Apparition of the Virgin Mary at BETANIA

VENEZUELA, XX and XXI Century

The visionary María Esperanza Medrano de Bernal (November 25, 1928–August 7, 2004) was mother of a family of seven children who lived in Caracas, Venezuela. She reported seeing the Virgin Mary daily for over 15 years, with some 12,000 people receiving healings and spiritual graces. Her visions led to the construction of the Basilica of Our Lady of Caracas and the San Isidro Marian Center.

On March 13, 1946, the first public apparition of Our Lady to María Esperanza took place. Many people saw her with subsequent healings and mystical experiences. María Esperanza related the origins of the Presence of Jesus accompanied by apostolic messages regarding the serious events that threaten humanity. People do not repeat.

The Virgin Mary appeared in a white dress and a blue sash. On November 11, 1947, Bishop Fausto Becciu approved the apparition in a pastoral letter, saying: "After having studied with determination the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the Venezuelan lady and having asked authoritatively the Lord for spiritual guidance, I declare that, in my judgment, the said apparitions are authentic and have experienced miracles. Therefore, I officially adopt the place where they have taken place as an extraordinary miracle and that it is considered as a destination for pilgrimage and place of devotion, where ritual practices can be carried out. In that document, the Bishop points out: 'If not to assert that all and each one of the apparitions takes place in the form of Betania are authentic... some have been cases of simple hallucinations... at least those three have been cases of false visions... but this does not mean the reality of the vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary in which great credits.' In 1949, the Pope Paul VI did not declare the visions of María Esperanza as authentic but, granted, the devotion is observed in a shrine of Marian worship.

Hundreds of people, among them María Esperanza, and the Virgin Mary invited them to grow in their love towards Jesus in the Rosary, and reaffirm the need for remedies, the initiatives of the Holy Rosary. At Plaza Betania, Our Lady appeared with the title of Our Lady of Precautions and Victories. Mother of Mercy Among the messages of Betania there are some characterized by a particular urgency and urgency, they are appeals and warnings, in the perspective of our present world. Shortly before the approval of the apparition, on August 11, 1947, the Virgin Mary gave the message: "To this moment man is abusing the graces he received and is going towards destruction. If there will not be a change and an improvement in lifestyle, he will succumb under fire, war and death. A few years before the apparitions began, on March 13, 1973, María Esperanza received from the Virgin Mary the following message regarding the end times and the Reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. "This is the most intense hour for all humanity and it is necessary to avoid the rebellions among brothers; otherwise, the nations must be united... the love of my Jesus will be the door that will open hearts, to give access to a beautiful Era that must revitalize the peoples in a glorious teaching of charity. Take advantage of this time because the hour is coming when my Son will appear before everyone as Judge and you must be in the necessary conditions to live with Him on that Great Day; do not think that it is distant." On April 27 of the same year the Virgin Mary said: "The Great Day when my Son will come is arriving. Pray much that the horrible punishment which is coming may be held back..."