

GIORNALINO *LalucedìGIO*



Giovannimaria Rainaldi
2006-2013



GIOVANNIMARIA's words for **MOTHER MARY**

“Let's pray a Hail Mary for this mother and her baby”

From the age of four, he would point out pregnant women from his buggy, asking those around him to say a Hail Mary for this new mother and child.

“I am servant of Mother Mary”

he declared proudly when observing his mother pray for guidance from the Virgin Mary at St. Catherine of Siena Church in New York.

“Mum, Mother Mary is calling you!”

Giovannimaria told his mother one early morning, at dawn, soon after the family had learnt of his third relapse. He repeated it twice, reminding Cinzia of her calling and her mission.

“Mother Mary is here. Now she is covering the whole floor with her cloak.” he told his mother while recovered in the hospital on the vigil night of Mother's Day 2013.

“Mary is watching us, and she's in the sky (heaven) so you can see her too!” he told his mother during his last hospital stays in May 2013. He informed his mother that the Virgin Mary was present and told him that he would soon go with Her. He died less than a month later.

Gio loved to pray the Rosary and made sure everyone prayed it every day. He was always eager to sing his favorite prayer: the *Salve Regina* in Latin. A funny note: he always sang *plentes* instead of *flentes*. When his mother would correct him, he smiled and shrugged. He preferred *plentes* (*plenty in English*).



BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Gioannimaria Rainaldi was born in **Rome** on **March 31 2006**, at the Clinica della Santa Famiglia and was baptized on May 24 of the same year. **At 18 months old**, an abdominal ultrasound revealed the presence of a large mass that turned out to be a **GanglioNeuroblastoma**, a very aggressive pediatric tumor with a generally poor prognosis, diagnosed at the Pediatric Clinic of the Sapienza Polyclinic. On December 19, 2007, after two cycles of chemotherapy, he underwent his first very delicate surgical operation in New York, at the Memorial Sloane Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC), from which he emerged with an excellent prognosis, to the point of being able to return to live in Italy for all of 2008 and part of 2009. But then the disease started again, more aggressive than before. Despite a life deeply marked by suffering (he underwent 2 cycles of radiotherapy, 21 cycles of chemotherapy, 4 high-risk surgical operations, lasting about 10 hours each), **he never lost his smile, his ability to fight** ("never give up" – he told his mother) and to **comfort his family, because his was a "beautiful life", because Jesus had given it to him.** His was a **luminous testimony**, full of signs of **the presence of the Holy Spirit**, which all those who met him noticed. Having strongly requested and desired **First Communion**, he **received it for the first time on 13 June 2012** (Feast of St. Anthony of Padua) and from that day on, he will receive it every day. **On 30 May 2013, Corpus Christi Feast**, Gio, who was according to his own words "servant of Mary" and "the lamb of Jesus", was born into Heaven, leaving in many hearts an indelible trace of communion with the Lord.

THEY SAY ABOUT GIO

...Now, I don't know and I don't even want to know how things went 'scientifically', because the real help that I continued to receive from GIO is something else, that is to say having understood that true well-being, true salvation, consists in orienting our daily actions towards love for others, and fighting against our fragilities and the many distractions, in short, in letting the Lord enter into us. I don't know where this journey of Faith will take me, which often appears as a narrow and steep path, but at every important crossroads I'm happy to think that GIO is nearby ready to lend me his little hand, and that it's only up to me to read the heart and choose the direction.

Francesco Mascellani

President of **Comitato Amici di Gioannimaria laLucedigio**

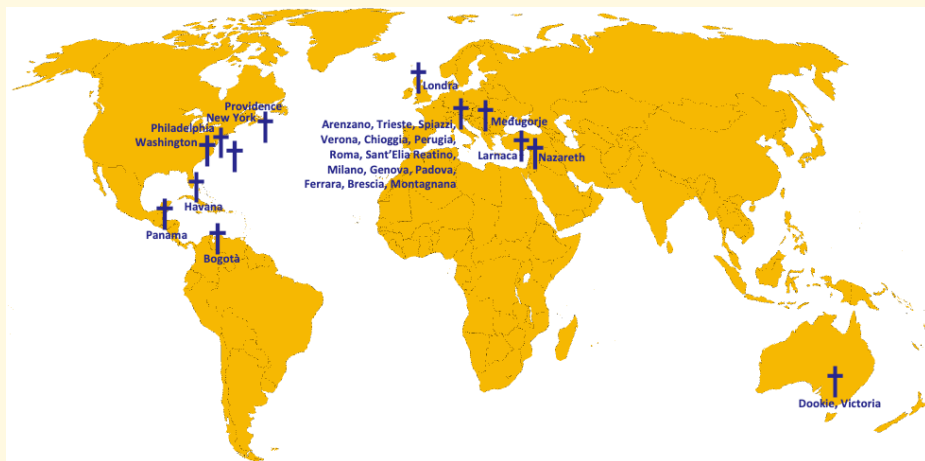


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LIST OF MASSES IN GIOVANNIMARIA's MEMORY

IN THE WORLD

- Parrocchia San Giacomo (**Medjugorje Bosnia**) - S.E. Arcivescovo Aldo Cavalli
- Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena Church (**New York**) – Fr. Hyacinth Grubb OP
- Chiesa S. Juan de Letrán (**Habana- Cuba**) – Padre Daniele Mazzoleni OP
- Corpus Christi Monastery(**Bronx. New York**) - Suore Domenicane Contemplative
- St. Patrick Old Cathedral in 263 Mulberry St (**New York**) - Don Luigi Portarulo
- Basilica di Nazareth (**Nazareth - Israel**) - Don Roberto Rosso
- Parrocchia Santa Maria delle Grazie (**Larnaca-Cipro**) - Don Francesco di Palma
- Casa S. Agostino di Canterbury (**Dookie Victoria - Australia**) - Padre Serafino Tognetti Comunità dei Figli di Dio
- Iglesia Nostra Signora de la Mercedes (**Panama**)
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IN ITALY

- Santuario del Bambino Gesù, **Arenzano (Genova)** – Rett. P. Piergiorgio Ladone OCD
- Basilica di S. Giovanni in Laterano (**Roma**) – Don Giovanni Biallo
- Santuario Madonna della Guardia (**Genova**) – Don Giovanni Maria Ferrario
- Santuario Diocesano Rosa Mistica-Madre della Chiesa (**Fontanelle, Brescia**) - Rettore Don Marco Alba
- Santuario Madonna della Corona (**Spiazzi, Verona**) - Don Manuel Magalini
- Chiesa di San Giuseppe a Via Nomentana (**Roma**) - Don Gianpaolo Sartoretto
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- Chiesa di San Salvaro (**San Salvaro, Padova**) - Don Adriano Vigolo
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WRITE TO THE POSTULATOR

Send your written testimony to: postulatore@lalucedigio.org in a PDF format.

Date sign and countersign by you and the Pastor of your Parish or other Priest.

Important note:

a fundamental note that concerns the **cause of Giovannimaria Rainaldi** is that a public worship of the child is not permitted, therefore, the prayer that you will find in his little image and which has been approved by the ecclesiastical authority **can only be used for a private and personal worship.**

PRAYER AUTHORISED ONLY FOR PRIVATE WORSHIP

Most Holy Trinity
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
We adore you and thank for the gift
of Giovannimaria's "beautiful life"
and for all the graces he received
for Mary's intercession
in his shortly earthly passage,
for the gifts preserved in his heart of a little,
for being an example of union with Jesus
in his suffering on the cross with Him,
and for dying for love and with love,
for entering in the "new life".
We pray,
according to Your Will,
to glorify this little of Yours
here on earth,
grant through his intercession
the grace, that with faith, we ask.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory.



POSTULATOR's LETTER

Dear Gio's Friends, here is our new Giornalino issue to update you on what we are doing, God willing, with the aim of beginning the cause of beatification and canonization of Giovannimaria Rainaldi. On the advice of the *Congregation for the Causes of Saints*, the **Postulation** is collecting all the news and documents proving the fame of sanctity of Giovannimaria and, at the same time, the **Committee** is moving forward with its projects.

Here is a wonderful news: the **Committee** has been received by **His Excellency Most Rev. Marco Tasca, Archbishop of Genoa**, who wanted to listen to each member (only a delegation was present headed by President Francesco Mascellani) about their experience of knowing Giovannimaria. At the end of the meeting, the Archbishop invited them to move forward with courage and faith. This was the confirmation of the Pastor: we are on the right path which is within the Church. The Archbishop expressed his joy for the presence in the *Committee* of the **Discalced Carmelites OCDS** of the **Sanctuary of the Infant Jesus of Prague of Arenzano (GE)**. This is the **picture** of the meeting on **Thursday 8th of May**. That was the day of the a *Supplica* to Our Lady of Pompei and of the election of Our Holy Pope Leone XIV. There couldn't be a better omen!

Yours sincerely! **Enrico Graziano Giovanni Solinas**

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From left to right of the picture:

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