

Conchita's House

The home of Conchita Gonzalez during the time of the apparitions has been made into a little museum, the first of its kind in Garabandal.

UPON THE DEATH OF HER MOTHER, on March 7, 1990, principal visionary of the Garabandal apparitions, Conchita Gonzalez Keena, inherited the family homestead. Since Conchita had long since left the village and saw no reason to keep the house for herself, she put it up for sale. Albrecht Weber of Germany who already owned real estate in the village, showed inter-

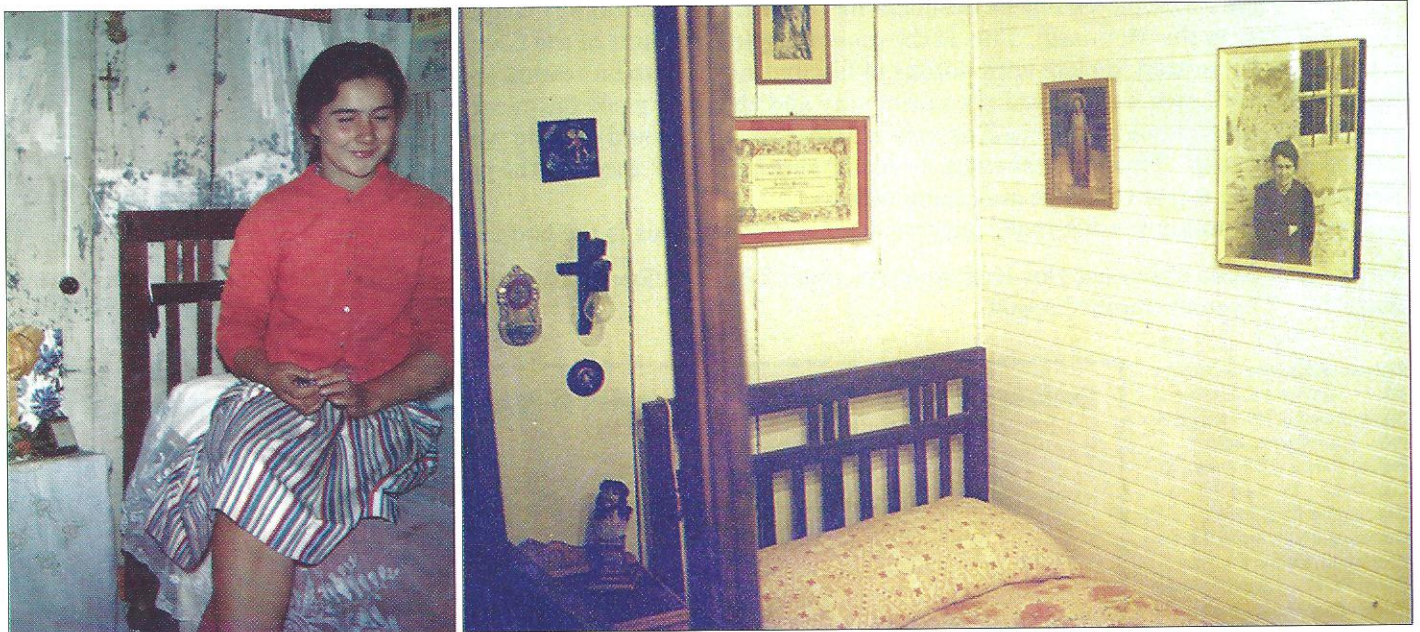
est, but the house was eventually sold to Beville and Helen Outlaw of Melbourne Beach, Florida, who also have a house in Garabandal. The entire Gonzalez family could not have been happier as the new owners were well-respected family friends.

The Outlaws actually purchased the house with the intention of preserving it and making it into a little museum open

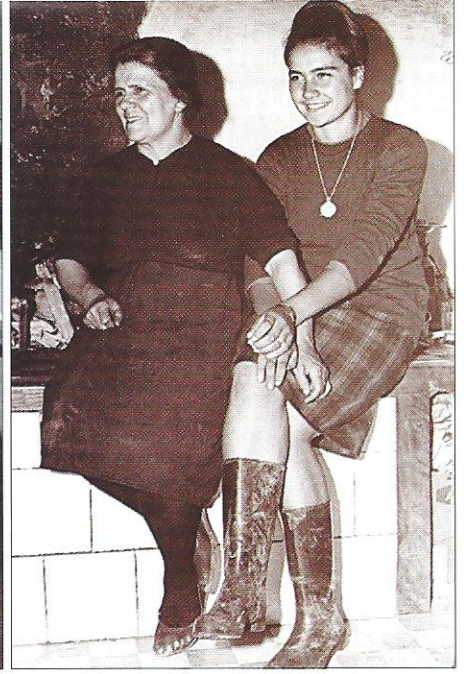
to the public. And this is just what they have done.

Even though the small dwelling has been completely refurbished since the 1960s period, one can still get some idea of what life must have been like there during the time of the apparitions by passing through its various rooms.

When Helen told Conchita what she and Beville planned to do with the house, Conchita asked only one thing: that no one who enters should leave without having a brown scapular, given freely, if they don't already have one. Helen sees to it that this request is faithfully carried out.



Top, Conchita's house today. Inset, Helen and Beville Outlaw. Above left, Conchita in 1963 sitting on the bed in her mother's room. Above, the same room today. Conchita was in this room with relatives when she fell into ecstasy on June 19, 1962, and went outside to receive the "visible Host."



The kitchen hearth (refurbished) where Conchita stayed up many nights waiting for the apparition. Above, the visionary with her mother by the hearth in 1965.



Before and after. The side wall of the house, left, has had a door cut into it, right, so that visitors can enter through the front door and leave through the side. Below, Conchita's room today.

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In union of prayer,

Lucy