

# Everything Points to Jesus

## Locutions—What are they?

*A locution is a supernatural communication to the ear, imagination, or directly to the intellect. The locution is supernatural in the manner of communication, that is, beyond the ordinary laws of nature.*

*Spurious locutions may come from the evil spirit and can be recognized by their lack of coherence or clarity, the disquiet they cause in the one who receives them, and the evil effects they produce in those who listen to them.*

—*Modern Catholic Dictionary*

Most people who have had locutions do not divulge them because they have great difficulty in expressing their experiences especially if they are the “intellectual” type which is often the case. They feel such experiences are so radically personal that to try to explain them will almost certainly lead to misunderstanding.

An intellectual locution is a communication made without any words whatsoever. It is not bound to any language and the person who receives it has to look for the words. This is not easy, especially when looking for the verbal forms (tense and mood). It is comparable to an inspiration or to a stroke of genius but differs in that it does what it says; it is effective of what it conveys and is accompanied by a firm, sure and continu-



*In 1963, Mari Loli, left, and Conchita began to experience locutions.*

ing experience of a good and loving presence. It grows on you. It is easy to recall to one's memory. Unless something really extraordinary happens, it is not forgotten. It has lasting, happy effects and is more interior, more subtle and more spiritual than an apparition.

### Locutions at Garabandal

At least two of the Garabandal visionaries, Conchita and Mari Loli, had locutions and thanks to their candor and the third *Informe* of Father Retenaga dated September 9, 1963, we are well informed of the ones they had in 1963.

Mari Loli had five or six: two in her home, one as she was praying in the *calleja* (sunken lane) and two or three in the church.

Conchita had three, two in March and one in April. The first seems to

have been in her room. In a state of doubt and distress, she was praying when Our Lady told her without words: “*Mi Hijo hará un milagro*”—“My Son will perform a miracle.” She was immediately filled with a profound feeling of peace and security. Conchita's two locutions with Our Lord of July 10th (not the 20th), 1963, and February 13, 1966, have been published in various books and periodicals.

Both Mari Loli and Conchita said in 1963 they preferred a locution to an apparition and a locution of the Lord to one of Our Lady (possibly because of its immense authority). Interestingly, Loli received the very same locution from Our Lady and from Our Lord. It was very short and quite effective: “*Se buena!*”—“Be good!” □

—*Father François Turner*

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