

PRUDENCE AND DISCERNMENT

How Tell a Sound Tree?

“A sound tree produces good fruit, but a rotten tree bad fruit. A sound tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor a rotten tree bear good fruit... you will be able to tell them by their fruits” (Mt 7:17-18,20).

It was with that short reading in mind that I stood flabbergasted by the very severe judgment brought against Mother Paul-Marie, Mr. Marc Bosquart and the Community of the Lady of All Peoples by His Eminence Cardinal Marc Ouellet and the Pontifical Commissioner, Archbishop Terrence Prendergast.

If they had adequately gone into the writings of Mother Paul-Marie and those of Mr. Marc Bosquart, they surely would not have arrived at or inflicted upon the Work such exacting and coercive decisions, for they would have been struck with admiration over the magnificent and sublime fruits borne by the Work since its beginnings – a Work of Love of “divine and Marian” origin brought into being and accomplished by the “Handmaid”, Mother Paul-Marie, something we must acknowledge in the present case.

The consequences of the drastic actions taken against the Work could prove to be disastrous. Some judicious reflection, even though it may be summary, would be most pertinent to a better discernment in regard to this Cause.

The Demands of Charity

As in the example of Saint Paul who publicly reprimanded Saint Peter, head of the Church, for a fault he had committed publicly, charity calls upon us to reprove a brother when he falls into error.

Charity likewise calls upon all the pastors of the Church to act with circumspection in order to pass an appropriate judgment after an analysis in depth.

Finally, charity requires that we reorient our position in order to avoid imposing our points of view by force and, as in the present situation, by pressure tactics, the only aim of which is to prove that one is right: *“Cease all and any activities for an indeterminate time.”* This “indeterminate time” could stretch out over a number of years, with the effect of delaying unduly God’s plan, thus prolonging humanity’s suffering, or of delaying its deliverance from the hands of the Prince of this world, the old Serpent, for that is what is at stake. It is like asking the Church to call a halt to all activities and projects for an uncertain period of time in order to investigate and see if its mission is still in conformity with God’s project at all the hierarchical levels.

We can easily see that the Community of the Lady of All Peoples does not conduct itself in an authoritarian or sectarian manner, that it respects the doctrine – which does not exclude investigating new paths, as has always been the case throughout the Church’s history –, that it respects the divine laws and decrees, in conformity with the law of charity. So there is no reason to prescribe for or impose upon it such a severe and extreme line of conduct.

Experience proves that good results are not obtained by having recourse to force.

A Divine and Marian Work

His Eminence and the Archbishop should, first of all, ask themselves some elementary questions such as:

- What is the mission of Mother Paul-Marie and of the Community of the Lady of All Peoples?
- Are they working for or against the Church?
- Why is Heaven revealing a new mystery? Or rather, why is Heaven inviting us to delve into the mystery of the Immaculate through the co-redemptive mission of Mother Paul-Marie?

This “divine and Marian” Work has been given for the Church, for the good of the universal Church, and, in addition, for the welfare of all the peoples.

Whatever the analysis or method employed to reach a better understanding of Mother Paul-Marie, it all leads to one and the same conclusion: “Mother Paul-Marie is a woman who belongs, heart and mind, to the Catholic Church, and she has always worked for the good of that Church, for the good of everyone, for all souls and, in effect, for all the peoples.”

Just as faith is born of a profound adherence of the mind and heart in summoning up confidence and love and, if the situation demands it, in bearing the supreme witness, so too genuine conviction is obtained through convincing arguments based on the truth or on facts in conformity with the truth.

As the Church, through the Magisterium, asks us to do, Mother Paul-Marie, over the course of the years, has always kept her spiritual directors informed in order to be adequately directed. But what could I possibly add to all that has already been said to demonstrate her exemplary obedience to God, to the Virgin Mary and to the Church?

As was the case with Christ, everything has been said and written publicly and nothing has been hidden. Like everyone else, His Eminence Cardinal Marc Ouellet and His Excellency Archbishop Terrence Prendergast can, at their leisure and for themselves, verify in detail all that has been lived, inspired, expressed, reported, commanded, ordered and affirmed, in joy as in suffering – all the documentation that has appeared over 34 years.

How can one not exalt our Foundress (to use a term from His Eminence) for all that she has accomplished, for her unconditional and genuine love for each and every one (a love that transcends and elevates the soul), above all when, at the closing of that *Life of Love*, we will discover the mystery that was hers?

If Cardinal Marc Ouellet finds a problem in certain words, certain phrases and expressions, he is free to query the person responsible for them.

The Necessary Discernment

To declare solemnly that discernment is reserved exclusively and uniquely to the directors of the Church raises an important question: what is to be done if an authority is in error or does not recognize the validity of a Work?

Saint Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort points out to us the path to be followed in order that the witness given may bear fruit: “perseverance”.

And, in fact, what a marvelous example of “perseverance” he has left us; he was expelled from a number of dioceses and yet he continued to make Marian devotion known to an ever greater number of followers. His *True Devotion to Mary* is, for the Church and for the Community of the Lady of All Peoples, a treasure charged with good fruits.



“Did you not know I had to be in my Father’s house?”

His example makes us understand the importance of accomplishing God’s will at all times, in spite of the incomprehension of those who reject or are incapable of accepting a new but very plausible mystery revealed for our time.

The attitude of the adolescent Jesus in the Temple (Lk 2:41-49) reveals to us the mystery of obedience to God. “*Why did you search for me?*” He said to Mary and Joseph. “*Did you not know I had to be in my Father’s house?*” The parents of Jesus exerted no pressure on Him to turn Him from His mission in the service of the Truth.

The Truth cannot be covered up; that would be a grave sin. *“No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven”* (Mt 5:15-16).

In spite of all the obstacles, the Truth will always find its way, above all when a Work relies upon the Holy Spirit as Advocate and upon Mary, also as Advocate, for all that has been revealed for the good of the Church and for all peoples comes not from human intelligence but from the Holy Spirit.

The Truth which is God will bring down all obstacles, and the Resurrection of Christ is the most convincing proof of that.

“The Holy Spirit Blows Where He Will” (Jn 3:8)

Christ has taught us that *“the Holy Spirit blows where He will”*. He may choose whom He wills, He is the “Master of the impossible”.

When Mother Paul-Marie listens to Jesus, how can she be disobeying the Church, ~~since~~ **since** is the very foundation of the Catholic Church?

How can one talk of insubordination to the Church on the part of the Foundress when it is she who brings us to love increasingly the Church and even its representatives, wholly human though they may be?

How can one talk of insubordination to the Church on the part of our Foundress when she brought many of us to a rediscovery of the spiritual beauty and riches of the Church through fostering devotion to the Triple White: “the Eucharist, Mary and the Pope”?

At La Salette, Mary foretold the attitude of certain members of the clergy who, by erecting various obstacles, would hinder the coming of the seventh day, that is to say, the Terrestrial Kingdom willed by God.

Jesus did not ask the Sanhedrin for permission to speak, to announce the Good News to the people. It is the same for Mother Paul-Marie who must obey the orders from Heaven, even if these orders seem “foolishness” to men.

Inspired by the gift of “prudence”, Mother Paul-Marie consulted numerous authorities of the Church disposed to listen to her with an attentive ear, in order that she might avoid any illusion and continue on her way with assurance.

The War Against a Work of God

The religious authorities know that we have always had a great admiration for the Pope. So I am wondering about the fact that certain authorities are reminding us of the positions adopted by Pope Benedict XVI against the Army of Mary when he was Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. I see in that, unfortunately, a subtle and demagogic means to show the Community of the Lady of All Peoples to be in the wrong, through claiming that we do not obey the Pope because we reject the stands taken by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger.

What the Work does not recognize is the accounts of facts so out of line with the truth.

Certain members of the Church seem ready to do anything in order to trample down, as they please, Mother Paul-Marie and the Community of the Lady of All Peoples. It is about time to challenge them in order to refute their argumentation and the ideology that animates them.

A Mystery for Our Time

The mystery that unfolds all throughout *Life of Love* through the co-redemptive mission of Mother Paul-Marie, reveals “God’s plan” to bring aid to the world and save it from disaster.

Clearly, this “plan of love and mercy” was hidden because it was reserved for this end of the times in which we are – the “Apocalyptic Time” reserved to the “Woman”, the dominant figure of John’s Apocalypse of which the seals are being broken one by one.

Before His Ascension to the Father, Jesus said to His Apostles, *“I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth...”* (Jn 16:12-13).

The above effectively demonstrates that this mystery could only be revealed in our time, since that time was the time of the “Redemption” and not that of the “Co-Redemption”.

What God is asking is the recognition of Mother Paul-Marie’s “co-redemptive” mission, so that the Church may advance a few more steps towards the promulgation of the last dogma of the Marian era, that of the Immaculate as “Co-Redemptrix, Mediatrix and Advocate”. We will then finally be able to enter the “Terrestrial Kingdom”, the “Kingdom of God”, “on earth as in heaven”, in which the “true Peace” will be given all peoples.

If the wall of incomprehension does not come down, and if it falls to Cardinal Marc Ouellet to bear the odious responsibility of condemning a divine Work, then may God pardon him! The authenticity of this “celestial Work” will be proven by the supreme witness of the “Handmaid” in the image of Christ.

If we have been asked to carry the cross with the “Lady” (which we will do with love), I hope that His Eminence the Cardinal will be able to assume, without bitterness, the burden of his decision when he will see, with the Church, the veracity of the facts, the importance of that “Fiat” which has been at the source of the fruits of salvation for the spiritual survival and health of humanity, in order to ensure it a future without “corruption, disaster and war”, for all the peoples and especially for all the children to come.

“The plan of the Lord stands forever, the design of his heart, through all generations... for all who dwell on earth” (Ps 33:11,14).

May Saint Joseph, spouse of the Virgin Mary, intercede for us in our family concerns (religious and universal)!

Happy to be a Son of Mary,

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