

St-Philibert, October 23, 2005

His Eminence Cardinal Marc Ouellet

Your Eminence:

I am taking a few minutes to write to you these few thoughts which came to my mind after having listened to you speak on Radio Galilée last week. At that time, you were expounding upon the infinite generosity of our beloved Savior, Christ Jesus, in giving His life to save us. Reminding us that it is rare to find such generosity in our contemporary society, you nevertheless mentioned one exception in recalling the heroic courage of a Polish priest, Father Maximilian Kolbe, who offered his life to take the place of the father of a family who had been chosen to be executed along with nine other prisoners.

Dear Cardinal Ouellet, I would like to draw to your attention the action of a young twelve-year-old Catholic girl who offered herself to Christ for her entire life as a ransom so that the greatest possible number of souls would fill heaven! She told Him that, like the Cyrenian, she wanted to help Him carry His cross, and later on in life, she even offered to take His place on the cross, to relieve Him of so much suffering.

Shortly after this extraordinary offering, this soul began hearing voices from heaven and they led her to understand that her heroic offering had been accepted, and that in accepting well all the sufferings she would have to endure, by living them in a love that purifies and saves, she would participate in the salvation of countless souls.

In all simplicity and humility, Your Excellency, I am certain that I myself have also drawn from this source of so many offerings, and my little family has benefited greatly from the richness of the love which this lady, now 84 years old, has spread about her throughout her life.

Since her life has been written in 15 volumes, I have been able to see to what extent the Lord has been generous in the “blossoming flowerbed of sufferings” through which she has had to pass during all these years. But, after having met her at least a dozen times at prayer meetings or on the occasion of retreats, I would like to bear

witness here to the Divine Love to which she has always directed us, especially a love of the Holy Eucharist, the love of souls and all manner of forgiveness.

Yes, she has always asked us to forgive others as we would like to be forgiven by our Father in heaven. Forgiveness of ourselves as well for the times we were not generous towards our Savior. This lady was also the foundress of a providential work in which we in turn are encouraged to relieve the sufferings of our beloved Savior.

Dear Cardinal Ouellet, this lady is Mrs. Marie-Paule Giguère from the parish of Lac-Etchemin, better known as Mother Paul-Marie in the religious community which she also founded.

It would appear that her generosity is less well known than that of Blessed Father Kolbe, but I am sure that, with time, the Catholic Church will recognize the value of her tremendous gift and will also draw from the graces she has accumulated during the more than seventy-two years offered to God out of love every day in order to suffer and save.

May our holy Mother the Church open her doors to so many graces.

Bowing before you for your blessing,
united in the Most Holy Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Benoît Loignon

cc: To whom it may concern