

## LETTER FROM LOUISE MARTINEAU

Greetings,

Here is a humble testimonial of gratitude for all that the Army of Mary, the members of the Community of the Sons and Daughters of Mary and Marie-Paule have given me.

If the Holy Spirit had not guided me to the Star, and without this Work of Love and its collaborators, I would no longer be of this world. I lived through and I am still experiencing various trials, and I found myself on the brink of the abyss, but do you know what saved me? The teaching of the Army of Mary, the exchange of letters, the spiritual reading. My childhood, my adolescence, and the beginning of my adult and married life were marked by a fear of God, of His chastisements, of His angry look. Then, in 1979, I was introduced to the Army of Mary. From that very moment, my spiritual and earthly life took on a completely different meaning. I discovered that God is **Love**, that He loves me and that His Son and His Mother are holding out their arms and opening their hearts to me. I am neither an exegete nor a theologian, but I belong to those little souls that have understood with a child's heart where **truth** and **love** are to be found.

The Lord Jesus, when He came on earth, was welcomed by the children, those with simple hearts. The great ones rejected, judged and condemned Him; history is repeating itself and the great ones still have not understood. Churches are empty, but the chapel at Spiri-Maria is too small to accommodate all the souls of good will. What a contrast! Priests totally given over to God and living their priesthood according to the Lord's precepts are being banished while the Church cries out its need for priests, rejecting the very ones it formed at the Angelicum in Rome and ordained. What is to be made of this?

As for the foundress, Marie-Paule, she is the instrument Mary is using for this marvelous movement which saw the light of day because of her [the instrument's] complete obedience, her total giving of herself to the demands of the Lord. There you have the most authentic expression of heroism; there you have the profound humility of a soul deeply marked and purified; there you have the burning charity of a heart entirely obliterated in the Heart of Mary.

Before God and before men I reiterate my fidelity to the Work, to the Army of Mary and to Marie-Paule. I pray to Mother Mary that she may always keep me under the wings of her maternal love; I pray to her divine Son Jesus Christ that He may keep me in His burning Heart; I pray to the Holy Spirit that He may open your hearts and your souls so that you will understand the great mystery that is taking place in our time. I reverently bow before such Beauty.

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