



# “PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP!” said John-Paul II

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One of the last injunctions issued by Pope John Paul II to the world was couched in these words of Jesus to His apostles: *“Put out into the deep!”* (Lk 5:4). And the Pope’s message was given in particular for the 36th World Communications Day in 2002 which had as its theme, *“Internet: A New Forum for Proclaiming the Gospel”*. At that precise time the beloved Pope Wojtyla urged the Church to *“put out into the deep”*, but in adding this note that is inherent in modern computer technology: *“Put out into the deep of the Net!”* (Zenit, Fr. ed., June 8, 2005) The thinking of His Excellency Archbishop John P. Foley, President of the Pontifical Council for Social



His Holiness Pope John Paul II  
at Lourdes

Communications, runs along the same lines; *“The Church is universal and its mission consists in proclaiming the Gospel to all peoples. Hence, Internet can be considered an instrument useful for this purpose.”* He went on to say, *“Internet can be a new path to God, a call to the Church to question itself on the opportunities offered by the news media to inform, educate, pray and evangelize, to take the Word of God everywhere...”* However, this dignitary asks for the discernment that imposes itself in the face of such a medium in which *“the positive element is opposed to the negative, creating confusion and false values.”* (Zenit, Eng. ed., June 6, 2005) So it is important for

every Christian to be vigilant and make the right choices. But the more ground that good will gain on the Net, the more will evil beat a retreat. Archbishop Foley, in quoting John Paul II, very pertinently refers to Internet as “the Areopagus of our time”.

#### THE LADY ON THE NET

As John Paul II so fittingly reminded us some months before his departure for the celestial homeland, “the blessed news of salvation has thus been projected, from the very beginning, to all the peoples of the world. We place in the hands of Mary, Mother of the Church, this missionary task of the Christian people.” (*Zenit*, Fr. ed., January 6, 2005) Since January 1, 2003, there has existed on Internet the marvelous site, *Radio Love*, sponsored by the Community of the Lady of All Peoples, and on which there abound so many spiritual riches.

The cry of Saint John the Baptist could again be made to resound in the ears of the contemporary world: “There is one among you whom you do not recognize!” (Jn 1:26) Well, for those who want to know and understand the mystery of the Co-Redemption given to the modern times, it suffices to go to this site and draw on it. For those who thirst for the Truth, without any preconceived ideas, the site of the Community of the Lady of All Peoples is brimming over with pertinent information on this divine Work of the Co-Redemption of a universal mystical significance. So, take notice, you men and women of today who, with an open mind, are seeking answers to the evils of our time, and also charitable replies to the vile attacks of which this divine Work has often been the target. To be found there as well are the meditated rosary, edifying testimonials and liturgical ceremonies that are of a great beauty, always celebrated with dignity, and they could turn out to be a leaven of ecumenism if one considers the words of His Excellency the Catholic Archbishop of Moscow, Archbishop Tadeusz Kondrusiewicz, who declared, in a certainly inspired fashion, to a journalist, “Mary is the Mother of all the peoples of God; she is our Advocate.” Then, acknowledging the influence of the Orthodox tradition on his personal formation, he added:

*In the Catholic Church of the West, in these latter times, the icons have been lost and the pictures have been taken away. And this is true not only of the icons but also of the liturgy; Sunday celebrations last for from thirty to forty minutes – that’s not much! The people want liturgical celebrations of an hour and a half and more.* (*Zenit*, Fr. ed., March 15, 2005)

These beautiful ceremonies, so grand in their simplicity, that the web site of the Community of the Lady of All Peoples presents to us, would thus be of a nature to tighten the bonds of ecumenism by fostering an authentic and irreplaceable liturgy.

#### EVANGELIZING THROUGH SACRED ART

In going through the web site spoken of, we have the occasion to admire the magnificent interior and exterior layouts of Spiri-Maria, its splendid surroundings and its inestimable ornaments, so conducive to recollection. A “zoom” shot shows the exposition of pious objects and lovely pictures of the domain of sacred art, elements more than ever nec-

essary for evangelization in these days when pornography is extending its empire everywhere. This question was one day put to His Eminence Cardinal Paul Poupart:

*Does evangelizing by art today have any significance in a materialist culture? “Obviously, more than ever. The more materialist a culture is, the more does it appear necessary to bear our witness....”*

*Finally, with regard to the possibility of “being converted” through an artistic work, John Paul II’s Minister of Culture points out this: “It’s the secret of consciences. Conversion is always the work of the Holy Spirit who makes use of so many means which often we would not have thought of. Conversions that seem lightning-quick also have had their preparation, and we can say that the means of beauty represents one of the favored paths.”* (*Zenit*, Fr. ed., November 10, 2004)

In addition to the visual art, we can also hear sung on the *Radio Love* site a great number of sacred selections, in both Latin and French and even in other languages, taken from liturgical services or from concerts by the Choir of the Immaculate. The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments recently published a document entitled: *The Year of the Eucharist: Suggestions and Proposals*, in which it recommends an “increase [in] the practice of perpetual adoration, identifying those churches and chapels suitable for such a scope..., assuring that they be open to the faithful at those times most convenient to them.” And finally, the document encourages “a greater familiarity with Latin and the Gregorian chant in seminaries and other houses of formation, in order to pray and sing in that language.” (*Vatican Information Service*, October 14, 2004)

We might point out that the Army of Mary has available in its stores, *Rayons Spiri* and *Le Rosier d’Or*, a large selection of sacred songs on audio cassettes or CD that are the delight of music lovers, hymns that show that the Creator was manifestly watching over the inspiration of men. Among them are such selections as the *Ave Verum* which has come down through the centuries, the full significance of what it says is not sufficiently appreciated, for it speaks of Mary twice, at the beginning and at the end, and yet it is an eminently Eucharistic hymn. On the subject of sacred hymns, Father Cantalamessa says, “As of the 5th century, in many of Christianity’s churches they sang, during Communion, ‘Taste and see how good Yahweh is’.” (*Zenit*, Fr. ed., February 25, 2005) The Army of Mary’s repertoire includes among its artistic jewels a beautiful hymn, a psalm set to music by Father Hervé Lemay, the refrain of which is “Taste and see how good the Lord is”. What Malraux said is very true: “Artistic creations thus call one to the other, from one century to the other, from one form of aesthetics to the other, in a veritable dialogue that traverses the ages and defies extinction.”

#### “PENTECOST OF LOVE” VERSUS RADIO LOVE

On the web site of the Lady, *Radio Love* and the section “*The Kingdom of Love in the Truth*” seem to echo this prophecy of Hosea: “I will bring you integrity and justice, tenderness and love”

(cf. Hos 2:21), and certainly form part of the “*Pentecost of Love*” foretold by different popes and also by that great French mystic, Marthe



Marthe Robin

Robin. Her spiritual director, Father Finet, relates the following:

*Marthe, in a tone of authority, as if she were reading from a book, spoke to me of events that were to take place in the course of history. Some would be very serious, very difficult or hard; others would be full of hope and beauty. She told me (and I recall this very clearly) that “there would be a Pentecost of Love in the Church”. She also told me that “the Church was going to rejuvenate through the laity.”* (page 56)

To her biographer, Jean Guitton, who was questioning her, she gave the explanation in these words:

*“Marthe, you speak of a Pentecost of Love. How do you see this Pentecost of Love?”*

– “Oh! certainly not under some extraordinary form. I see it as calm, as slow. I think that it will come bit by bit, a little at a time. I even think that it has already begun.” (Jean Guitton, *Portrait de Marthe Robin*, Paris, Ed. Bernard Grasset, 1985, p. 107)

Marthe, who had already said during a meeting with Marie-Paule that this latter “is totally lost in Mary”, was thinking along the same lines as our Foundress who has written that “the Works of God spring up in the bright light of peace and love, passing over all manner of barriers. Let us never forget that the rose blossoms at the tip of a stem studded with thorns.” (*The Kingdom*, no. 119, May 31, 1997, p. 14)

When His Holiness Pope John Paul II expressed that invitation to the Church, “Put out into the deep,” he was responding, consciously or not, to the invitation sent out by the Lady of All Peoples: “Once more I warn Rome. Broadly... they must have a broad view, but...” (11th apparition)

With the coming of the marvelous web site of the Community of the Lady, that includes *Radio Love* and that is contributing to making known to the entire world the mystery of the Lady of All Peoples, the realization of that hope of the venerated Pope Paul VI is possible: “As



Pope Paul VI

for us who are like the watchman of which Isaiah speaks (21:11), we are on the watch, looking for the preliminary signs of a ‘luminous dawn’.” (Paul VI, *Afin que le monde croie*, France, Ed. Centurion, 1970, p. 16)

Incidentally, the introductory page of the web site of the Lady of All Peoples is in the color of dawn. So let us rejoice, for that “luminous dawn” foreseen by Paul VI has finally arrived!

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