

The Year of the Eucharist, "a launching ramp" by His Eminence Cardinal Marc Ouellet FOR AN ASSIDUOUS ATTENDANCE AT MASS AS A FAMILY

ROME, Wednesday, October 12, 2005 (Zenit.org) – "The Year of the Eucharist is a launching ramp for a long term Eucharistic movement that allows the evangelizing of culture beginning with the family, the domestic church," declared Cardinal Marc Ouellet, the Archbishop of Quebec, during the synod this morning.

"In Canada, and more particularly in Quebec, we are living through a difficult period of rapid and radical secularization," Cardinal Ouellet explained. "The family and the young people have become realities which are practically strangers to the life of the Church. Our society is living through a crisis which is not only moral and sacramental, but truly anthropological. The new law that allows for pseudo "marriages" between persons of the same sex clearly demonstrates this by showing

that the meaning of the sexual difference is being lost in our culture. We are seeing an exculturation of the biblical anthropology in favor of an egalitarian vision that destroys the social and ecclesiastical fabric.

He went on to say, "The urgent need of a new evangelization is being manifested on all sides and the signs of hope and renewal are multiplying as a result of the World Youth Days in Toronto and Cologne, as well as through the preparation of the next International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Quebec in 2008."

"I believe that a concrete means of evangelizing would be to promote even more, with perseverance and vision, participation in Sunday Mass as a family," Cardinal Ouellet added. "The Sunday Eucharist gives to the community of believ-

ers the sense of its identity and its mission as Church, the Body of the risen Christ. It is the source and summit of humanity's participation in the Trinitarian communion. It alone can give meaning and life once again to our societies by strengthening the social fabric through the values proper to the Christian family."

"John Paul II left us a rich doctrinal heritage on man in the light of Christ. Aware of the damage being caused by collectivism and individualism, he was able to bring to the fore again the authentic anthropology to be found in the family, the icon of the Trinity, in the image of the Holy Family in Nazareth. He saw in the family the privileged means of a new evangelization in order to build a culture of life and a civilization of love."

"I personally believe that he has drawn his inspiration from the witness of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, a special light for his pontificate. Let us not forget that in the hell of Auschwitz, this holy Franciscan gave his life to save the father of a family," Cardinal Ouellet explained.

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Where Is the True Church?

On Thursday, September 8 last, on the feast of the Nativity of Mary, we attended Mass in a church in our area. During his homily, the celebrating priest made really inappropriate comments regarding the Virgin Mary, seriously casting doubt on her virginity, as well as on the chastity of Saint Joseph, in words that decency forbids us to repeat, attacking by this very fact a dogmatic truth.

It was with our hearts in our heels that we left the church after this Eucharistic celebration.

Since we are consecrated to Mary according to Grignon de Montfort's teaching, passed on to us by the Army of Mary in total fidelity to the spirit of His Holiness Pope John Paul II, we were concerned over the damage caused to the faith of those attending Mass that morning, because they hardly hear the truth repeated anywhere anymore. So, we resolved to offer our next ceremony of the Family of the Sons and Daughters of Mary in reparation

for these offences against our heavenly Queen.

Now, last November 6, we held our Marian ceremony. At that time a young man had the joy of being received as an Auxiliary Member in the Family of the Sons and Daughters of Mary and the Mass was celebrated by a priest from the Work. A lady who was attending for the first time told us at the end of the ceremony:

"It's been a very long time since I've attended such a beautiful Mass! How beautiful and pious the singing was! There was Latin and French like in the old days. We would have thought we were in heaven."

And addressing herself to our Animator, Christiane Leblanc, she added:

"That was a beautiful gift you gave me when you invited me to this Marian ceremony. I thank you."

This lady admitted having been strongly warned against the Army of Mary by a group of nuns. However, this

lady is reading the third volume of *Life of Love*, the authentic spirituality of which she was able to discern. She is constantly repeating her astonishment over the beauty of the ascent of a soul, as this is seen in the Work.

She also admitted having gotten rid of all the cassettes she had from movements with exaggerated charisms, having no doubt detected a different spirit in them.

Given these facts we think that we have reached a crossroads. Those who advocate errors or heresies have access to temples with complete impunity, whereas we are still excluded from them. And yet, His Holiness Pope John Paul II said in Zaire on May 2, 1980: *"The Church is a family from which no one is excluded."* (Prier avec Jean-Paul II, Montreal, Fides, 1981, p. 54)

Although we have to hold our Marian ceremonies in places which could be referred to as "modern catacombs", our gatherings are always filled with joy, for we are well aware that *"the hours of desperation are always God's hours"*. (Mgr. Baunard)

Jeannine and Claude Blanchette

Liturgical and Pastoral Activities Eucharistic and Marian Center Spiri-Maria, Lac-Étchemin (January, February, March and April 2006)

1. Saturday and Sunday, January 21 and 22, 2006
Solemn ceremony under the theme: Christian Unity and the Lady of All Peoples
2. Saturday and Sunday, February 11 and 12, 2006
Solemn ceremony under the theme: Lourdes and physical and spiritual cures
3. Saturday and Sunday, February 25 and 26, 2006
Solemn ceremony under the theme: Church of Peter – Church of John
4. Saturday and Sunday, March 11 and 12, 2006
Solemn ceremony under the theme: Our Lent transfig-

ured by the Father's Love

5. Saturday and Sunday, March 25 and 26, 2006
Solemn ceremony under the theme: The Annunciation to Mary
6. Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23, 2006
Solemn ceremony under the theme: Divine Mercy Sunday

On the ordinary days of prayer, the program begins at 9:30 a.m. On Saturdays, it begins with a Marian Hour followed by a solemn Mass, lunch and time for adoration, and the Eucharistic Hour in the afternoon. On Sundays, the program begins with a solemn Mass, followed by the Marian Hour, lunch and adoration, and the Eucharistic Hour in the afternoon. There is a second Sunday Mass at 2:30 p.m.

Everyone is cordially welcome!