

Dear brokers and sisters in Churt, I thank God for the gift be has given one, that is the gift of faith.

Hay you herein the blessings and graces of the Lord gives churt through this little booklet; a humble gift of bod to the children. Hay this love, peace and joy descend upon you.

firster in churat, Emma de Rugman

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### INTRODUCTION

When we speak of mystics like Emma, or mysticism in general, one tries to understand that wonderful union between God and a chosen human being whom He has endowed with phenomenal gifts and other supernatural manifestations. In 1951 the late Rev. O.A. Boyer, author and priest, wrote a book concerning a mystic entitled, "She Wears a Crown of Thorns." He believed that.... "When a man approaches a mystic with the intention of knowing him, he must: first, use the supernatural light that is in him, namely his faith; second, know if the subject has completely renounced his will; third, probe the mystic to discover if he is a lover of humiliations; fourth, not expect to meet an angel nor a saint from heaven, but a human being with frailties; fifth, remember that the mystic must be, like Christ, a victim....."

Emma (Cajucom) de Guzman was born into a very poor family in Cabanatuan City, Philippines on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 1949. She is a widow with three grown children and several grandchildren. In 1986 she migrated to Toronto to accept employment as a live-in nanny and housekeeper. During that period, she met Soledad (Sol) Gaviola. On September 8, 1991 while visiting Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Youngstown, New York, Our Lady of Fatima appeared to her and related a message to her. Our Blessed Mother told her that Sol was chosen to be her prayer partner and would help her in her ministry. At that moment Emma stepped out of one life and into another...a life of total abandonment to God. She was beginning a long journey—a journey to be documented for all time; a journey that only God could control, for He would take this ordinary creature and continue to grace her with more and more mystical gifts as He prepared her for a worldwide mission. Jesus and Mary began to manifest themselves to her through apparitions and messages. Our Lord took her into His heart and she accepted Him forever in her own heart; He was her King—she His humble servant.

In October of 1991, Sol Gaviola discovered an icon of the Pieta at a garage sale, which she purchased, cleaned up and placed on her home altar in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. In November of 1991, Jesus appeared to Emma and told her she was going to carry a mission and that it was already on the altar. A good friend from Toronto, Canada named Norma was inspired to name the prayer group "La Pieta". The Lord appeared to

Emma again and said, "My Father gave the name 'La Pieta' to your group because you can see My sufferings and My Mother's sufferings. Through these sufferings, My people will open their eyes to see and open their ears to listen. La Pieta will spread all over the world." Thus, the First La Pieta International Prayer Group opened in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. Currently there are approximately forty-five La Pieta Prayer Groups in different countries, now known as La Pieta International Prayer Group—Toronto, Ontario Canada; Washington D.C., Syracuse, N.Y.; Ottawa, Canada; Connellsville, Pennsylvania; Montebello, California; Pomona, California; Bloomsbury, New Jersey; Las Vegas, Nevada; San Diego, California, Springhill; Florida; Kittanning, P.A.; Milford, Connecticut; Miltown, New Jersey; Harvey, Louisianna; Scarborough, Ontario, Canada; Halifax, Nova Scotia; North Fairview, Q.C., Philippines; Cabanatuan City, Philippines; Montefano, Ampitya, Sri Lanka; Grenada, and the West Indies. Also new prayer groups have begun in Poland, France and Italy.

The "La Pieta" icon was taken on a mission for the first time in December 1991. From then on, the icon of Pieta went to various families and stayed for two weeks at each home. "La Pieta" prayers were inspired by the saints whom appeared to Emma. Jesus told her that her mission would be for conversion and healing. Through the La Pieta International Prayer Group, this message of the Lord is being fulfilled. God has given her multiple graces and blessings that she has shared with her brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ as God's mission through her continues to flourish.

It is with much gratitude and humility that this little book is shared with those persons whom would like to be enriched spiritually; and at the same time, it is offered to all seeking to learn more about God's chosen soul, Emma. Although not every event witnessed by the author is contained in this writing, those incidents which are contained herein, and have been witnessed, are fully documented. Video tapes, photographs and written testimony have been collected and submitted for future verification. Jesus told her to live in humility, littleness, and simpleness; that she would fulfill the mission God has given her because through humility, she would be imitating the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Lord's message is being fulfilled because Emma and La Pieta International Prayer Groups are reaching out to share love, peace and joy with all their brothers and sisters throughout the world.



Statues in Kingston Oil

## EMMA A BEACON OF GOD'S LIGHT

It seems like yesterday when my husband Pasquale (Pat), Joe Robichaud, a good friend, and myself were privileged to meet Emma de Guzman and Soledad (Sol) Gaviola in Kingston, Ontario, Canada on January 4, 1994. We had learned about Emma from Mr. Jack Manion during a one-day pilgrimage to Marmora in September of 1993. Jack Manion, who is currently a member of La Pieta International Prayer Group in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, told us that statues were exuding oil at the home of Emma de Guzman and Soledad Gaviola in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. On October 13 of the same year, we brought Jack a small statue of the Infant of Prague to take to Emma and Sol's residence for a few weeks. Sister Mary Francis of the Precious Blood Monastery in Manchester, New Hampshire (who is also Joseph Robichaud's sister) had given us this precious statue as a gift. On December 28, 1993 (feast of the Holy Innocents), Emma prayed to Jesus and Mary while holding this statue over her heart, that their will be done; suddenly the statue began to exude oil from the eyes and chest. They were so excited when they telephoned our home; we all cried tears of joy. Later on that evening the small statue oozed oil from its feet.

So it was in January 1994 that Joe, Pat and myself drove to Kingston to meet Emma and Sol and to bring our little statue home. When we arrived at the house, Sol answered the door and told us we were going to be very surprised at what we would see. Upon entering the living room our eyes focused on the beautiful home altar upon which stood many beautiful statues, crucifixes and other sacred images.

Immediately we noticed a statue of the Ecce Homo, which had been placed in a small receptacle to catch the tears of oil oozing from both eyes; the tears ran down the face onto the cheeks and neck. The little Infant of Prague (known as Santo Niño by some countries), had been placed into a plastic container with a piece of tape adhered to it which read "Please do not touch Him; He will touch you." The Infant was crying oil which was a slightly darker color than that of the Ecce Homo. Above the altar were the words, "He died for me. Therefore, I Will Live for Him". Sol's sister Rosie had made two of these little signs, and one was given to us for our home altar. We were completely overwhelmed by everything we saw.

As we blessed ourselves with the oil, a most beautiful fragrance in the oil was very noticeable to all of us. A crucifix on the wall opposite the altar was witnessed to be oiling. [I would like to add here that the only experience our family had regarding crying statues, was an episode that occurred during Holy Week in 1949 when my sister, Shirley Anne (Martin) Hamlin kissed a statue of St. Anne and the statue, as well as other blessed images of St. Anne, cried watery tears continuously over an eight year period when these images were kissed by Shirley. This phenomenon was witnessed by hundreds of people.]

Emma and Sol had prepared food for us; however, after witnessing this wonderful oiling of the statues, it was difficult to eat; however, later on the author did accept a cup of coffee and a doughnut with Emma, who had taken no food at all before prayer. Shortly after the meal, she knelt in front of the altar and began to pray. Everyone in the room joined her in prayer. Suddenly her head fell forward and a few minutes later, her breathing became more and more labored; her skin looked pale and she began coughing. Oil came up from her throat and out of her mouth. She fell back in the spirit and levitated from the waist up off the floor; her body from the waste down, barely touched the floor. A fragrant oil exuded from her face and hands. Our Blessed Mother, who appeared as Our

Lady of Fatima, had relayed a message to those present through Emma, to continue with the Mission and that she was happy we had come there. She said, "I give you my blessing" and repeated it twice. Following the message, a statue of Our Blessed Mother and a statue of St. Joseph exuded oil. We departed Kingston that evening feeling abundantly blessed and renewed in faith; grateful for the gifts from God and Our Blessed Mother and felt a strong confirmation of the Roman Catholic teachings within our hearts and souls.

On Saturday, January 29, 1994 with Emma and Sol's permission we invited some friends to Kingston. We never dreamed that God would continue to bless all of us through Emma, or to manifest Himself in so many ways in the days to come. Shortly after we arrived, the little statue of Baby Jesus in the manger exuded oil right before our eyes. The Ecce Homo statue also began oiling, and a red carnation beneath the Crucifix and the Crucifix itself oiled. Emma knelt in prayer at 1:30 p.m. and began coughing and oil came from her mouth and hands. She fell in the spirit to receive Our Blessed Mother's message. She asked Our Blessed Mother during her apparition about their coming to Liverpool, because previously she and Sol had discussed visiting us. Our Blessed Mother said to her, "My Son and I will come with you to Liverpool in April. The Holy Spirit will be felt by everyone. Everyone there will believe." This message was brought to fruition in April of 1994.

At 2:45 p.m., January 29, 1994, Emma started feeling a heaviness in her chest. She said Jesus told her through locution not to be nervous; that He was coming to her. She knelt in the prayer room and fell backwards. We prayed the Divine Mercy musical version that we had brought for Emma and Sol. She covered her eyes with her hands and when she removed her hands, oil was oozing from her eyes, and from her hands. She could not see. Her breathing became extremely labored. In an instant her body became as if she were being crucified. Her hands were outstretched; her left leg crossed over her right leg. She began speaking in a loud male voice, a language we did not understand. Sol interpreted, "I'm thirsty." Sol was on one side of Emma, and the author was on the other side; however, we could not raise her up to give her a drink of water; therefore, we bent a straw in a glass and gave her some water to sip. At 3:00 p.m. she went limp; her head fell to the side, with

oil still oozing from her face and hands. Sol lifted her eyelids and all that was visible were the whites of her eyes. She felt very cold to the touch and had the appearance of one with rigor mortis. Sol massaged her arms and back and asked the author to massage her legs, which was accomplished immediately. Following this apparition of Our Blessed Mother, Emma, remained in a very weakened condition for a long while. We have never witnessed anything like this. Later, we were given some of the healing oil to take home and distribute to those in need. Before returning to Syracuse, New York, we attended Holy Mass and thanked God once more for permitting all of us to receive so many graces and blessings. The following week we sent roses to Emma and Sol for their altar, to thank them for their prayers and hospitality. We learned from them that the roses and leaves in the floral arrangement had exuded oil. At the same time, the crucifix continued to exude oil, and a large statue of Our Lady of Fatima which belonged to an acquaintance of theirs, began to oil.

On July 16, 1994, feast day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, members of the La Pieta International Prayer Group attended a prayer meeting at Emma and Sol's home in Kingston. Upon entering their home; all present were showered with gold sparkles (sometimes called glitter); others who had arrived earlier, also received the gift of sparkles at the same time. The children even had sparkles on their clothing, bodies and hair. We felt as if we were being greeted by Our Blessed Mother herself! It was at that time that we knew a special blessing had been sent to all of us from God and Our Blessed Mother—during the prayer times, especially, when La Pieta International Prayer Groups were praying together, the love, peace and joy in the hearts of the members could be felt by all.

On August 20, 1994, Sol and Emma came to our home in Liverpool, New York; we were joined by a very ill man from Saudi Arabia and his wife. Before prayer, we were enjoying lunch and getting to know the couple. All of a sudden Emma's face became ecstatic and she left the table and knelt in front of the home altar. She cried because a small crystal statue of Our Blessed Mother and Jesus, which was a gift from our daughter, Cheryl, had begun to exude oil. (The oil would be used for healing purposes later.) The following day, eve of the Feast Day of the Queenship of Mary, Pat held the statue over the head of a very ill man from Saudi Arabia, and as the oil dripped from the statue upon his head,

Emma and those present prayed for his healing. Also, the statue of the Infant of Prague exuded oil once more during Emma and Sol's visit with the young couple from Saudi Arabia.

On September 21, 1994, Syracuse La Pieta Prayer Group held its first prayer meeting with the help of the Kingston and Toronto La Pieta Prayer Groups. My husband Pat and I made a lifetime commitment to our Lord and Our Blessed Mother (and to Emma), to serve as coordinators of this prayer group, and asked Deacon John Murray of Clayton, New York to join the prayer group. Deacon Murray agreed and he has been an active member of this prayer group for ten years; he is a gifted speaker and is very devoted to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to Our Blessed Mother

On November 11, 1994, Rev. Peter W. Gleba, Pastor of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church, invited Emma to conduct a healing service at St. Stephen's. However, the evil one did not approve and spoke loud words to Emma, telling her not to go to Syracuse. The words, "ho, ho, ha ha" appeared on the wall of their prayer room (which was photographed); however, this threat from hell did not stop the Mission to Syracuse, New York. Members of Toronto and Kingston, Ontario Canada, and Syracuse, New York La Pieta International Prayer Groups accompanied Emma (and Sol) to the church.

While en route to St. Stephen's Church, we paid a short visit to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church to say a little prayer and visit Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother. As we were pulling into the driveway at Sacred Heart, five roses fell into Emma's lap out of nowhere. Sol permitted us to hold the roses and we immediately brought them to the sacristy to show Father Peter Gleba. Everyone was in such joyful awe to be able to witness such a beautiful gift from Heaven. The Healing Service at St. Stephen's was absolutely beautiful. Emma spoke about Jesus and Mary and explained her mission. She stressed the importance of obedience and humility. At this time, many people were permitted to see the Celtic cross that had previously appeared on her chest over her heart which exuded a most fragrant oil, especially when she was in prayer.

In early May of 1995, the author asked Emma to invoke Our Blessed Mother for her motherly blessing on a bible, known as the "blue book", which was obtained from Mother Angelica's E.W.T.N. program.

## On May 13, 1995, Sol recorded the following:

"Emma woke up at 8:30 a.m., and came to me and told me she had a dream, a beautiful dream. She ran downstairs and came back with the Holy Bible (St. Ignatius) from Bev. Galtieri. She was so excited and screamed "...the Lord has touched and blessed this Holy Bible." Her dream is as follows:

Emma went to this peaceful place with a small tree with many leaves, where she always goes to meet with Jesus. But this time she went there with the Holy Bible and prayed for the Blessed Mother to come to touch the Bible. She waited, praying, then to her surprise, Jesus came, very luminous.

Jesus held His hand open and spoke to her, "My child, give Me the Holy Book. I will bless it."

Emma responded, "That's why I am here, Lord, because Beverly wants the book to be blessed by You or Our Blessed Mother. Jesus put His right hand on top of the Holy Bible, closed His eyes and prayed. He then handed the book back to Emma and she found that after the blessing, every page had a beautiful fragrance."

We travelled to Kingston to retrieve this most Holy Bible from Emma and Sol and again to thank Our Lord for His most wonderful gift. We kept asking each other, "....What else can possibly happen?" We have never seen anything as extraordinary as the miraculous manifestations from God through this lady. Later on Emma received permission from Santo Niño (Holy Child Jesus) for the La Pieta International Prayer Group to make little relics from the pages to be given to the faithful. This project was immediately undertaken by members of the Kingston La Pieta International Prayer Group; Rita and Bill Murray, current coordinators of Kingston La Pieta International Prayer Group, made all of the relics that were given to people during the Second La Pieta Prayer Group Reunion in Syracuse, New York in 1998. Currently, when visitors come for prayer, a page is given to them to keep in their bible or prayer book.

In July of 1995, Mother of Joy House of Prayer was opened in Constantia, New York by members of Syracuse La Pieta Prayer Group and others; the Verginio family; the James Pirro family; the Jeanine Shahin family; the Valerino family; the Crupi family; the Farrar family; the LaFlamme family; the Doris Visco family; the Hamlin family; Judge Horgos family, Captain Michael Kopacko family and so many others. Since the prayer house opened, various people have reported healings of all kinds; e.g., spiritual, physical and emotional, and attribute these changes to their interaction with Emma at the Prayer House and her intercessory prayers for them.

A few years later a young man from the Syracuse La Pieta Prayer Group, by the name of Christopher Gallipeau, joined the order of St. John Newman to become a priest, and will be ordained at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City in approximately four years. Also, In June of 2004, a young woman from this prayer group by the name of Stephanie Eadie, entered the Poor Clare Monastery in Indianapolis, Indiana.

On September 2, 1995, Our Blessed Mother appeared to Emma at Mother of Joy House of Prayer. She was dressed in a very simple greyish-blue gown, wore a simple veil with no crown, and had a very beautiful smile. Her arms extended halfway down her sides. Our Blessed Mother appeared in the center of the wall where the altar was placed. Her message, recorded by Sol Gaviola, is as follows:

"I am your Mother of Joy. This house is holy and this is a place to pray. I will always be here. You are all my disciples of the new time. Continue your journey."

During the healing service Emma received an inner locution from Our Blessed Mother for a young girl who was present. "...Discard all your worries. I am always here to help you. I love you, my child." During this visit, Pat Brady of Kingston, Ontario, Canada La Pieta International Prayer Group, took a photograph near where the First Station of the Cross is erected, and a blue outline of Our Blessed Mother was present in the photograph. Bill and Rita Murray of Kingston, Ontario Canada also witnessed this event.

On October 28, 1995, Mother of Joy House of Prayer hosted an enthronement mass offered by Rev. Fr. Peter W. Gleba, Pastor of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Many people, including Emma and Sol signed the 'King of Our Family' certificate. Later that evening

St. John the Evangelist appeared to Emma at the Prayer House, and the message was written by Emma, guided by St. John, in Ancient Greek, a language which she is totally unfamiliar with. This message was interpreted by Achilles Bafas, who was born in Greece, and was living in Syracuse, New York at this time. The message was somewhat difficult to interpret, since Mr. Bafas was not familiar with the Ancient Classical Greek language, only the modern day version. When the message was shown to Father Rene Laurentine, a mariologist, he was astonished that Emma could have written this message so perfectly without ever knowing or studying any Greek whatsoever, and with her eyes closed!

Emma, Sol and members of La Pieta Prayer Group stayed overnight at the Prayer House and on October 29, 1995, Our Blessed Mother appeared to Emma at 1:00 a.m. in the little chapel. Sol recorded the message as follows:

"Good morning, my dear little children. God the Father allowed me once again to come down on earth to be with you at this hour. This is the place which I chose to be the place of my presence. This is the place that my Son wants to be named 'Our Mother of Joy House of Prayer.' You are my disciples called to spread the light of my motherly presence and help my children to walk along the road to reach my Son, Jesus Christ. This is a special day for my little children, and so I want you to feel at your sides the saints and blessed heaven to offer you protection and guidance. Thank you very much for your patience. I am your Mother of Joy, whom you gave a greater joy to my Immaculate Heart. May God bless you, my beloved children. Good morning to all. I will give something special for my child, Beverly and company when she goes to your place. I love you my dear children."

On Saturday, November 4, 1995, Joe Robichaud, my husband, Pat and myself visited Emma and Sol again in Kingston. Several people from Toronto were also there including Mrs. Lisa Eltanol known as *Mama* because of her motherly love for everyone she meets.



A hole appeared on Emma's chest from which 5 roses appeared.

We prayed together, and during the recitation of the Rosary, at 6:55 p.m., Emma clutched her chest and appeared to be in agonizing pain. She cried and continued to cry as oil seeped from her body. The most beautiful fragrance filled the room.

The following miraculous event will remain embedded in my head, my heart and my soul for as long as I live. Emma was experiencing excruciating pain and immense suffering; as she cried out in pain, one by one we saw her gather five small red roses as they emerged from the center of her chest. The roses were moist to the touch; there was a small amount of blood on the stems and a beautiful fragrance filled the room.

After this experience, she fell forward and cried for a long time. A small hole remained in the center of her chest and one could see blood dripping from the area on her chest where the little roses had emerged. Emma related to us that this was a special gift from Our Blessed Mother as promised at the Prayer House on the morning of October 29th.



Three roses are preserved in Liverpool, N.Y. by the Syracuse La Pieta Prayer Group

Five small beautiful red roses which emerged miraculously from the hole in Emma's chest

I could not believe it! All these beautiful roses from Our dear Mother of God for us? We were so surprised, we could hardly speak. One rose was returned to Emma and Sol for documentation; one was given to Joe Robichaud, who had been videotaping all events which Syracuse members attended when on a mission with Emma; three roses were given to the Galtieri family, and are preserved on the home altar in Liverpool, New York. Every day prayers are offered at the home altar where the roses are framed, and we thank God for our beautiful and healthy children and grandchildren—all of them. God is so good and perhaps someday, in honor of the Holy Trinity, our triplet grandchildren, three beautiful little girls who are now six years old, will each be given a rose if it is God's will.

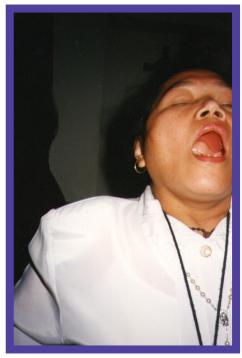


Blood appears on the host which appeared on Emma's tongue.

## **EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES**

Saturday, April 26, 1997, the following people attended Holy Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Syracuse New York: Emma de Guzman, Soledad Gaviola, Joe Robichaud, Mildred M., Edith O., Precy D. and Pat and Bev Galtieri. After Mass, Emma received a miraculous Eucharist from the Angel of the Eucharist, which appeared on her tongue at 5:45 p.m. and disappeared into her body without deglutition (the act of using the throat muscles to swallow). Another Eucharist appeared on her tongue and was captured on video and photographs. The above people witnessed this miracle.

The following day, Sunday, April 27, 1997 at Mother of Joy House of Prayer in Constantia, New York, at 11:50 a.m. Emma received the Apparition of the Light of Jesus which went into her hands for healing. At the time, she was at prayer in the little chapel and the most beautiful



The Angel of the Eucharist has manifested the Holy Eucharist on Emma's tongue which now miraculously begins to turn into flesh!

fragrance filled the room. Other people touched Emma's hands, and this beautiful fragrance remained on their hands all day. At 2:30 p.m., the Miracle of the Bleeding Host appeared on Emma's tongue. This Eucharistic Miracle was witnessed by many people. After a minute or so, the host was consumed and seconds later, another bleeding Host appeared on Emma's tongue. This time she cried and cried because she did not understand why it was happening, but all she felt at that time was love.

When the photographs were developed, the first photo showed a bleeding host on Emma's tongue; the second photo showed a host turning to flesh; however, what everyone saw on both occasions was a bleeding host. We refer to this most wonderful gift from Jesus as "A miracle within a miracle! Everyone was crying and a few people nearly fainted. Although some of the people in attendance have seen world famous Eucharistic Miracles; e.g., the Miracle of Lanciano in Italy, and others, this is the very first time that most of us have ever actually witnessed a miraculous bleeding host as the event occurred.



Angel of the Eucharist brings 12 hosts to Mother Of Joy House Of Prayer on September 6, 1997 at 11:30 p.m. through mystic Emma de Guzman

Another wonderful blessing that took place at Mother of Joy House of Prayer where we gathered to pray with Emma and Sol on September 6, 1997, was the miraculous appearance of 12 Eucharists in a communion vessel on the altar. According to Emma, these Eucharists were brought by the Angel of the Eucharist and were taken from tabernacles around the world in order to prevent unworthy reception of Jesus during Holy Mass. (This absolutely phenomenal and awesome gift has been given to various people who are members of La Pieta Prayer Group, and their relatives and friends on different occasions.) At 11:30 p.m. Emma was given Holy Communion on the tongue by the angel of the Eucharist, and she actually saw a beam of light come from the angel's body and 12 Eucharists were suddenly in the communion vessel.

Because of the very late hour, and no priest being available; and because we adore and respect the Blessed Sacrament so much, none of us could touch Our Lord with our hands to receive him; therefore, we used exorcised holy water to clean a spoon for each person, and Sol helped us all receive our Lord kneeling and on the tongue, which is the only way many of us will receive Jesus. It is very, very difficult to express how one feels during a time such as this; I can only speak as the wretched and unworthy sinner that I am. Jesus Christ truly loves each and every one of us in a very special way, and He wants to come into our lives— He wants to be with us always, and, through Our Blessed Mother, He wills to take all His creatures home with Him when we are called to return to God Our Father. God in His infinite love and mercy has permitted many of us to witness these sacred events He chooses to occur through Emma; and we must never cease to thank Him because He is Lord above all and King of all kings.



Crown Stigmata appears on Emma's forehead during Holy Week, March 15, 1996 at 9:15 p.m. in Syracuse, Liverpool N.Y.

## **STIGMATA**

Beginning in 1991 and ending in 1999, Emma suffered the Passion of Our Lord during Holy Week, commencing on Holy Thursday and ending on Good Friday at 3:00 p.m. with the death of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Many members of La Pieta Prayer Group were privileged to be with her during this extremely moving and painful passion experience on several occasions. During Holy Week, prior to the crucifixion, she experienced abandonment, sorrow and mental anguish. Then she received the scourging on her back and actually felt the agony of the whips ripping her skin, the kicking and punching on her body. On one occasion during a mission in Las Vegas, we actually saw her face swell up and her right eye was almost closed. She was bleeding from her forehead and face, resembling the Holy Face of Jesus. All five wounds were visible; hands, feet, side and shoulder. The crown of thorns was extremely painful and once we were permitted to touch her head and actually felt the thorns. It is believed by some people, including the author, that her heart had been pierced.





Bloomsbury, N.J. April 1 & 2, 1999. Emma in ecstasy while companion Sol Gaviola holds a crucifix which became covered in blood

On March 15, 1996 during Lent on a third Friday, Emma and Sol, and Rita and Bill Murray and Pat Brady, and others, from Kingston, Ontario Canada La Pieta Prayer Group, visited the Syracuse La Pieta Prayer Group in Liverpool, New York. Other guests were invited to the prayer group to pray the La Pieta prayers. Approximately 70 people were present and even before prayer group began, the beautiful fragrance was present among us. Emma was kneeling facing the altar; Sol and Pat Brady were on one side of her; the author on the other. Suddenly during the recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, Emma began bleeding from her forehead and there were three very distinguishable thorns in her forehead. No one behind us could see her because her back was towards them. She stayed in one position during the entire prayer session and no one was distracted in any way whatsoever. She suffered silently and patiently. When the last prayer had been prayed, Sol asked that we turn her around to face the people, so that they could see her; when this had been accomplished, people were crying, gasping, staring; all were so shocked to see her suffering the crown stigmata. Later Emma prayed over everyone individually for all their intentions, and spoke to them about Jesus and Mary. The bleeding seemed to subside; however, after everyone left and she was resting, all of a sudden the bleeding started up again. We placed blessed objects where the blood was dripping (including a fivefold scapular given to us by Fr. Mitch Pacwa) which we will cherish always. Blood dripped onto the floor in front of the altar; it was allowed to dry and then the dried blood was protected by brushing a clear solution over it. Someday the tiles will be removed and preserved.

## OTHER PHENOMENA



Bev Galtieri and Emma with sparkles on her forehead while in Kingston.

## GOLD DUST (GLITTER, SPARKLES)

Although the Stigmata and Eucharistic Miracles are the most profound of all, there are other visible phenomena associated with Emma. In 1994 she began to receive glitter on her body at various times (known as gold dust or sparkles), which was usually accompanied by a fragrant oil, especially during prayer or when she was thinking about Our Blessed Mother and Jesus. Sometimes her socks would fill up with this wonderful glitter. When she asked Santo Niño on one occasion about the glitter, He replied, "When My Mother walks, the gold dust falls from her feet." Wow, we thought; just think, she is here! When Pat Galtieri was putting the five foot picture image of Our Lady of Guadalupe into the vehicle to drive with Emma and Sol to a mission in Peterborough, Canada, suddenly hundreds of multicolored glitter was on the picture and on the people; during the mission, Emma's socks literally filled up with multicolored glitter. This phenomena happens over and over again and has been witnessed by hundreds of people.

Therefore, many prayer group members began carrying scotch tape along when heading for a mission with Emma. When the glitter came, the scotch tape was used to retrieve it and then the sparkles were taped to holy cards or sacred objects and given to people. This was like receiving little candy kisses from Our Blessed Mother Mary who always gives her children little gifts! What a wonderful Mother she is; we could not exist without her. Who else could take us to Jesus who is always waiting for us and continue to love us, even when we fall.....Our Blessed Mother!

# OTHER PHENOMENA

### BILOCATION

On a few occasions we were privileged to be with Emma during her bilocation experiences. One particular incident is quite vivid in my mind and took place during the middle 1990's. We were driving Emma and Sol from the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Syracuse, New York to our home in Liverpool, New York which takes approximately ten to 15 minutes. Emma had misunderstood something Sol, Pat and I had said to her and she felt hurt because she thought we did not believe what was happening to her and told us to pray and be still.

When we pulled up to the house she told Pat and I to go in first; that the miracle was on the altar. When we went in, we detected a most beautiful fragrance; when we went into the prayer room, we were amazed to discover four statues oiling; the words 'Jesus & Mary' on a gold plaque by the tabernacle was oiling; a blue cross our daughter, Kelly had given to us was oiling; a small statue of St. Pio of Pietrelcina was oiling (and continued to oil for almost two weeks), and other sacred objects were also exuding oil. My husband exclaimed, "...Emma, the whole room has the fragrance that is always around you."

And she replied, "Yes, I was here, and I will never ask the Blessed Mother to do that again." The miracle here is that Our Blessed Mother could feel how hurt Emma was and performed the miracle for her, not for us. Even though Sol, Pat and I meant nothing negative, Emma took it the wrong way. In her humility, Emma was like a little child who felt someone thought she was not telling the truth, when in fact, she was.

We have never, ever doubted her truthfulness, or her spirituality—it was just a little misunderstanding of words. We placed the statue in a bowl to catch the oil and saved what we could on white linen cloths. There are other instances of bilocation which were witnessed by others; however, more incidents of bilocation will be included in a book of testimonies by other witnesses that will be published at a later date.

## OTHER PHENOMENA



Emma's back rises in partial levitation during final passion Bloomsbury, N.J. on April 1 & 2, 1999.

#### READING OF SOULS

Another significant gift is reading of souls. She sometimes knows what is in a person's heart and soul. She has been privileged to interact with different people to help them spiritually as well as physically through this gift and through her prayers. Many times she has known the deep sorrow a person has felt because they had offended God.

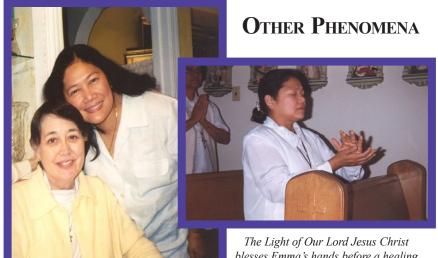


#### **PROPHECY**

She was also given the gift of prophecy and on some occasions knew what was going to happen in the future; she actually saw a bus accident that involved children a day or so before it happened.



Emma shares a precious moment with her companion Sol Gaviola and Father Anthony LaFache on the grounds of the Mother of Joy House of Prayer. Sol went home to her Lord the following year on March 4, 2002.



Emma gives Ceil Beard of Syracuse a hug after praying over her.

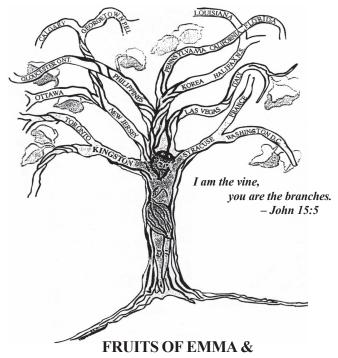
The Light of Our Lord Jesus Christ blesses Emma's hands before a healing service and a beautiful fragrant oil comes from them.

## **ODOUR OF SANCTITY**

People whom have been blessed to meet a visionary or mystic in their lifetime can sometimes attest to the beautiful fragrance around that particular chosen soul. Emma is gifted with various fragrances. (Many witnesses were present when she received fragrance number 6 during a mission in California with Andrea Limpo, Coordinator of Montebello, California La Pieta Prayer Group and Dr. Linda Aquino, Coordinator of Connellsville, Pennsylvania La Pieta Prayer Group.) La Pieta International Prayer Group members, their families and friends have witnessed approximately six separate and unique fragrances over the years when she has been in their midst. Sometimes the fragrance is so overwhelming, one can taste it in the mouth for a long while.

When Emma was interviewed in Liverpool, New York in the summer of 2004 by Joseph Albino, religious writer, the whole house was full of her newest fragrance and lasted about four days even after she had left. The faucet on the bathroom sink had a very strong and beautiful fragrance which lasted four days.

When Emma prays over rosaries, medals and other sacred objects, these objects hold the fragrance for a long period of time—some people have stated that the fragrance on their rosaries has lasted more than a year or even longer.



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Scripture states in St. Luke, Chapter 6, Verse 44, "For every tree is known by its fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns; nor from a bramble bush do they gather the grape. "You will know them by their fruits, indeed. Truly the good fruits of Emma and the La Pieta International Prayer Group are many. Thousands of people have come to know and love Jesus and Mary in a more personal way. Members are attending daily mass and praying more.

Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is increasing in many countries. Apostolates and ministries are prevalent everywhere and all of the members are active in one way or another in the pro life cause. Some continue to picket while praying the rosary in an effort to rid the world of abortion; more and more time is being spent at Holy Mass and with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament with special intentions to end abortion. There have been healings of all kinds reported that are attributed to Emma's mission. Members help the poor and some drive people who cannot drive, to doctor appointments or take them grocery shopping.



Philippines 12/97: Members of the prayer group & Rev. Clemen visit Cardinal Sin

Emma led two large Missions to the Philippines in 1996 and December 1997. Members from Kingston, Ontario, Canada; Toronto, Canada; Washington, D.C., Bloomsbury, New Jersey; Pomona, California and Syracuse, New York, joined Emma and a prayer group (and the Rotary Club) to get the bags filled for the children. Rosaries were made for all and each gift packet contained chocolate and a toy. The prayer group went from one school to another distributing the gift bags to the children individually. Pat Galtieri even dressed up like Santa Claus to help Emma and her prayer group brings God's gifts of love, peace and joy to our brothers and sisters. We were also blessed to meet many members of Emma's family while on this mission to the Philippines.



October 17, 1997, Emma de Guzman is present at the Dedication Mass and Ceremony for The Mother Of Joy House Of Prayer.



Emma de Guzman spends time in the Prayer Room at Syracuse (Liverpool, New York in May of 2004).

Although Emma's public ministry of healing and prayer is rapidly growing, she remains deeply spiritual, humble and obedient. She loves simplicity and attributes everything that she has and is to Jesus Christ and continues to thank Him and Our Blessed Mother for the many blessings given to her to share with others. She strives to be a hard-working servant of Jesus and Mary and a true beacon of God's Light in a world of spiritual darkness.

I truly believe that this privileged soul and child of Jesus and Mary- who laughs and cries, cares for others, scrubs floors and does other menial chores- a person who ministers to everyone she meets, will, in my opinion, be known in the future throughout the world, both in the Catholic Church and historically, as one of the most gifted mystics the world has ever known!

# THE MOUNTAIN OF SALVATION OF LOVE, PEACE AND JOY

Come to the mountain of love, peace and joy Come everybody and see what God has done Come with joy or come with tears Jesus takes away all fears

On the mountain, the mountain of salvation On the mountain, the mountain of salvation Brothers and sisters we'll find the way Holding hands and singing; united as we pray

Let us walk the path together We are family forever On the mountain, the mountain of salvation On the mountain, the mountain of salvation

#### **Chorus:**

Leave your sorrow and pain at the foot of the cross
Let Mother Mary guide you through the stormy rain
And you will feel inside you all the love that God put there
For you've always been her little child
And she has led you here

Come to the mountain of love, peace and joy Come to the mountain everyone Many blessings He will give, for as long as you may live On the mountain, the mountain of salvation (repeat)

So let people come from every nation To God's mountain of salvation.

Music: Emma de Guzman Lyrics: Bev Galtieri

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