

Friday, October 20, 2005

Dear Marie-Paule,

I have followed the events surrounding the dispute between the Army of Mary and you as its foundress and the Canadian episcopate. And there came to mind these words from Simeon which are still pertinent, about the sword that pierces Mary's heart to reveal the secret thoughts of hearts (Lk 2:35). You are bearing this suffering for Mary, and all the members are also bearing it with you, offering it to God as a sacrifice for the salvation of the world.

Since I began in the Army of Mary and even as I started reading *Life of Love*, I quickly grasped the mystery that was being revealed to us concerning the presence and mission of Mary in our modern world. The meditation of Gal 2:20, and the reading of *Le Journal de Conchita* [Conchita's journal] had been a good preparation for this. Nothing appeared to me to be strange or erroneous in the words from heaven contained in your *Life of Love* which would seem to suggest that MARY and YOU are ONE, or that MARY is living in YOU, that MARY is acting through YOU to accomplish a great Work for the salvation of our modern world.

I have never deviated from that first belief. No, I have never reneged on this initial intuition that was given me concerning the divine Work being accomplished in your soul. Your last article in *Le Royaume* of March-April, even corroborated this understanding of the mystery being realized in you.

So I am writing to you to express my joy at having believed from the very beginning and in still believing in the divine Work being realized in our time, a Work of salvation reserved for the Virgin Mary..., the Co-Redemption. Mary is fulfilling this Work through you, Marie-Paule, and through all those who are joined together by the bond of the "special" consecration and their commitment to the works of the Community of the Lady of All Peoples. I too have the joy of belonging to this cohort of little souls of simple and humble hearts, and I thank God so rich in mercy for having granted me the grace to be able to understand this mystery.

I am also writing to you, Marie-Paule, to tell you of my firm assurance of and my joyous hope in the impending victory of God through Mary. The co-redemptive graces and merits accumulated by your sufferings and those of the members of the Army of Mary will bring about new times, a Church completely renewed and a humanity that has finally been liberated.

Finally, I am writing to you to let you know of my decision to persevere in this Work regardless of all the sacrifices that may be exacted. And, as a pledge of my fidelity, I have once again consecrated my person and my existence to the service of this divine Work for the salvation of the world in our time. [With this purpose in mind, may the Lady, as Advocate, deign to obtain for me the divine assistance, and as Mediatrix, communicate to me all the graces SHE and YOU have merited through her co-redemptive Co-Redemption.]

I also unite myself to you, Marie-Paule, through prayer, sacrifice and service... for the salvation of the world, the rescue of the Church that is seriously threatened and the emergence of the Kingdom, thanks to the sovereign and victorious action of Mary, Lady of All Peoples.

United in Mary Immaculate,

Albert Côté