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« Que ton règne vienne... sur la terre comme au ciel. »

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The Great Hymn of Love...

Mother PAUL-MARIE

*Glory to the Divine Trinity and the Trinity of the Immaculate
in heaven most high, and peace on earth
to men and women of good will.*

What is grander or more beautiful than to sing after having lived, on the feast of the Triumph of the Cross, the living Reality of a mystery of celestial, immortal glories, a Mystery guided by Heaven that has bent down to us in our littleness which is ravaged but charged with love!

This great hymn of love, that is our only glory and the splendor of God, cannot be swept away by the floodwaters of history; it, in fact, is all that gives to the man and the woman their true sovereignty, their true glory as human beings.

September 14, feast of the Triumph of the Cross! This feast was celebrated at Spiri-Maria September 10, 11, and 12, three days of fire because souls of fire, as a result of lives filled with love, experienced something of a Heaven here below.

A new world was born, a regenerated world, for the Spirit metamorphosed so many sufferings that had been accepted, during thirty-three years, not as enemies but as a hymn of love and hope; sufferings of a Passion configured, in our little measure, to that of Christ the Redeemer; sufferings changed into pure gold making possible the purchasing of the Kingdom on Earth promised by Heaven and asked for by humanity for two thousand years: “Thy kingdom come... on earth as in heaven!” (the Our Father)

Behold the grandeur, the true charity of renewed lineaments, the charity of God who never deceives; behold the beauty, the true beauty, that sacrificed all!

SAINT LOUIS MARIE GRIGNION DE MONTFORT

The Gospel alone will conquer; even the most hardened hearts will melt like wax and mend their ways when they “breathe Mary as the body breathes air,” as Saint Grignon de Montfort wrote in his *True Devotion to the Blessed Vir-*



The Wise Men bringing gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Infant King.

gin, no. 217. We know that Father de Montfort, who lived in the 17th and 18th centuries and spread new ideas concerning devotion to the Virgin Mary, even foretelling the return of Mary to earth, was expelled seven times from various dioceses.

Following are some excerpts from his Treatise, the contents of which are so impressive:

“Since she is the dawn which precedes and discloses the Sun of Justice, Jesus Christ, she must be known and acknowledged so that Jesus may be known and acknowledged.”

“As she was the way by which Jesus first came to us, she will again be the way by which he will come to us the second time though not in the same manner.” (Id., no. 50, c-d)

“... The difference between his first and second coming is that the first was secret and hidden, but the second will be glorious and resplendent. Both are perfect because both are through Mary. Alas, this is a mystery which we cannot understand. ‘Here let every tongue be silent.’” (Id., no. 158)

THE APOSTLES OF THE LATTER TIMES

Saint Louis Marie also announced the *Apostles of the latter times*:

“In the eyes of the world they will be little and poor and, like the heel, lowly in the eyes of all, downtrodden and crushed, as is the heel by the other parts of the body. But in compensation for this they will be rich in God’s graces, which will be abundantly bestowed on them by Mary.” (Id., no. 54)

“They [the apostles of the latter times] will be ministers of the Lord who, like a flaming fire, will enkindle everywhere the fires of divine love. They will become, in Mary’s powerful hands, like sharp arrows, with which she will transfix her enemies.”

“They will be as the children of Levi, thoroughly purified

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Christmas! It is the rapture of Love.

May God and Mary grant you graces and peace every day of the year.

A Happy and Blessed Eucharistic Year!

by the fire of great tribulations and closely joined to God. They will carry the gold of love in their heart, the frankincense of prayer in their mind and the myrrh of mortification in their body...." (Id., no. 56)

What a prophet for our times! he who wrote that 300 years ago.

"Of all the great spiritual persons of recent centuries," notes Father Bernard, O.P., "Blessed de Montfort is indisputably the one who has done the most to inspire amongst us this sentiment of our dependance on the Blessed Virgin and of her maternity in regard to us. He speaks of the mystery of Mary somewhat as others who, in the wake of Apostles, speak of the mystery of Jesus..." (La Vraie Dévotion à la Sainte Vierge, L'Évangile de la Sainte Vierge, pp. V-VI)

Father Louis Marie, "that great man abased", was raised up by Pope Leo XIII in 1886 and canonized by Pope Pius XII on July 20, 1947. Pope John Paul II inscribed this great saint, who inspired the former's Marian motto "Totus Tuus", in the general liturgical calendar; his feast was assigned to April 28 for the universal Church.

SOURCE OF ALL OF CHRIST'S MYSTERIES

And history, which has manifested so many outpourings of light, has never ceased opening our hearts at the altar of the Sacrifice from whence proceed so many disconcerting

mysteries, notably that of the Redemption which only Love can explain.

The Immaculate is the source of all Christ's mysteries. "In this time which is Our Time," the Virgin of Sorrows has fixed us to the cross in having us participate in Christ's Passion, that Passion which uplifts us and makes us, like Christ, "revolutionaries of LOVE".

This is the hour of Love, Love that is going to destroy hatred in the world and bring about the world's rebirth to Life. It is the hour when Truth will triumph over the machinations of all sorts, over the calumnies spread broadcast among the laity and the religious alike. Calumny is Satan's preferred weapon. However, though "the powers of hell are going to be unleashed, they will not vanquish the Lady of All Peoples." (48th apparition, December 3, 1953)

Men, so often deceitful and full of vanity in the face of mystery, will shortly see the little ones, whom they abased, rise up and relight the divine program of the Gospel which will inscribe itself in flaming letters on souls.

This great fire of love is already burning and radiating; it is warming, in the manger, the Infant presented to us by Mary, His Mother, calm and serene. This Child has come to remind us that His Father is Love and Mercy and is inviting all of us to the eternal Kingdom.

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Mother Paul-Marie

The True Greatness

"Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews": such were the words of the inscription fixed above Jesus nailed to the Cross of Calvary. Now, that inscription was placed there by order of Pilate. So it was the Roman authority in Jerusalem who thus officially proclaimed the royalty of Jesus of Nazareth.

This sign did not please the chief priests. They went to Pilate and asked him to change the wording: "You should not write, 'King of the Jews,' but 'This man said: I am King of the Jews.'" (Jn 19:21)

We can see that it was under circumstances that were incomprehensible, humanly speaking, but foreordained by God, that the Savior of the world was proclaimed "king" by the public authority of that time. Why such a tragic situation for such a proclamation? Jesus was utterly powerless, and it was then that He was proclaimed king! What a mystery!

As we see things humanly, Jesus ought to have been declared king when the opportune moment presented itself to Him. For example, after the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, people were saying, "This really is the prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself." (Jn 6:14-15)

Jesus is king; that is a truth. But He did not want to be recognized as such before His hour or in a human manner, but in accordance with the wisdom of His Father: at the hour of His triumph over Evil. Now there you have the foresight of God! There you have the reign of God over souls! Jesus said to Pilate, "Mine is not a kingdom of this world." (Jn 18:36) The kingdom of Jesus is not of this earth but of Heaven! What Jesus wants at any price, even at the price of His death on the Cross, is to reign over consciences.

It is true that men had never imagined greatness as God sees it. It had always been thought that, in order to be great one had to dazzle, crush, dominate. It was thought that, in order to reign, one had to impose oneself, possess riches and have subjects obedient out of fear.

Now, what was essentially new, with Christ, was the concept of greatness that was unknown to men. The majesty of Christ the King goes hand in hand with His generosity. His greatness lies in His being infinitely good, His glory, in knowing how to give, His nobility, in giving Himself, in

giving the entirety of His being and in giving His all through the gift of Himself.

Christ the King, who brings us the revelation of the true God, is nailed to the Cross; and this is the opportunity for Him to manifest an infinite generosity capable of opening our hearts to the imitation of His abnegation. Jesus on the Cross reveals to us that God's will is that we should become what Jesus Himself is – generous, magnanimous, merciful. That is the meaning of the words of Saint Hippolytus: "If you obey his holy directions, if, in being good, you imitate him who is good, you will become like unto him and he will fill you with honor. For God is not a mendicant, he who has made you god also, for his glory." (French-language breviary, no. 1, 6th day in the octave of the Nativity, Office of readings, p. 280)

If God willed to transmit Himself to men, it was precisely because He is eternal Love, infinite Charity, the perfect Gift, preoccupied solely with giving Himself and with touching us through His Love, to the end that we may unite ourselves with Him through our love.

Christ is truly king, but a king who asserts Himself only by means of Love and in appealing to the liberty of each of His "subjects". Through the Holy Spirit, He communicates to us His own life; He seeks no personal advantages, for He is king only for the benefit of those to whom He offers His divine gifts.

The Gospel tells us that two thieves were crucified beside Him. One of them understood that the man there was a just man. He declared to his companion in torment: "In our case we deserve it, we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong." (Lk 23:41) He let himself be touched by grace, and compensating for the insults proffered Jesus, he did not hesitate to proclaim the kingship of Jesus: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." (Lk 23:42)

This is a very great profession of faith in Christ's kingship, for it also expresses belief in the ultimate resurrection. So while the good thief saw on the cross a disfigured, bleeding man, he also showed that he believed in that man's kingdom of love and mercy over and beyond death.

And even before He left this world, Jesus declared to him, "Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise." (Lk 23:43) Those words were addressed to a genuine criminal who deserved the fate that befell him. Jesus made a truly royal

gesture, that of pardoning. Because He is king, He had the power to show grace to the thief, that is to say, to grant him the grace of salvation. He liberated one condemned to death and became the Savior of whom we had need. For that felon saved by reason of his faith is each one of us. As Saint Paul reminds us: "God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross." (Col 1:19-20)

To all of us, we "who are of the same blood" as the thief, of the race that betrays God, a royal road is presented. The merciful Christ invites us to become kings along with Him through becoming dispensers of mercy and pardon. Such is the Kingdom that is not of this world. Acting thus is the true way to celebrate the feast of Christ the King.

Let us acclaim Christ the King in the Eucharist and receive Him in the uttermost depths of our being so that, transformed by His glorious Body and Blood, we may be able to attain the glory of Paradise.

On the feast of her Presentation in the Temple, let us ask Mary to impart to us the sentiments of her Heart so that we may receive more worthily the Holy Eucharist, to the end that Jesus may give us to the fullest degree His Holy Spirit. May He reign over the whole of our life and, thereby, over the whole of the world!

Nov. 21, 2004 Fr. Maurice Pélouquin

An Exceptional Triduum

I am plunged in the reading of the issue no. 169 of the paper which allows us to increasingly deepen last September's exceptional Triduum.

We must continue to live amid the demands of our daily work even though we would like to be on our knees, convinced that we are but zeros. May we, in our small measure, collaborate in the coming of the terrestrial Kingdom in a spirit of love.

What a tremendous mystery we are witnessing! Besides all the texts which help us deepen the prophetic moments of the Triduum, I especially appreciated Marc Élie and Sylvie Payeur-Raynaud's articles. How inspired these authors are and what talent they have for writing. Thank you for sharing this with us.

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