

Quick Glance Endorsements

"It is therefore reasonable to state categorically that as far as the Church is concerned Vassula poses no threat to the Catholic Faith whatsoever. Indeed the messages which are communicated through her are consistent with the Church's own call to repentance and a return to the basics of the faith - in particular the basic prayers such as the Rosary and other devotions once so common in Catholic family and parish spiritual life."

—Cardinal Napier, Archbishop of Durban, South Africa

"(Vassula) travels the world evangelizing for Christian unity; obedience to the Pope; veneration of the Eucharist; devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus; and especially, a Gospel morality of life; as well as for deep religious conversion of the world. Vassula Ryden has met with the Pope, with cardinals and with bishops around the world. This is a matter of private revelation and we allow her to speak because what she says conforms to Gospel truth."

—Cardinal Franjo Kuharic, Archbishop of Zagreb

"When people gather together, something happens. When Christians gather together, something Christian happens and this Christian thing is *True Life In God*, the explosion of the love of God. This is the meaning of *True Life In God*. ... The future of the church is *True Life In God*. And to say it better, the future of humanity."

**—Cardinal Telesphore Toppo, Archbishop of Ranji, India
President of the Bishops Conference**

"Let us pray for the spiritual renewal of the world and the unity of the Church. It will happen only when the world TRULY accepts the salvific message of Christ. Let us pray for that very especially. May TLIG be God's chosen instrument to call the Church and the world to repentance and new life. With love, prayers and every good wish in the Lord."

—Archbishop Anil Couto, Archdiocese of Delhi, India

"Her movement, *True Life in God*, is doing a lot of good to all, most especially, for the renewal of many Christians and the evangelization of those who have never heard of Jesus before. I do not hesitate to recommend her to you. Please allow her to speak to Filipino migrants about her faith experience. I want our ordinary Filipino folks to be edified by her and become more convinced about their potentialities as Third Millennium evangelizers. Please know that the move to propagate *True Life in God* among migrant Filipinos has my approval and encouragement."

—Archbishop Ramon Arguelles, Archdiocese of Lipa, Philippines

"All that we have heard is what is written in the Bible but this is in a very personal way and shows that the Lord continues to speak. He is wonderful in His ways He is a God of surprises and we do not know whom He will use to communicate His messages. There was a time when Vassula did not practice; the Church meant nothing to her. This is a tremendous source of hope for all of us."

—Archbishop Emeritus Vincent Concessao, Archdiocese of New Dehli, India

"I rely on the Gospel test which says that a good tree may be recognized by good fruits. This is especially true of religious conversions, miracles in the moral order, and, most frequently, experiences in Medjugorje. This happens also through Vassula, who herself is a miracle, an object of wonder. True, she does not cause wonders in the physical sense, for she makes no claim to a charism of healing."

—Archbishop Emeritus Frane Franic, Archdiocese of Split

"I have not found anything objectionable and anything contrary to the Church's authentic authority on faith and morals. Reading these books and meditating on the contents are spiritually beneficial to all."

—Bishop Felix Toppo, S.J.; Diocese of Jamshedpur, India

"I would like to say a few words of thanks, as auxiliary bishop, for the joy we are feeling at Vassula's presence here in Brasilia. It is truly an extraordinary grace! ... This year we had a meeting of the Regional Bishops' Conference with the Holy Father. So [a bishop] asked about Vassula. Cardinal Ratzinger then said 'I've received a mountain of letters from cardinals.' Although the Cardinal was speaking only in Italian, Bishop Victor asked him in German: 'But, Cardinal, should I change my attitude?' 'Continue as you have done until now,' the Cardinal replied, in German, (in front of us who understood him) 'but be prudent.'"

—Bishop Joao Evangelista Martins Terra, S.J.; Diocese of Brasilia, Brazil

"I have always been watching to see if these messages diverge in any way from the teaching of the Church. Never have I found any doctrinal error in them. That is very impressive. For a layperson, with no theological training, without even any serious catechetical instruction, to write so many volumes about some of the profoundest spiritual matters, and never make a misstep, is an extraordinary achievement."

—Fr. Edward D. O'Connor, CSC Theologian, University of Notre Dame

"Vassula is one of the most balanced and transparent seers that I know. I would even be tempted to say that she is, in a most satisfying way, more normal, more balanced than most others. Nevertheless, she has excited more opposition than any other. Why?"

—Msgr. Rene Laurentin, Theologian and Writer

"I think she is an authentic and sincere mystic. It is certainly the Lord who speaks to her. True Life in God is full of treasures. How could this woman possibly have done it herself?"

—Fr. Emiliano Tardif

"As in the past, so today Christ comes to us through his prophet Vassula with a message of unity. He wants us to join under the one banner of Jesus Christ. Christ is calling all of us to unite through these the TLIG messages by way of love. However, he asks us all to bend. He reminds us that he would never break our human will. Therefore, he wants us to *freely* bend our wills so that we might choose unity, and in so doing, forge together our love and compassion in order to join under the one banner of Christ. ... One can readily see that the True Life in God messages are part and parcel of the Church's scriptural teachings and traditions. They are messages not meant for a thousand years ago, but for today!"

—Fr. Joseph Iannuzzi, Theologian

"It is in such a deep perspective that I would wish to present this volume of Vassula Ryden's writings. I would ask to be taken as speaking a strictly theological language, valid and accurate, when I describe her work as a valuable record of mystical experience. Irrespective of terminology the value is beyond question. ... It is, meanwhile, a matter for deep satisfaction that Vassula Ryden, guided word by word by Jesus, joins the company of theologians and spiritual writers vowed to the regeneration and divinization of mankind through the mediation of the two Hearts."

—Fr. Michael O'Carroll CSSp, Theologian

"Vassula's writings are an echo of the Gospel. The One who speaks is, indeed, the very Word of God. Most readers and listeners recognise in His words the voice of God (14/7/92). Vassula does not tell anything basically new that God would not have already told, but God's Word is brought up to date through her mouth, giving prominence to priorities and needed emphasis. "

—Fr. Ljudevit Rupcic, OFM, Theologian and Professor of Exegesis

"We believe that Vassula's experience is authentic. That is our personal discernment. We do not, of course, nor could we, make any kind of official recognition or pronouncement of validity. On the contrary, we submit our judgement to the judgement of legitimate church authority. Obviously, no one is obliged to believe that Jesus says what Vassula says He says. But anyone can believe that these are Jesus' words. Should you believe? Make your own discernment. Read, and decide for yourself with the Lord's help."

—Fr. Robert Faricy and Sr. Lucy Rooney

"I would like to welcome you, Vassula. As I said in church this morning, welcome to your homeland, welcome to the country of your birth, and greetings to all who accompany you."

—Theodore II, Patriarch of Alexandria and all of Africa

"From the land of Egypt, which is Theovadistos (walked by God) exactly because Our Lord Jesus Christ walked on it, we are to send today to the ends of the world a brave message of love and peace: as we gathered today in the Church under the same dome and we didn't differentiate Christians from non-Christians or of other religions. From today we will announce to the whole world that men can live in reconciliation."

—Theophylaktos, Metropolitan of Tripoli

"The ecumenical pilgrimage of *True Life In God* that took place last May 2005 in Lebanon, Jordan, and Syria was an explicit testimony of the Christian unity where the purpose was our unity with Jesus Christ. We have experienced unforgettable moments feeling the touch and lead by the grace of God. I pray God and beg Our Father to bless and protect Mrs. Vassula so that always she has strength, courage, discernment, and Divine Illumination to perform this noble and difficult mission with integrity."

—Archbishop Jeremiah Ferens

Deputy Head of the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church in South America

"Thus began her mission to bring people closer to God. In fact, if one studies with great care the messages that Vassula receives they will realize that the messages emphasize the basic teachings of the Holy Bible and the Tradition of the Holy Fathers of our Church. All the messages refer to a spiritual preparation for repentance, to a call to live a holy, mystical, ecclesiastical, and eschatological life, to alleviate the sufferings of our fellow human beings."

—Archbishop Seraphim Kykkotis

Metropolitan of Zimbabwe and Angola

"We are longing like you for this unity wanted by our Lord Jesus Christ when he said, "be one as I and you my Father are one". We know that Mrs. Vassula has come before to Lebanon and is seeking to achieve this unity. We know as well that she has presented her writings and thoughts to the Apostolic chair who published some writings concerning this subject. We intend that our faith be one in Jesus Christ who is our Redeemer and Saviour."

**—Cardinal Mar Nasrallah Peter Sfeir (retired)
Maronite Patriarch Emeritus of Antioch**

“To have unity as our mission is the most important message. This is the message which Christ gave to his apostles, while he was still on earth, saying that you should be one flock, with one Shepherd. Do you think that Vassula maybe the echo of Christ’s wishes? In my opinion the answer is yes. I have absolutely no doubt. I have heard her messages referring to this theme (unity) and I have read some of her books which also speak of love and unity and her messages are in accordance with the message of the Gospels.”

**—Archbishop Aris Shirvanian; Armenian Orthodox Church
Patriarchate of Jerusalem**

“Dear Ms Ryden, It is an occasion of great pleasure and personal satisfaction for us to recognize in you a new catalyst of spiritual rejuvenation who can talk to our present generation in a most persuasive language, through the books you are publishing.”

—Archbishop David Sahagian, Armenian Patriarchate

“This book of messages is a great gift that God has given humanity. It contains the Divine Dialogue of the Holy Trinity, Our Lady and the Angels with Vassula Ryden (...) There is nothing in this book contrary to the Church’s authentic teaching on faith and morals. I recommend this book to everyone.”

**—Archbishop Berhaneyesus D. Souraphiel, CM
Metropolitan Archbishop of Addis Ababa**

“Did not our hearts burn within us also while Jesus was talking to us through Vassula? In all events, Vassula, we have noticed how Christ, our God jealous of His souls, has seduced you. Yes, Vassula, you have been seduced by this considerate love of our Lord. Thank you for letting us discover Jesus as the divine tenderness of the Father for us. St. John the Evangelist invites us in his Gospel to imitate his gesture during the Last Supper. Let us also rest on the loving Heart of our Saviour our heads so often filled with torment and stress.”

**—Fr. Theophil Pelgrims,
Belgian Orthodox priest of the Ecumenical Patriarchate**

“Fire of Love is a story written by a reminder of The Reminder. At this stage of history and in this particular place and situation, the reminder's name is Vassula. Her analysis is realistic. Facing the present human unbelief, disobedience to the church, false prophecy, all speaking "the language of the world", there is no time for complacency and lack of discipline.”

**—Fr. Ion Bria
Professor of Orthodox Theology**

“The whole history of the Church is full of accounts of personal revelations, mystical experiences and ineffable messages, for there have always been chosen ones, men and women, to whom Christ, His Holy Mother, or the Saints address themselves directly. But the case of Vassula is unique. ... After being awakened one day by this personal revelation, Vassula began to write down the words which Christ Himself spoke to her. These words do not contradict the Holy Scripture and Tradition. They should not be read as ordinary texts.”

**—Fr. Vladimir Zielinski
Russian Orthodox Theologian**

"Such a spiritual gift (charisma) has been granted to Mrs. Vassula Ryden for the fulfillment of a particular vocation. 'From the depths of her obscurity,' Vassula has seen the Light. The Lord has touched her heart to cleanse and heal it. Since then, she is "seeing Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary interiorly" and "has been enabled to hear their Messages." This unique experience of visions is testified in 70 notebooks published in seven volumes. The Messages that Vassula is receiving are written by herself but dictated "from on high." Her human handwriting is completely transformed."

—Professor Todor Sabev, Bulgarian Orthodox theologian and historian

"These messages will be a strengthening for all who have wondered how God is viewing recent struggles in the church, and in the contemporary world. For it is that very world of wars, famine, oppression, abortion, and ecological imbalance that we meet in these messages. The same Lord who first spoke to the Hebrews, and proclaimed his Gospel to the whole human race through his Son speaks to us with exactly the same urgency, compassion, searching penetration. 'Love is missing among you.'"

—Fr. Peter, Community of the Servants of the Will of God

"The Messages, which Vassula has been receiving since 1985, have been studied by several eminent theologians, who have found them to be entirely consistent with the Scriptures and Tradition of the Church. They have been astonished to observe that Vassula, who had no previous catechetical training, could record teaching about the most profound doctrinal and spiritual matters with such ease and no trace of error."

—Fr. Gregory, Superior of the Community of the Servants of the Will of God

"The work of *True Life in God* has hardly begun. I have a feeling that in this initial period the Messages are being presented to the churches, that they might give the simple response, yes, or no, that they elicit. Once this initial period is over they will be presented to the population at large, and then I think astonishing, astounding things will happen, things beyond the capacity of human thinking to encompass."

—Br. Andrew, Community of the Servants of the Will of God

"A number of people talked about the effect of this place. I did not know what I was looking for, although one of the ways in which the *True Life in God* messages have changed me is to open my eyes to the importance of Mary, our Lord's Mother."

—The Reverend Canon Dr. Gavin Ashenden (LLB, BA, MTh, DPhil)

Senior Chaplain and Lecturer in the Psychology of Religion at the University of Sussex

"I have also been asked to say why I support the messages of *True Life in God*. If somebody had told me about Vassula before I myself had heard her or had read the messages, I would probably have been uninterested, supposing it was another silly sect. I would not have said it was impossible with prophecies, revelations or messages like these, but I never had met anything like it. But since I for the first time heard Vassula in Rome in march 1995 I have been convinced that it is all true."

—Rev. Sverker Tronet, Lutheran Pastor

"... We need to hear voices like Vassula's ... God is calling us to be the disciples and the prophets of this time. And the good news is that God chooses average, ordinary and common people to do the extraordinary... ."

—Dr. Bob Edgar, Former National Secretary of the Council of Churches and now CEO of "Common Cause":

TESTIMONIES FROM LAY PEOPLE

The work of TLIG is a way that God the Father natures, prunes and nourishes our hearts and souls with LOVE and as the person reads and lives the messages they have no other desire but to be with God and to LOVE the Holy Trinity, Our Blessed Mother, the archangels and the saints. I have gone back to the sacraments of the church and desire nothing that does not glorify the Holy Trinity.

—**Mbali Shija: Cape Town, South Africa**

The TLIG messages contain our Lord's desire for our generation: for us to repent, convert, unite, and love God and one another. It contains wisdom, knowledge and some explanations and reminders about our Christian faith. It led to my purification and conversion; no one, and nothing has ever made me understand scriptures more than the words written in TLIG. TLIG also is very personal to me, it feels like God is speaking to me through it, even though He was talking to Vassula or specifying some other person. The words came just right on time, just about right for what I'm going through. The words are so alive.

—**Nicole Vinagrera: Cavite, Philippines**

True Life in God is where God reveals His Love to us. A truly loving response to the revelation of His love means that we can start to live according to the design of God, to love, to be true and to be alive. Through *True Life in God* I know that I am loved unconditionally by God; and it has brought me healing in my body and most of all in my soul.

—**Alice Tsuwi: Bern, Switzerland**

Through TLIG we can know Our God truly, as love, peace and confidence, and know that He listens to our voices. Having read the messages, I could understand the meaning of the Cross and I accepted those sufferings. I have had more courage for fight to win against my greatest tribulations.

—**Ana Maria Pires: São Paulo, Brazil**

Only through humility and love will the unity of the church be reached. TLIG lets us know what the Lord wants from us for the unity of church: one Easter date. This message is an urgent prophetic appeal to leave the path of death and to come to live, to a true life in God. This message gives hope. I came to know the messages of TLIG when I was finishing my college studies, when I was in a difficult situation and felt lonely. Through reading the messages I received great consolation and it gave me the force to make decisions according to the Lord, also concerning my career.

—**Andreas Buscher: Rheda-Wiedenbrück, Germany**

The work of TLIG is Jesus (the Word of God) speaking to us today, emphasizing the kind of relationship He desires with each of us; and also nourishing us with His Word in these difficult times. If God speaks today it goes without saying that He desires to convey something important, of value to us. We should be attentive and listen to what He is saying. The messages have drawn me incredibly close to Jesus and His Mother Mary. I feel the need to spread these messages constantly so that Jesus may bring back to (spiritual) life many people -- also help unify the churches. Many a time I feel on fire to spread the TLIG Messages.

—**Andrew Fonesca: Cairns, Australia**

Even the most reasonable rational person looks at the world and realizes something is terribly wrong with humanity right now. TLIG tells us plainly why this is and what is going on and what we can expect if we keep living this way. If my friend had this information I would want him to share it with me at all costs (if I didn't know it). TLIG has completely changed my life. It has awakened me like

nothing has before, jostling my shoulder telling me God hasn't forgotten us, He's on His way and we'd better be ready.

—Angela Bonilla: Maui, Hawaii

The work of *True Life in God* enables and reminds everyone, through the messages, that God loves us all so very much. He wishes us to return to Him by repenting wholeheartedly and offering our will to Him totally, allowing His Holy Spirit to invade us and guide every moment of our lives. Since reading the Messages, I have begun to realise that the Lord is really present in my life. More importantly, when receiving Holy Communion, I can experience His Holy Presence, which gives me great peace, hope, and joy.

—Anne Marie Wright: Bedford, UK

The messages talk directly to each of us in a loving yet firm way, as a father to his children. Scripture was opened for me explaining there was nothing new and clarified the Bible bringing me back to Jesus. I was a lost soul. Through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, I learned the Rosary while still an Episcopalian -- the faith in which I was born and raised. Our Lord brought me home to the Catholic Church after a confession and purification process. I was on fire with love and couldn't wait to be confirmed into the Catholic Church in 1997. You know the love of the messages by the fruits produced.

—Bruce Henderson: Indianapolis, USA

TLIG is a message of hope and love, but above all a message of truth, a truth which the world cannot give you. I live in Amsterdam in the Netherlands (Holland), a beautiful city and country, but also a rebellious country which is known for promoting worldly liberties, so-called liberties which are actually chains to Satan. The Netherlands has gone through a dark apostasy in the last decades. But where there is darkness there is light, and the onrushing light of God already kindles on the horizon. God guided me back to His Church and revived me again, and He did this through Holy Mary and private revelations such as the *Poem of the Man God*, the Divine Will, but mostly He molded me and built me up again through the messages of *True Life In God*. The TLIG messages restored my personal relationship with God and daily they make my faith grow. They brought me back to the Holy Sacraments of His Church. God saved my life and loves me, He died for me on the Cross, and He taught me this all over again with the TLIG messages, and I thank Him for this, because I realize that Heaven is real, but so is Hell -- and I rather go to Heaven.

—Christel Hoffman: Amsterdam, Netherlands

Our Home is not here but up there in Heaven, to be with the Holy Trinity, saints and angels for all eternity. In 1999, Jesus came to me, a Hindu, one night and converted me through *True Life in God* book, Part IV. Yes, it was only took one night for Jesus to change me completely. *True Life in God* is a living book. This book converted someone who never knew about Jesus or had any other knowledge about Christianity. All I know is that this "Love Hymn" is true and if these messages cannot change the heart of a person then nothing can.

—Paul Datta: Mumbai, India

TLIG shows God's infinite mercy, hope, and love. The last part, *Ode of the Holy Spirit* brings hope, consolation, and love to our spirit. It shows that we should be one and that we are really all connected. The work has been changing me slowly, when I remember certain passages I feel less anxious dealing with the day to day. Also, it gives me a sense of why we are here and why we should love and help each other.

—Esther Ramirez: San Juan, Puerto Rico

As Jesus says in the messages, the miracle of *True Life in God* is conversion. The world is so far away from God, and God in His immense mercy wants to save His people. Before my conversion which came through *True life in God*, I used to go to church, but God was not on my mind, I was busy with my life. When I started to read the messages, my relationship with God changed, and God was on my mind all the time. God has been changing me.

—Herbert Wachter: Zeiningen, Switzerland

The *True Life In God* messages save lives. People come back to the sacraments of the Church, they find relationship with their Father in Heaven. This work is for me the sense of my life. TLIG saved my life, it saves my family life daily. I sing to my God daily. I came back to Church, to the sacraments of Church. I am getting to know God. When I am in His Love, when I feel loved by Him, I do not feel heavy things that are otherwise impossible to bear or stand.

—Katerina Herzigova: Zabreh na Morave, Czech Republic

TLIG has COMPLETELY changed my life. I did not believe in God. Then reading the messages I have received the grace to feel like a child of the Father (this conviction has never left me). I gave my will to God and began to experience what is meant by the freedom of the Holy Spirit. I did not know how to love Jesus, did not know how to love His Most Holy Mother, did not know who God the Father was and what He was like. I didn't know anything about the Holy Spirit, the saints, or the angels. I did not love any of them, and I did not love people much either! But following the instructions in TLIG to ask the Holy Spirit for everything, I can now say that I do know them and know them intimately. I love the Father, I love the Son, I love the Holy Spirit very, very deeply. I love the Most Holy Mother and understand her most special role in salvation history. I feel close to the angels and saints. I love them in a special way, but different from the love for God, Jesus, and the Most Holy Mother. My heart is filled with love.

—Ewa Allan: Bedford, UK

TLIG heals and soothes our scars that we received in this world from the lack of love that surrounds us today. It gives us understanding of the Bible and reveals that God wants everyone to be saved. TLIG educates and nourishes us at a deep level that exposes the deception of the devil who takes pride in our division as Christians. TLIG is the antidote to the poison that the devil has fed us for centuries. It is a healing remedy. Now I know how to love after being selfish and haughty. I am eternally grateful to the Holy Trinity, to my Mother who never gave up on me. Grateful that Vassula said yes and knelt for endless hours before the Lord to take dictations that became food for our souls. Grateful that the Lord gives her strength to continue to travel to the remotest of places and shout the good news.

—Elain Sieff: Sydney, Australia

Jesus told the Apostles to "teach all nations" and this is what is being done when these messages are spread. Many people have so little faith that they need help to strengthen what little they have. When Heaven itself is offering the help, we need to listen. And, God is so gentle and yet straightforward when He gives His help. Also, the fact that we are divided as followers of Christ is a scandal and TLIG shines God's light on the problem, making it clear for all to see what needs to be done. Reading the messages of TLIG has changed my life. My goal now is Heaven and my prayers for family and friends, as well as everyone who needs to search for God, are offered daily. Before I read them, I doubt if I even really knew how to pray, even though I attended Mass weekly.

—Edeane Ramon: San Jose, USA

I can personally testify that through these messages, I have grown to know, love, and understand more about God than I could ever have dreamed possible. A cradle Roman Catholic from birth, my understanding of the faith into which I was baptised has deepened and grown through reading and

meditating on the TLIG messages, along with my love and reverence for the sacraments and the apostolic heritage of the Church. While remaining a devout Catholic, directly as a consequence of my understanding of Jesus and His Church gleaned from the TLIG messages, my love, respect and tolerance for other Christian denominations has also grown profoundly. I believe that all Christians are one large family in Christ.

—Kathy Oakley: Cape Town, South Africa

The work of TLIG helps me face the realities of life and come to understand the heart of our Creator, His love, and mercy -- especially in times when we feel that all is lost. I know He is waiting with outstretched arms. In times when I have felt dejected or low, and read the messages I feel the loving comfort of the Lord, His reassurance. There are times that I am too afraid to face reality. Overall, I am overwhelmed knowing that God is compassionate and merciful and full of love.

—Jennifer Kolhatkar - Mumbai, India

TLIG reveals God Himself speaking to us. It reveals a beautiful plan of God's Love for all of us. We can not wait any longer, we need to change our way of life and learn to love, TLIG teaches us that and much more! It has helped me to know God much better, and see how wonderful is His Love! I used to think I was a lost cause, that I belonged to the world and to sin. I thought it was impossible to change, now I know everything is possible for God, and He calls everyone. I approached Mary and started to read the Bible more often, and I learned not to judge our brothers from other Church denominations.

—Juliana R. Melo: Goiânia, Brazil

TLIG is what the Lord Jesus wants us to do, to live a True Life In God, to live with Him every single day of our lives here on earth because He is alive and with us always. It's God's will which is reaching out to us and wanting us to reconcile with Him because we are His children. The Holy Trinity is revealing Himself to mankind once again through the messages. TLIG changed my life completely, it was like I was blind and I could see again. It was amazing, yet I am a Christian Orthodox who is very church oriented, goes to Bible preaching regularly, as well as being part of the choir. As soon as I started reading the messages I couldn't put it down. I fell in love with Jesus in a way that is unexplainable. I imagined Jesus talking directly to me and it overwhelmed me. It was quite weird because I had the book sitting in my book case for over four years. It was given to me and my husband by one of our beloved deacons at the time who is now a bishop. I love it so much and I started talking about it to everyone I met. It is just beautiful.

—Jackie Giorgis: Sydney, Australia