyone work for his self-interests and without love, joy and self-giving, I shall intervene again... [March 2, 1995](#)

A Prayer...

**make my soul work for Your intentions
which are holy and redemptive,
most pleasing in Your Eyes;
by entering my soul
Your Spirit of Piety
will turn me into a devout and
fervent servant;
[June 19, 1995](#)**



Jonathan

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The Priest and the Bus Driver - A Short Story



A priest and a bus driver died and went straight to heaven, both at the same time. They get to the pearly gates and meet St. Peter who greets them. St. Peter asks the priest to follow him to where he will be staying in heaven and they drive together in a jeep to a little cottage with about 50 acres of rolling green hills. St Peter turns to the Priest and says: "this will be your home for eternity, a perfect little cottage by a nice pond with a flower garden and a library full of books."

The priest says, "Thank you so much. This I will enjoy greatly!" St. Peter departs and returns to the pearly gates to now meet the bus driver.

This time St. Peter takes the bus driver in a luxury Rolls Royce and they drive to about 500 acres of land with mountains, lakes and rivers. There is a huge 200 room castle on one of the mountains and a wishing well that makes all wishes come true. St Peter turns to the bus driver and says: "This will be yours for eternity! You can live in that castle with servants to wait on you hand and foot and everything you want can be yours!"

The bus driver looks at St. Peter and says, "please do not think I am not grateful, but why have you given me so much more than the priest? "

St Peter chuckles and says: "You brought more souls to heaven! When the priest preached everyone fell asleep. When you drove your bus people prayed!"

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Welcome Me as I Welcome You



Some time ago I read in True Life in God the following: **“welcome Me as I welcome you;”** ([October 4, 1991](#)) and I thought, “Oh, I never welcome Jesus!” So I decided to welcome Him, something I had never done before. After communion that day I started saying to Jesus, who would be in me, words like, “welcome,” “I welcome you” with a lot of joy. Even when I felt unhappy I forced myself to say it. This made me realize that it is hard for me to “welcome” even Jesus when I don’t feel like it.

Meanwhile I was having a personal retreat and during that retreat the Lord was teaching me about welcoming and receiving my neighbor and that by detaching myself even from my programs (or time) I can welcome my neighbor better; for example if I am reading a book and I am excited to see what will be next and someone comes to visit me how do I welcome that person? Anyways, those were 2 different events for me and I have never connected them, not until recently when I read again the same message of October 4, 1991 and after reading **“welcome Me as I welcome you”** I was given a light to understand that the Lord was asking me to welcome (receive) my neighbor as He welcomes (receives) me. That was really very important for me because I had never seen Jesus in others and I was asking myself how to do that.

But before, the Lord had to teach me the following: He had to show me how he received me and receives me always, as I am, with all my sins and wretchedness, also He had to show me how patient He was and is with me. Knowing that, I could understand better what He meant for me now when He says **“as I welcome you.”** So by starting to welcome Jesus in my heart, He opened my eyes to something I had never understood before. Blessed be His Name.

Chadi Choufani
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Lebanon 2006



Vassula with Her Angel Daniel

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Editor's

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True Life in God Has a New Web Site!

As many of you are aware now, we have launched the new official True Life in God website (www.tlig.org). It has been a long and laborious process for all those worked on this project, but it is finally complete. Thousands of hours of programming, design and collaboration around the globe went on for more than 2 years. More than anything this was a team project.

Launching this new site is only the beginning. We will continue to strive to make improvements and enhancements for many of you, who frequent the site, but also for the masses of new people that have yet to come to know God, His Messages and the immense spirituality of True Life in God.

We thank all those that have supported this endeavor through your prayers. Please continue to pray as we need and appreciate them.

We also continue to welcome your ideas on how to make the site better. Write us at: webmaster@tlig.org.

Lastly, we would like to inform you that we'll be posting here in each month's e-newsletter short articles describing new features of the site. You will be able to read about new strategies, plans and ideas and the origins of how and why the new site came to be. Look

for it in coming e-newsletters.

Please join us in praying that the new TLIG Website helps to win souls for God and Glorify His Holy Name. Amen!

The Web Team

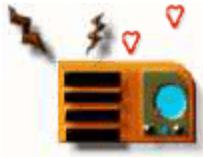
P.S.?Please spread the word about the new site.??Forward the link www.tlig.org to all of??your friends!??



Pilgrimage Reminder - Saving Money?

The TLIG Pilgrimage will happen again in 2007 and a team in Greece has been busy working on it now for months. If you begin to save money now every month - you will have enough to be able to afford to go when the time arrives. True Life in God runs these pilgrimages at cost - they are not fund raisers. If you are of limited economic resources and do not save 50-100 dollars a month starting now - you will not have the money to even consider going. Start saving a little bit every month now!

The Pilgrimage Team



TLIG Radio

Have you visited the TLIG Radio site?? Click [here](#) or go to <http://www.tligradio.org>. The number of broadcasters keeps increasing every month; currently there are more than 30 broadcasters reading the messages in 11 different languages! Don?t you want to listen to them?! However, more broadcasters are needed so all the messages are read in all languages.

On [June 30, 1990](#) the Lord wrote “**...broadcast My Message; come I will give you the means of diffusing My Message** ♡” ?If you are interested in becoming a TLIG Radio broadcaster, or want to help in any other way, then send email to info@tligradio.org. We hope and pray that TLIG Radio will grow much stronger and soon will include MP3 downloads so people can listen to the messages on an MP3 player.

St Paul said,? “**faith comes by hearing.**” This project is an important one for True Life in God.? Many blind people listen to the radio, and audio appeals to young people - more than reading. This is one of the most powerful ways to spread what Jesus calls his “**Love Hymn to Humanity.** ”

TLIG Radio team



A Great New TLIG Blog: with Testimonies on Vassula and the Notification

<http://tligtestimonies.blogspot.com/>

These are testimonies taken from Touched by the Spirit of God Series I & II. These are

testimonies by clergy concerning private revelations, Vassula and the CDF, The Significance of the Messages, These Messages Are From The Holy Trinity, and more.

I will expand the blog on a regular basis and hope to make it a good source of extra material from the hundreds of theologians and clergy in all denominations who support True Life in God.

Most of the people who persecute TLIG are using the same old articles written by Priests sometimes almost 10 years ago or more . In some cases these clergy have had a change of heart - but their negative letters they are unable to get retracted. This blog as it grows will show the wide range of support by clergy in all denominations for TLIG.

Sara (Member of the Web Team)



Let us all Pray this Lent for those who persecute TLIG

...you want to be rooted in Me? then love your enemies, bless your persecutors and pray for them; [April 12, 1994](#)

For various reasons there are people in the different church denominations that oppose the True Life in God Spirituality. Some of these people are misinformed or have a distorted view of what TLIG is. Others reject the initiatives of Vatican II and see the True Life in God work as part of this ?stream.? Some need a scapegoat for their own frustrations, something to blame for personal failures or problems and yet others know full well that True Life in God is inspired by Christ and they deliberately want to oppose Him.

Everything new in all areas of life - always is opposed somewhere by some people who want to maintain what is older - how things were done before. But in its essence TLIG brings nothing new - it is only a reminder!

See this article for an excellent explanation of what I am trying to say:

<http://www.tlig.org/en/testimonies/churchpos/frionbria/>

In TLIG even if you quote where Jesus says this:

I Am;

learn, My Vassula, from the saints; I am not a complicated God, I am not far either; I do not hide My Face nor do I keep anyone in the dark; My mere Presence is Light! many of you say "Lord bring us something new ..." this is the spirit of Antichrist and this spirit is at large in the world;

I will bring you nothing new; I have died, I have risen, I am the First and the Last; he who believes in Me will have everlasting life; I am alive forever and in glory, and I hold the keys of death and of Hades; there are still things to come, but everything has been written until the end of Times ♥ I will come to restore your sight with My Spirit to accomplish what I have said that in the end I shall triumph;

today still My land is being divided, riven, and in My House and My household there is selling

and buying; to the prophets I am sending them, they say: 'do not prophesy;' that time I was telling you previously has come, when Cardinal will go against Cardinal, bishop against bishop; priest against priest; the Divider's power has infiltrated like smoke into My House to besiege My land; his destruction work is strong and his favourite targets are My consecrated souls; he turns their thoughts to follow the passions of their hearts; the Rebel, wherever he passes leaves his curse behind he has sworn to lift you one against another; he has sworn, in his fury, to sift you all, especially My consecrated ones and plunder them; he has sworn to use you all as his toy; I tell you: anyone whose heart is not upright will succumb, but the upright will live through faithfulness; [February 12, 1996](#)

Or if you tell the people this:

they dishonour My prophets in front of the world, lying to the world who love to listen to calumny and insult;

they rip My Traditions to install frills and human doctrines; all these things they do in front of My Throne...these traders are deceiving many with specious arguments; they place their own in the best seats to reign with a sceptre of Falsehood; -

I have appointed you to be My Echo, so go and proclaim what you have heard; tell them that you are all living under the Great Apostasy foretold; tell My shepherds to open their eyes and ears to My anguished calls, for soon they will be forced to eat and drink venom;

summon your communities and prepare them for vigils of prayer and fasting; Satan is on his way to put every one on trial; he is coming to scatter you all and divide you; [May 27, 1993](#)

It does not matter what you quote to our enemies and persecutors for they do not see. If they are worried about the sacred traditions of the church, TLIG is a friend. The traditions of the church are no way threatened by TLIG! If they want to see their church strong and the people of God renewed, TLIG is a friend. For if we cannot practice humility and love between the denominations - it is so obvious - how can any of us go under the banner of Christian?



How we can see our persecutors in this Time of Lent:

**If The World Hates You, It Is Because You Love Me
Pray For Those Who Plot Incredible Schemes Against My Holy Spirit**

[November 10/15, 1992](#)

peace be with you ♥ today's lands have been totally polluted and have everything but Me;

what seems right to the world is abhorrent in My Sight and is already condemned by Me; if the world hates you it is because you love Me; let your testimony be valid in My Eyes and I tell you, your testimony will only be valid were you to sacrifice entirely for the salvation of souls and show your love by laying down your life for your friends and for those you call your enemies, so that when My Day comes you need feel no shame;

if the world takes you for imposters know that you are genuine, for the first imposter the world took was Me; love! and forgive! pray for those who plot incredible schemes against My Holy Spirit and do not judge them lest what is fatal for them, turns to be fatal on you; let Me correct them, let everything you do be planted in love; I shall provide you and fill you with consolations; every thorn in My Body will be removed in the end; Love will triumph;



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