

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

To reread the history of the Work is to walk in God's footsteps, He who illuminates humanity with His wisdom.

The issues of the paper *L'Étoile*, published between May 1979 and April 1982, were directed to the Pope, and this from Raoul Auclair's very first editorial. *"When we say the Pope, we mean the Church,"* wrote Raoul, the prophet, who concluded on the nature of the paper: *"Its characteristic is to cry out in the desert."* The Pope, the Church, the desert, all of this is the path followed in the actualization of Mary's mystery in her new role as Lady of All Peoples. To reread those issues is to discover leads to help us understand the mysteries we are presently living.

Let us not forget that, as of

March 1975, the Army of Mary had been recognized as a "Pious Association" by Cardinal Maurice Roy. This recognition conferred upon the movement, as Bishop Jean-Pierre van Lierde would write, the right to be a part of the Church SPIRITUALLY, PASTORALLY and JURIDICALLY. What depth is to be found in the meaning of these words, for they are not empty expressions. And Bishop van Lierde would conclude that the Army of Mary had become a BUD for the Church. Yes, God was preparing a way for Himself in order to place along it the Love He has for His creation.

The pilgrimages of the Army of Mary must be seen to be SIGNS of the TIMES, events which allow us to deepen the Church's mission.

As an example of this, let us recall two pilgrimages. The first one was for "the Church" in September 1980. At the unveiling of the painting of the Lady of All Peoples in the Basilica on September 14, Mary, Mother of the Church, presented herself in the continuity of the Lady of All Peoples, the new path along which she is the star. Just prior to that, the pilgrimage had led the members from Jerusalem to Rome. It was as though the Church's journey was being traced anew: to begin with, Jerusalem where were born the FEW of the preaching given to the Jewish people, and then Rome followed, with the MANY of the proclamation of the Gos-



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September 14, 1980 – A painting of the Lady of All Peoples is unveiled in St. Peter's Basilica.

pel to the nations.

And here we have the new beginning for ALL PEOPLES. In order to indicate its final outcome, Mary inscribed her SEAL upon St. Peter's Square, the GREAT "M", enclosing the obelisk within the strokes of



September 14, 1980 – 540 pilgrims form the “M” of the Miraculous Medal on St. Peter’s Square .

the letter. She was now but one with the Cross, which Raoul described in these words: “And it is here, today, at the central point of the world, in the universal Basilica of universal Christianity that the procession of the Glorious Cross sets out on the march behind Mary Co-Redemptrix.” The Lady of All Peoples, who once was Mary at the foot of the cross, now embraces this same cross so that it becomes hers. With this action, she seems to be receiving the deposit of the Church in a sense. It is “THE NIGHT OF THE SECOND CHRISTMAS”, Raoul prophetically wrote in his editorial: the Ark leading its people. Yes, in this sense, it was really “for the Church that this pilgrimage took place,” as Marc Bosquart wrote in the same issue. Yes, for the Church, but with the Church of John in view, the renewed Church, born as a result of obedience on the part of the Co-Redemptrix.

That was the point I had arrived at in my thoughts when I read this passage from Marc, printed in the paper *L’Étoile* of June 1981: “Likewise, once again, in Rome on September 14, 1980, the Army of Mary – which is also the Army of the Lady of All Peoples –, by tracing on St. Peter’s Square its immense “M” of whiteness,

gave a SIGN to the world on that day. Only in the future will its deep significance of ANNUCIATION be revealed to us. Everything was done in obedience and faith just like Mary’s acceptance on the day of the Annunciation.”



Rome, September 26, 1981 – 703 pilgrims of the Army of Mary trace the “M” of the Miraculous Medal, like a beautiful white ribbon.

A year passed. Let us re-read the issues of *L’Étoile* for the year 1981. WHAT TEACHING! And then there was the pilgrimage of the Lady of All Peoples which marked the tenth anniversary of the Army of Mary.

The things we repeat are pleasing, and quite often, they help us to shake off our narrow-mindedness. At the center point of the new “M” traced on St. Peter’s Square, there was now a couple of newlyweds, the beginning of all the families

that would enter into the renewed Church. In the continuity of the spirit of the paper, this new demonstration showed us the Lady of All Peoples as a new Noah’s Ark. At the time of the Ark, the water was rising; here it is the cup of the Apocalypse that is overflowing, indicating the urgency of the action to be taken. And the wind, the symbol of the Spirit, “catching in the folds of the many flags on which is printed the name ‘Marie’” bring out the “M” which has drawn away slightly from the obelisk, for Mary now is but ONE with the Cross, like an object that is about to fly away. Is it not possible to see in this “M” the GREAT EAGLE which must lead the Co-Redemptrix to the desert? The desert, isolating her from the Church, where she is always to be found, because the Church does not want her. “I ‘know’ also that we shall become more and more isolated, which will have the effect of insuring our protection.” (*Life of Love*, vol. X, p. 115)

The action leading us to the announced desert will be more a word than a condemnation, it will be the inspired writings of Marc Bosquart, urgent and necessary writings, the prophetic nature of which has been proven by the realization that followed. Any well-inten-

tioned person who will study Cardinal Vachon’s decree in relation to Marc’s statements will not find in them any basis



September 14, 1980 - Procession of Army of Mary pilgrims in St. Peter’s Square.

upon which to refute the goals approved by his predecessor Cardinal Roy. It all seems to be a pretext. I am convinced that history will prove that the Church did harm to itself in the arguments given. And Marc’s writings will become founding texts.

The wisdom of God had foreseen everything; the BUD will burst open in the desert.

And, one day, we will form again the WINGS OF THE GREAT EAGLE in order to enter in Spirit and Truth into the Church of John which is the one the Co-Redemptrix will have merited for us.

On the feast of the Epiphany 2006

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Lourdes, September 1981 - 703 pilgrims in front of the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary

“Thank you, Dear God, for the Gift of Faith”

I am unable to sleep. I am under shock..., the shock of Love and of a sense of wonder because I have just finished reading, twice, everything that concerns the Grace of Holy Tuesday [2005]. What simplicity and at the same time what infinite grandeur! Yes, everything is so simple with God. And the account of this grace, done so simply, so clearly, in spite of the poorness of human language, finds its source in the very simplicity of God... “The lowly understand...”

I am unable to sleep because I am under the shock of my profound unworthiness. I, so wretched, now have access to a divine Mystery of which the rest of the planet is unaware. I am sharing in the King’s secret, and yet I am not worthy to do so. And, THANK GOD! I believe in it with all my heart and my soul. The Light is

too pure for it to be an illusion or deceit. God, in His infinite goodness, had prepared us long in advance for the bursting forth of the Mystery, as He has prepared us for the blow to come. How happy I am to have read *Life of Love* and Marc’s writings more than once. Thank you, dear God, for the gift of faith.

Dear Marie-Paule, what fills me with joy, and which I read on my knees, my eyes filled with tears, was the fact that this Grace is not something of the past for you. On the contrary, it is for you a “state”, a “state of celestial participation”. How wonderful that is and how happy I am for you. It says it all!

As far as I am concerned, this issue of *Le Royaume* is the most beautiful of all, for this marvelous Grace uplifts my soul, filling it with sentiments of gratitude and adoration, placing it above the pettiness of men. It covers with a shroud of pure love the sad judgment

of men of the Church who have not taken a serious look at the Work and its Foundress. This Grace is the most beautiful answer Heaven could have given to earth. Is this not the beginning of the fulfillment of the divine prophecy: “I will give proof of your innocence”?

There you have, dear Mother, the poor words I awkwardly utter. I borrow Father Benoit’s luminous words with which to end this simple note: “UNITED IN HIM AND HER IN THE FATHER.”

With all my heart of a son and priest, I bless you.

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Father Carl Beaupré Someone Illuminated?...

Yesterday, I received the paper *Le Royaume* no. 176. By this morning it was read. Soon, I will read it again, more slowly, as I meditate it.

As I read it, I was thinking that all those who collaborated

in it and put their heart in this task are not Extraterrestrial Beings, but truly Terrestrial Beings who have something extra, with their two feet well on the ground while waiting to one day have them. with their head and their heart, in Heaven.

Mother Paul-Marie, someone illuminated?... Yes! but not like a historical monument upon which many floodlights beam, but rather like a simple little country church, on Christmas night or on the night before Easter, a church that is illuminated from the inside.

Yes, Mother Paul-Marie is illuminated by the true Light come into this world to enlighten it, to save the Men (men, women and children) of all peoples.

United in prayer in the Holy Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

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