



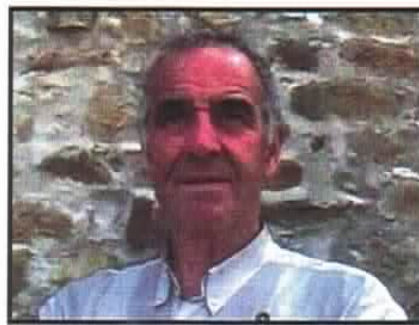
## RECENT TESTIMONIES

# CURED OF LUPUS

As told to Santiago Lanus ([pueblodemaria.com](http://pueblodemaria.com)) • Translation by Pablo A. Gonzalez Herrera

*This testimony was given by Señor Bernardo during the 50th anniversary of the first apparition of the Virgin in Garabandal on July 2, 1961. The picture above was taken on the anniversary day of July 2, 2011.*

In this anniversary I have come to thank the Virgin. I was never much of a believer or rather I was a cold and distant Catholic. But Our Lady had plans for me. I had contracted lupus and although I was not paralyzed, my movements had become seriously impaired. The lupus had atrophied my stomach and it presented a very swelled appearance, getting worse from one day to the next. But even while in that piteous condition I didn't want to know anything about priests for I was the kind of person who considered God to be a nuisance for one's life. Nevertheless my wife asked me one day to accompany her to the Santander Cathedral where she wanted to pray in the crypt below the main altar. While she was praying there I found a place near the last pew. I don't know, but I had a strange feeling there, maybe She [Our Lady] saw there and then that



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though an unbeliever I wasn't a bad guy after all. I'm sure She had pity on this poor sinner.

That was in January [the year is not given]. In February, I went up to Garabandal with my wife and while I was here the Virgin appeared to me. That day I had gone to bed quite late, at around four in the morning. She appeared to me at 7:40 a.m., all dressed in white. I could perfectly see She was standing next to me, about two meters away. I have with me in my car the medical certificate stating my health condition. As I told you I could move with difficulty due to the state of my stomach. Well, when She appeared to me that morning, I was instantly cured.

Besides, as I was a baby in the faith, She granted me the grace of letting me know that the devil would try to talk me into believing

that he was the Sacred Heart! I received that warning three times. Since then I make many spiritual Holy Communions to be as close as possible to the Lord.

Today I have heard the Message sent by Conchita for the 50th anniversary of the apparition of the Virgin and read by Father Rolando after Mass. I always get impressed when I hear what the Virgin had to say about the Eucharist. The Virgin taught us through the children the value and importance of the Eucharist and as far as I am concerned I always take Communion on my knees. I know for sure that the Lord was asking me that.

After my experience in Garabandal my advice to non-believers and atheists is always the same: without God you won't find any real happiness; you are a slave one way or the other. The only real happiness comes from abandonment to God.

To those who believe, I always say: get in love with God, asking Him to increase your faith. Nobody has given us more than Him; He has given us eternal life. God didn't make you to get into Heaven by the skin of your teeth. God made you to give you eternal life. So we are called to be saints! □