

News of the Army of Mary in France

YOUTH CAMPS

Every year the young people from the Army of Mary in France and Belgium can participate in summer camps under the direction of Mrs. Catherine Maugeais, assisted by a group of parents and young adults, and under the spiritual guidance of Father Xavier Larribe, O.F.F.M.

For the year 2005, the activity organized was rather special. Those in the age group of 15 years and up, that is twenty-



In Amsterdam, the group of young people (15 and over) before the painting of the Lady of All Peoples.

one young people from France and Belgium, participated in a pilgrimage in honor of the Co-Redemptrix, in Belgium and Holland, from July 31 to August 6. They visited Beauraing and Banneux (Mary appeared there in 1932 and 1933), Am-

sterdam (1945-1959), Moerzeke (Blessed Edward Pope), Gand, Dadizele and Tournay (first throne of the French monarchy, tomb of Clovis' father).



The group of 10-15 year-olds before the cathedral in Reims.

For their part, the young people in the 10-15 age group, of which there were eighteen, visited Reims between August 18-21, there where Saint Remi, when he baptized Clovis, made of France "the eldest daughter of the Church". Both trips were an opportunity for the participants to deepen their spiritual, historical and cultural knowledge.

ANNUAL RETREAT

For several years now, the Army of Mary in France has been organizing a five-day annual retreat every fall.



Fr. Denis Laprise



The group of retreat participants in the beautiful nature surrounding the Shrine.

This year, the retreat preached by Father Denis Laprise, O.F.F.M. was held at La Salette from Saturday, October 22 to Wednesday, October 26, 2005, and brought together close to a hundred Knights of Mary from France, Belgium and the Netherlands.

"Every Instant Is Love"

Having returned from La Salette, I am going over in my mind the words Father Denis addressed to us. He spoke of the Kingdom, of a new beginning that we must make, of the divine germ deposited in our soul and of so many other things which caused me great joy during this entire pilgrimage.

Everything I heard deeply touched me: the way of the cross which I meditate every day has become a "reality", that is to say, like a time that is lived, a certainty. That is something which is stronger than fervor. This prayer that I added to my daily fifteen-decade rosary makes me realized that another world does in fact exist in us, a world which embellishes our lives. It is a superior world in which Jesus and Mary hold the place of honor. I have always aspired to this without ever succeeding in achieving it. One must love much, right? Give all also. Every instant is love.

There is also the Eucharist received every day, the constant state of grace (through frequent confession). Offer everything.

Thus, a new world is born. Yes, in the depths of my heart, I am very happy. I always believed in this deep joy, and now it is well established, by the grace of God.

You said: "When a soul is filled with God, whatever happens, whatever trials may come, the soul preserves its joy and peace because it possesses Him who is Love." (*Life of Love*, vol. II, chap. 111, p. 580) That is absolutely right, and I can bear witness to it.

Gérard Delion

DAY OF PRAYER AT BOURICOURT

Before Father Denis Laprise returned to Canada, the Knights of Mary gathered at Bouricourt, on Sunday, October 30, 2005, for a day of prayer during which there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament under a lovely fall sun.

Here is a short appreciation, spontaneously submitted to us along with some pictures by Mr. Gérard Delion from France, following this day of prayer.



Procession of the Blessed Sacrament under the fall sun.



I am sending you a few pictures taken during the procession of the Blessed Sacrament at the day of prayer in Bouricourt.

As far as this day of prayer is concerned, I think I can say that we lived some very intense moments. There is also the fraternal aspect of this gathering. For my part, I was happy to see again people I had recently met at La Salette, as well as persons who were not able to go there for various reasons. A heartfelt thank-you to Father Denis for his very pertinent comments which, to my way of thinking, raised up our hearts very high. Let us give thanks to God and Mary.

Gérard Delion

– Thank you for the wonderful ceremonies held in the last few days at Spirimaria. What a consolation and what light.

When we see such beautiful things, we get a foretaste of heaven.

Madeleine Pomerleau

– I recently reread *In Preparation for the Final Combat*, as well as the other book-

lets by Father Denis Thivierge. What spiritual nourishment! Yes, we have all been called to be witnesses..., even if that can be difficult at times. However, we are not alone in our little mission of co-redemption. There is a constant flood of sufferings that touches every person everywhere in the world.

Loretta Marek