

# THE MISSION OF POPE JOHN PAUL II THE GREAT

– Based on Mother Paul-Marie's Writings –



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In her little book *"Living Stones"*, Mother Paul-Marie speaks to us of the unconditional love of Pope John Paul II, which impelled him to be a tireless missionary. He drew from his intense prayer an incredible strength which surprised the great ones of this world while it gave him a very special spiritual fecundity.

## THE POPE OF MARY

"The example of unconditional love, the absolute of love, is it not to be found in the life of the supreme head of the Church, Pope John Paul II?" she tells us. "From an early age, his life was influenced by the teachings of Saint Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort whose writings, notably his *True Devotion to Mary*, have been translated into many languages. This Pope is tireless in spite of so many physical problems which began with the hand that fired the shot intended to kill him, in spite of the many 'executioners' drawn up against the Church, the Gospel and the Papacy. But for all that, those adamant opponents do not render the Church impious; on the contrary, their action proves its force for conquest, because the Spirit vivifies and pours out everywhere His fires of light and love.

"Like Jesus, this Pope considers all peoples to be his friends. He is the way of the true liberty which he strongly proclaims throughout the world with a moral and spiritual force that attracts the multitudes and uplifts them. He sends hearts forth towards true grandeur, that of life sanctified by grace; he defends moral values and he comes to the defence of the weak confronted by the stronger. As the greatest assembler of men, the Pope bears witness to the hope and the thirst for an ideal that are in all the young people and to their expectations as they look to the future. Pope John Paul II seems to be actualizing the prophecies of Grignon de Montfort from whom he borrowed the *'Totus Tuus'* to the Virgin as his motto.

"The Pope, a missionary to the entire world, goes everywhere, the cross in hand. The cross he bears is also reproduced in his coat of arms representing the Redemption, as it does the Co-Redemption through the letter 'M' which goes with it. Is he not the Pope of Mary, of the Immaculate, the Pope of the Co-Redemptrix,



His Holiness Pope John Paul II during one of his trips to South America.

being, in his turn, the John at the foot of the Cross on the summit of Calvary which is the Church in this time, and where, each day, along with the little ones at the foot of the mount, the oblation of *'All yours, Mary'* is being renewed?

"As for the ways of the mystical, Pope John Paul II is quick to reveal, with an exact and powerful logic, the demands of true love, transmitting them with a sincerity that bursts forth from all his talks, which are of a value that transcends opinion polls and political interests. His liberty of expression draws its strength from the power of the Gospel which is the supporting force of his spiritual life and doctrine. The Pope does not destroy; he elevates and transforms the souls which ought to be supported in their spiritual ascension, but in the development of which there is not always to be found the echo of his directives which would unite the young people with the divine Love.

"The efficacious force of his action goes hand in hand with his desire to serve God who grants the strength to realize that desire. God's hold on a soul is accomplished when the gift of self is perfect, that is to say, when it has given over its will totally to the Master who is then completely free in disposing of it. This strength and this spiritual fecundity, due to intense prayer, never cease to astonish heads of state, who see in this Pope from the very Catholic Poland a mission out of the ordinary. This Pope, who is cognizant of the sense of our history knows how to bring Christianity and humanity into the third millennium." (Mother Paul-Marie, *"Living Stones"*, Quebec, Éditions Co. Dame, 2003, pp. 97-100)

## THE POPE OF THE SIGNS, WHOSE REGARD PENETRATES THE INFINITE

Pope John Paul II was the Pope of the signs. He came to prepare the peoples for their entry into the terrestrial Kingdom. He is "the Pope of the SIGNS that he is realizing under the guidance of the Im-

maculate, after having entrusted his pontificate to her. [This divine election, the Pope paid it very dearly.] Pope John Paul II is the greatest saint on the Cross of the Co-Redemption charged with calls of distress in the combats that are multiplying. The clamoring of pride, of hatred, and the assaults of evil are destined to dash themselves against it, shatter themselves upon it and plummet to the feet of the Roman Pontiff who goes forward along mystical paths with no weakening, maintaining the entire world in a hope fixed on Mary, the Victorious One in God's battles.

"More than that, the regard of His Holiness Pope John Paul II cannot be deceptive; the mirror of his soul, this regard penetrates the infinite, for God is in him. It is in the offering up of the crosses strewn along his path, being a perpetual martyr, that he transmits to the inhabitants of our planet the infinite of heaven, drawing along the multitudes towards the peaks that are luminous but invisible in this long night of the Apocalypse." (Mother Paul-Marie, "God Gets Around the Obstacles Set Up by Men", *"The Kingdom"*, no. 158, November-December 2002, pp. 2-3)

In the November-December 2002 issue of *Le Royaume*, Mother Paul-Marie declared that Pope John Paul II was divinized. "In his spiritualized regard it can be seen, beyond any doubt, that this Pope has been divinized, to such a degree that his words and actions are divine. If the world had followed his teaching, which is that of the Master, it would already have set out along the way of the terrestrial Kingdom to come..." (*Id.*, p. 11)

## POPE JOHN PAUL II AND THE ARMY OF MARY

We could ask ourselves whether Pope John Paul II understood the particular journey we have experienced as a Work, and our Mother replies to the query in the affirmative. "As for Pope John Paul II, his attention was quickly caught by the Army of Mary. This happened at the beginning of his pontificate, in May 1979, when hundreds of our Knights were present in Saint Peter's Square at the moment of the Angelus. As everyone was clad in white, the Pope noticed this 'group in white' and had them sought after in the city of Rome. As of that day, however, he was most discreet, supporting, through his prayers, the valiant soldiers of Mary, knowing that the Works of Life, because they come from Heaven, are realized in the breathing of the Holy Spirit. He understood it all." (*"The Kingdom"*, no. 172, March-April 2005, p. 12)

In the little book *"Living*

*Stones"*, Mother Paul-Marie, in speaking of the way of the cross which the Work has had to live through, confirms again that the Pope understood well our journey. "The Army of Mary has always been marked by the cross, its symbol. But this Army of Mary has always been uplifted by the beautiful virtue of hope, in faith in God and His Word, and in love.

"In fact, if the cross has marked our path, it has never caught us off guard, for, long in advance, Heaven foretold what this Army of Mary would be, raised within the Church for the Church, and which, as we already knew, would be persecuted by the Church. And it all came to pass!... Our particular course has been understood by the Pope. For a long time now, his mystical soul has understood the unfolding of our history so rich in spiritual treasures. [He] also knows that we must bend our will to the divine will..." (Mother Paul-Marie, *"Living Stones"*, pp. 128-129)

## THE POPE WHO HAS THE SPIRIT OF JOHN

In the article entitled "On the Move Towards the Church of John", printed in issue no. 139, March-April 2000, of the paper *Le Royaume*, Mother Paul-Marie revealed the unique bond linking her, the Army of Mary and Pope John Paul II. He is the one who has the spirit of John and who will introduce the Church of Peter into the Church of John.

"This 'Third Covenant', so well prepared over more than twenty years by Pope John Paul II," Mother Paul-Marie told us, "is leading us little by little into the Church of John. What light and what glory for this earth this Pope John Paul II is, he who possesses the spirit of John, the Apostle so loved by Jesus, and who is the contemporary Apostle so loved by Mary to whom he has given his life: 'Totus Tuus' ('All yours')! This motto expresses so well his consecration to Mary who has influenced his entire life and has made of him a great saint among 'the great saints who shall come at the end of the world...' as was foretold by Saint Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort (*True Devotion to Mary*, no. 35). But in reality that will be at the end of a world or of a time, of our time.

"On this particular Sunday, February 27, 2000, as I was writing this article for *Le Royaume*, I suddenly 'grasped' the exact and powerful significance of the simple sentence that ended my first article for the first issue of our review *L'Armée de Marie*: 'And this Army of Mary will be recognized by this single trait: its fidelity to Rome and to the Pope.' (*L'Armée de Marie*, volume I, no. 1, September 1971, p. 4) For



September 19, 1996, Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre, France – His Holiness Pope John-Paul II in prayer before Saint Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort's tomb.

what will soon be thirty years, that sentence has come back constantly in our writings and words, but we had not understood its mystical portent which is being 'shown' me at this particular moment. May I be pardoned for writing what I 'learn': 'John Paul, who has the spirit of John, and Paul-Marie, who has the spirit of Mary, have been bound together in order to lead the Church of Peter into the Church of John.' [Therefore, the link between Pope John Paul II and Marie-Paule is clear and unique.]

"A powerful emotion gripped me," our Mother said, "I was literally prostrated. Experiencing my littleness, I never expected something like that. To consent to receive blows, yes, 'Fiat!'; but having to explain the action of Mary concerning me, that was a renunciation I had to agree to again. Tears of joy? No! Tears of sorrow? No! Tears...! Emotion overwhelmed me. It is a long time since I have been moved to tears. When, just these past days, concerning Marc Bosquart's books, I was again and with force repeating to certain persons that it is the name of the Immaculate that must be written everywhere, that it is She alone who must figure in everything and that I must be forgotten – at that very time, lo and behold, I am confounded and return to my profoundest thought, the hope of returning into silence or of dying before the Triumph of her Immaculate Heart bursts forth, for it is the Immaculate who has 'dictated' everything to me, 'commanded' me in everything – I am only a humble handmaid!" ("The Kingdom", no. 139, March-April 2000, p. 5)

#### "TOTUS TUUS"

As soon as the Army of Mary was founded in 1971, its members were invited to consecrate themselves to Mary. "All for Mary" in order to go more quickly to Jesus. Thus Pope John Paul II's motto, "Totus Tuus". was already familiar to us and firmly set in our will to give of ourselves totally.

Still in the same article from issue no. 139, Mother Paul-Marie went on to say: "What a lovely flower bed we are preparing for the Kingdom, thanks to the Marian formation given by Saint Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort which the teaching of Pope John Paul II has crystallized over the years.

"We must be adoring souls, multiplying the Holy Hours which predispose us to recollection, to love, while attracting vocations to the religious life, and to marriage, for the lay people will be religious in the world. Let us realize that the Immaculate is close to each of us, in order to offer to her Son our desires, our fervent aspirations, our efforts, our joys, our sufferings, our victories, etc. All that she offers to Him is transformed into pearls of love, into a crystal flowering, into a mystical garden or into a cenacle of beauty. Pure dreaming? Not at all; Mary opens to us her Heart in order to lead us all the more quickly to her Redeemer Son, to her Son, Christ the King." (*Id.*, p. 10)

#### THE NUMBER REVEALS A MYSTERY

The Number will also set the seal of the Lady of All Peoples on Karol Wojtyła's election as the successor to Peter the Apostle. Mother Paul-Marie quoted a sentence from a book she received: " 'For the first time in the two conclaves of 1978, the majority of the cardinals did not belong to the European nations: 55 Europeans and 56 from outside Europe.' [This sentence was taken from the book *Karol Wojtyła – L'homme du siècle* by Luigi Accattoli, p. 69.] Putting aside the matter of nationality, let us dwell on the 'Numbers which mark the Harmony in the divine plan, language of Silence or the repetitive formulation of a mystery.' We know that the number 55 is that of the Lady of All Peoples. Now, once again, the Immaculate had fixed her seal on the choice of the pope whom she had prepared and placed at the head of the Church for this time which is reserved to her.

"In the year 1978, there were two conclaves which gave two popes to the Church: John Paul I, elected August 26, 1978, and John Paul II, elected the following October 16, by ninety-seven (97) votes out of one hundred and eleven (111). For the election of the Pope John Paul II, one hundred and eleven cardinals were present: '1', '1', '1' (each number '1' representing a Person of the Trinity: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit), that is to say, the Trinity present above 111 cardinals who, without realizing it, were going to elect him who would be the Pope of the Lady of All Peoples, having the spirit of John. Be he colored or white, African, European or American – the Church being universal –, one alone would be elected by one hundred and ten cardinals: two times fifty-

five (55), the exact number of the Lady of All Peoples for our time. Silence of God? No! The divine Harmony in Numbers." (*Id.*, p. 12)

#### THE CHURCH OF PETER AND THE CHURCH OF JOHN

Perhaps in order to respond to a certain questioning, our Mother, in September 2005, specified that the Church of Peter and the Church of John were the same Church. " 'Let us not be afraid,' Peter and John, that is the same Church. The Church of John is the Church that already lives under the influence of John, the beloved Apostle of Jesus who, with His Mother, will introduce the world into the Kingdom of Love, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, the True Spirit.... Peter is there in John, faithful to Christ, the instrument of divine grace, purified to the very depths, to give back to the Church through Mary, thanks to the birthing of the Kingdom, its beauty, its grandeur, its light, in a storm of love that will mark, in GOLDEN LETTERS, the history of the world. Have confidence!" ("The Kingdom", no. 175, September-October 2005, pp. 13-14)

She also explained the difference between the Church of Peter and the Church of John: "The Church of John is opening before our eyes. The Church of Peter was the Church of love at the outset, but it was quickly transformed into one of the 'letter' of the Law rather than one of the 'spirit' of the Law. That is the reason we see our churches closing more and more; that is the reason there are fewer and fewer priests and that there is hardly any more religious practice. More than that, could the Church of Peter have lost the sense of mystical ways?"

"We think so because it has reached the point of closing the door to those who respectfully follow the prescriptions of Vatican II, to those who walk in pure faith towards new ways drawn from old ideas which Heaven is revealing to us in view of the Kingdom of Love. If, over the last thirty years, the Church of Peter had put as much zeal into fighting against evil as it has used in seeking to destroy the Work of God that is being realized through Mary, Mother and Lady of All Peoples, the world would already have changed and the churches would be full! The Church of John will live in love, of that love that enkindled the hearts of Jesus and John, of that love which sealed the pact between Mary and John, willed by the Redeemer." (*Id.*, p. 13)

#### POPE JOHN PAUL II, A LIVING GOSPEL

Our Mother spoke of a "celestial flow" which this Pope left behind him wherever he went: "This Pope John Paul II makes an unforgettable impression upon those who meet him, through the perception of a celestial flow in his limpid regard,

filled with a spiritual and mystical depth which is the result of a life marked by crosses generously accepted and lived in the total giving of self." ("The Kingdom", no. 138, January-February 2000, p. 20)

The many crosses he accepted, illuminated his soul and left many wonders in it. "This mystical Pope – a Pope of light whose spirit is enkindled – shines at the summit of the Church, attacked because of his age and wounded in his soul pierced by celestial lights which, alone, are enlightening the world because God speaks today through the one who has the spirit of John. If only men and women could see..., they would see the 'beauty' of our contemporary John, as God saw the 'beauty' of the young David with his crystal-clear gaze, and they would be filled with admiration and gratitude for such a gift to our world..." (*Id.*, p. 20)

In this troubled period of our history, the Pope passed among us like a savior. "A savior – Pope John Paul II – passed among us. Possessed of the sense of Holy Scripture, his heart and soul filled with love, and totally given over to his Sovereign Queen and the world, he never ceased sowing Christ's Word of Love and to point out to human beings the route of splendors. But an age without grandeur turned from him so many of his sons who then scorned him. So many offences broke the heart of John Paul II the Great.

"This Pope of Mary was a living Gospel for the children who, in turn, repaid him for it; but a perturbed world was quick to snatch it from them. Like Christ the Savior, he saw his life ebb away little by little before the eyes of humanity.... John Paul II was love for everyone, a true love that did not hesitate to correct, but that never condemned. He made himself loved, proclaiming the eternal values. He stood always upright in spite of those who sought to nullify him, but who were never able to extinguish his multiple charisms." ("The Kingdom", no. 172, March-April 2005, p. 26)

"[John Paul II] was an 'alter Christus', another Christ who passed on earth... Through his travels and his words of Life he drew souls to him, communicating to them the fire of his love. That fire which he lit spread so widely that, after his death, Rome was suddenly inundated by a tidal wave of humans, causing a 'tsunami' of PEACE and LOVE: all the peoples fraternized in calmness, bringing back, in the glimmering of a dawn in which a new day is being born, a surge of the Pope's ardent love for humanity." (*Id.*, p. 12)

#### JOHN PAUL II AND MARY'S TRIUMPH

"Pope John Paul II came to prepare Mary's triumph." That is the supernatural light which our Mother received in a grace

which offered a glimpse of an opening for the Work. "Monday, April 4, 2005 – On the day of the feast of Our Lady of the Annunciation, when we received the letters of the Pontifical Commissioner and Cardinal Ouellet, I 'heard' the following during morning Mass: 'Pope John Paul II came to prepare Mary's triumph.' And at the same time, I 'saw' the earth enveloped in a dazzling light; it is the opening for Mary's Work. Three important points are hammered into my mind: – 'Pope John Paul II came to prepare Mary's triumph.' – 'The Immaculate returns to triumph.' – 'Christ will return to reign.'" (*Id.*, p. 25)

This divine light received by Mother Paul-Marie must be a consolation for us in the different crosses we bear personally or as a result of the Church closing itself to the Community and the Work. In her letter in September entitled "Love, Always Love", Marie-Paule reminded the Knights of Mary of their responsibility to pass on

the riches they have received in the Work, assuring them that the Holy Spirit would be there to help them.

"Thanks to the Holy Spirit, the Gospel will blossom once more; tongues of fire will enflame you, transform you by breathing into you the invisible Love reigning in the heavens. May you, dear Knights of Mary, after so many years of formation, be ready to welcome these tongues of fire which will purify the Church and give it back its beauty. We are the sons and daughters of the same Father, of the same Mother uniting us in the same Love. Now it is up to us to transmit what we have received. Let us not be afraid! Have confidence! Let us celebrate love, peace and joy, for Mary and the Holy Spirit are with us." (Mother Paul-Marie, letter of September 2005)

In his martyrdom, the Pope one day received a very special grace: "Two years ago a priest was assisting at Mass in the Holy Father's private cha-

pel. Of a sudden, the Pope became immobile and remained thus for about ten minutes. Only his lips moved. At the end of the office, those who had been present there questioned John Paul II, and this latter declared quite simply: 'Through a disposition of divine Providence, it was given me to contemplate the Church of the future...' A long silence followed... The Holy Father was radiant with happiness and joy..." (*Le Sourire de Marie*, no. 309, October 2003, p. 4)

Pope John Paul II's pontificate was luminous. After having received His Eminence Cardinal Ouellet's letter of April 4, 2005, Marie-Paule said: "Mary came to get the Pope just before an abomina-



His Holiness Pope John-Paul II

ble error was committed on the part of the Quebec episcopate that has once again struck the Work God has given, through Mary, to the Church and to the world of our time to save it. Thank you, Mother Immaculate, for thus there will not be a black stain on the luminous pontificate of the holy Pope John Paul II the Great." ("The Kingdom", no. 172, March-April 2005, p. 12) From his heavenly homeland, may he intercede for us. Amen.

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