

Father Pierre Mastropietro's Letter to the Members of the Army of Mary

Lac-Étchemin, April 5, 2005

Dear Knights of Mary and
Members of the Community,

In the last few days you were informed of the imminence of the last blow to be dealt the Community of the Lady of All Peoples and more particularly its Foundress by the Pontifical Commissioner for the Sons of Mary, His Exc. Bishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J., Archbishop of Halifax. Now, the announced blow was officially communicated to Father Eric Roy, the Superior General of the Community of the Sons of Mary, by electronic mail, last night, April 4, 2005, on the solemn feast of the Lord's Annunciation.

Out of a desire for transparency and in the greatest respect for the freedom of each one, we are sending you a copy of this letter for your information, confident that, in the light, calmness and peace of God, you will keep in your prayers all the intentions of the Work and of its Foundress, both of which are so dear to us and which, at this time, are targeted more than ever by the Pontifical Commissioner's action.

Together, let us give thanks to the Lord for the fact that the events which are presently taking place are the tangible proof of the authenticity of the Work of the Army of Mary and of the fidelity of the Handmaid.


As well, we will transmit to you shortly the copy of the pastoral message sent to us by His Eminence Cardinal Marc Ouellet, P.S.S., Archbishop of Quebec, a message that is also dated April 4, 2005, and addressed to the Directors of the Work.

Should one or other member of the Work or the Community desire to personally respond to the Pontifical Commissioner's letter, we would ask you, for the time being at least, not to act hastily in this sense, given the complexity of the statements and the affirmations to be found in this letter, which are false or taken out of their context. In the present context, any hasty or spirited reply to that letter would be just as regrettable as it would be detrimental to the Cause that we are serving as best we can. Silence and prayer are our best advisors in this very delicate situation, but one that is yet so very fortunate and precious, to the extent that it allows us to already glimpse the first glimmer of the triumph of the Immaculate Heart.

If someone really believes that he must reply to the Pontifical Commissioner's letter and, eventually, to Cardinal Ouellet's letter, I would appreciate it if he or she would first send a copy of his or her reply or reaction to the secretariat of the Community of the Lady of All Peoples for approval, in order to avoid any regrettable comments made under the impulse of the moment. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

May the Virgin of the Annunciation watch over all of us in the fidelity of her "yes", whatever the seriousness of the accusations or calumnies which will soon spread, and that more than ever, with regard to our Foundress, Mother Paul-Marie and which, inevitably, will also indirectly sully the Sons and Daughters of Mary. May the Immaculate give us her faith, her joy, her thirst for and love of God's will with a view to the Kingdom that is coming and which must be fulfilled in us as in every soul of good will.

United under the regard and the maternal protection of the Virgin of the Annunciation, with joy, I bless you.


Father Pierre Mastropietro

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