

"TO BECOME SAINTS"

Not having received in time the text for the conference to be given to his members during an annual meeting at Copperas Cove in the United States, Mr. Fred Rivera quickly put together three topics that were very dear to him: the first on the Army of Mary, the second for the Oblate-Patriots, and the third on Iraq where his son, Paul, on military duty for three years, is presently stationed.

THE SCHOOL OF MARY

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

"Behold! The Splendor, of the Father's Love!" Truly, this beautiful phrase defines adequately, the current issue of *Le Royaume*. Wasn't it marvelous? And isn't it also true that, each of us, by choosing to become members of the Army of Mary through our own free will, has done so, for no other reason than "to seek and find" the Marian doors opened wide to each of us. Thus we are all clearly headed in the direction of the narrow path of Mary, She who heard the prayers of our deepest desire: "We want to be saints".

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, if the Army of Mary had not been born, where would each of us be in our spiritual life today? As for me and my very limited abilities, how many times I cried to Mary: "What will become of me? I love you. I want to be a saint."

It wasn't long thereafter, and through Mary no doubt, I met our beloved Father Leon Boarman for the first time. This director of souls once told me: "Inasmuch as one aspires to holiness, God will send those who will lead you to that end." I will never forget the smile of that moment and those eyes that gazed into mine with such love. It was clear to me: this Marian Priest would "light up" the way. And so it was that, just a few days later, a small group of Catholics gathered at the humble Chapel of Our Lady Queen of Peace, located on the grounds of St. Edwards University, one evening in the month of February 1986.

It was then that I met Chriss McCarthy and others from Dallas for the first time. The Army of Mary was founded in Copperas Cove. That night, the sinner that I am was asked to be the Animator for a new Center. Knowing my limited abilities, I couldn't help but hesitate. I am forever grateful that to this day, Mary has never failed to come to my aid. This truly is Her work of love.

I didn't know it then but I had just entered "the school of Mary", Queen of All Saints.

And each one of us in this room has his or her story. Divine Love has united us in a special way, to do our little part and to focus, first and foremost, on our personal interior reform and to imitate *Life of Love*, which is truly the Marian path regenerating humanity, guiding it toward its Spiritual Unity that leads to the Kingdom of Truth, Justice and True Peace. Today, we deny ourselves. We pick up our cross and march forward upon the narrow road of the Lady of All Peoples, leading to the fulfillment of Mary's words uttered at Fatima: "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph."

I am forever thankful for the Army of Mary. Interior Reform never stops. I strive each day to sin no more. And I don't consider myself a saint. However, I am sure of this: We are all on that narrow path that leads to that end. Thanks be to God!

And we also give thanks to the Father's Love, in memory of Father Leon Boarman, "the Gabriel of the United States", as Mother Paul-Marie herself said.

And now, I wish to repeat the words of Father Arthur Delorme, taken from the latest issue of *Le Royaume*, where he stated:

"The Army of Mary, it's not preaching on the street corners; it's not going around distributing literature; it's not running around, trying to convert people. The Army of Mary is 'becoming a saint'. You become members of the Army of Mary to become saints."

These very words deeply impressed Mr. Earl Masecar. And that's why he himself entered the Army of Mary. And, as we all know, Mr. Masecar translated the fifteen volumes of *Life of Love* from French into English. [And he continues to translate other volumes and the paper.]

"GOD THE FIRST SERVED" (the Oblate-Patriot motto)

Dear Oblate-Patriots:

The Oblate-Patriot text did not arrive in time for our meeting of today. The little cross that purifies is accepted. Surely, it was God's will..., in order to make me



Fr. Leon Boarman



Christine McCarthy



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Paul Rivera

practice on my own.

Therefore, as always, with the help of Mary, I researched an encyclical letter by Pope John Paul II, that coincided remarkably with what was spoken of earlier. His letter is a lengthy one; therefore, I share with you only a part of it, entitled: "At the School of Mary, 'Woman of the Eucharist'."

"If we wish to rediscover in all its richness the profound relationship between the Church and the Eucharist, we cannot neglect Mary, Mother and model of the Church. In my Apostolic Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, I pointed to the Blessed Virgin Mary as our teacher in contemplating Christ's face, and among the mysteries of light, I included the institution of the Eucharist. Mary can guide us towards this most holy sacrament, because she herself has a profound relationship with it.

"At first glance, the Gospel is silent on this subject. The account of the institution of the Eucharist on the night of Holy Thursday makes no mention of Mary. Yet we know that she was present among the Apostles who prayed 'with one accord' (cf. Acts 1:14) in the first community which gathered after the Ascension in expectation of Pentecost. Certainly Mary must have been present at the Eucharistic celebrations of the first generation of Christians, who were devoted to 'the breaking of bread' (Acts 2:42).

"But in addition to her sharing in the Eucharistic banquet, an indirect picture of Mary's relationship with the Eucharist can be had, beginning with her interior disposition. Mary is a 'woman of the Eucharist' in her whole life. The Church which looks to Mary as a model, is also called to imitate her in her relationship with this most holy mystery....

"In repeating what Christ did at the Last Supper in obedience to his command: 'Do this in memory of me!', we also accept Mary's invitation to obey him without hesitation: 'Do whatever he tells you' (Jn 2:5). With the same maternal concern which she showed at the wedding feast of Cana, Mary seems to say to us: 'Do not waver; trust in the words of my Son. If he

was able to change water into wine, he can also turn bread and wine into his body and blood, and through this mystery bestow on believers the living memorial of his pass-over, thus becoming the "bread of life"....

" 'Do this in remembrance of me' (Lk 22:19). In the 'memorial' of Calvary all that Christ accomplished by his passion and his death is present. Consequently all that Christ did with regard to his Mother for our sake is also present. To her he gave the beloved disciple, and, in him, each of us: 'Behold, your Son!' "(His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, Encyclical on the Eucharist, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, chapter 6: "At the School of Mary, 'Woman of the Eucharist'", nos. 53, 54 and 57).

Dear Oblate-Patriots, as I pondered these words, I wondered: "Is it possible that Jesus was referring to the future, as well, that is to say: 'Behold, the Church of John'?" Did not Jesus say to the disciples of His time: "I have many things to tell you, but you can not bear it now." I repeat the words of Pope, John Paul: "Consequently, all that Christ did with regard to his Mother for our sake, is also present." And lastly, "To her [Mary], he gave the beloved disciple..."

Could it be so, dear Oblate-Patriots? Yes, indeed: "Mary, 'behold thy son' in these times, which are our times." "The Church of John," is the same, universal, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, with added treasures of beauty. Mary came to give us God who wants to divinize us. And she comes again, sent by the Father and the Son, whose regard has rested upon our Mother Paul-Marie. "When all appears to come to an end, then my Immaculate Heart will triumph," Mary said at Fatima.

"Christ founded the Church of Peter." This was the Work of the Redemption on the Cross. It re-opened the doors of Heaven to all believers, which had previously been closed by the fall of Adam. Jesus' mission was not understood until after His death. "Mary gave birth to the Church of John", willed by the Father and the Son. This is the work of the Co-Redemption, also on the cross, but the cross of the Co-Redemptrix. Her mission, also, is not understood by all, yet! Only after

the death of "Our Lady of All Peoples", and at the hour of set by "God the Holy Spirit" will all the peoples come to understand this clearly. "This Life" had to precede the final dogma concerning Mary: "As the Life had to precede the Lady of All Peoples, so the earlier dogmas concern the Life and departure of the Lady" (43rd apparition, October 5, 1952). Thus, this very "Life" regained entry and, by her "Love", re-opened the doors to "the Kingdom" which had previously been closed by the fall of Eve. "Behold, the Church of John." Let it be perfectly understood: Between "the Church of Peter...and the Church of John" there is no break but, rather, a continuation of holiness, beauty, and in all truth, "a divine mystery to behold." And so it was, that, from the dawning of the new Millennium, it was

clearly transparent: "The Lady of All Peoples, who once was Mary, is now none other than her Handmaid. Nothing is impossible to Mary, Mother of God."

I now conclude with the words with which I began: "Behold, the Splendor of the Father's Love!" "You shall know them by their love."

Feb. 3, 2006 **Fred Rivera**

NEWS OF PAUL

And now, with your permission, here is some news from Iraq. [Paul is Fred Rivera's son.]

Paul wanted me to mention to the Texas group that their Christmas box was joyfully received, and that it had a lot of love in it.

"The two ornaments were beautiful. And the goodies sent were shared among co-workers who smiled at such generosity from Texas.

"During the night before Christmas, while on guard duty, I saw 'a shooting star' cross the beautiful, night sky. I thought of all of you in the Army of Mary, and gave thanks to God.

"I want you all to know: 'So much good is being accomplished in Iraq.' And your prayers are being answered. I 'see' it.

"The Iraqi government is forming. There is a transformation of the people, a coming together. Where I am, the Iraqis are now trained and have taken over responsibilities, while we continue to assist them. There is much more to be done. And because of your prayers, we are experiencing more Peace. Please continue to pray for us, that we may have patience, strength and Mary's protection.

"I recently gave a Kurdish

civilian a picture of the Lady of All Peoples. He lives in Karkuk, and was hired to help build cement walls. He speaks very little English, but was able to communicate to me that he understood the Lady in the picture to be Mary. He repeated twice: "Marian! Marian!". The following day, the Kurdish civilian came to me. He wanted to show me that he had placed the picture in his truck and that he had made an extra copy, laminated it, and placed the copy in his work crane as well. The Kurdish civilian is not able to read the prayer, but what he lacks in understanding, he makes up for it by faith.

"I love you all. **Paul.**"

[Paul is a member of the American Armed Forces in Iraq. He offered his three-year military term in honor of the Holy Trinity.]

Paule-Marie Perdrix's Letter to Mother Paul-Marie

Brech, January 15, 2006

Dearest Mother,

Le Royaume, no. 176, has arrived; it's wonderful! Yes, together we can praise Jesus and Mary, as Father Gilbert wrote in drawing the portrait of his admirable mother, Noémie. What a beautiful example!

As always, I appreciated very much the articles by Marc Elie. The two interesting pages of Earl Masecar bear witness to the benefits provided by the Work, of his meeting with you, so simple, so human... "The Army of Mary," he wrote, "is the giving of oneself simply, humbly, without personal ambitions." This 91-year-old man considers it a great favor to work for the glory of God; it is a great "blessing". We are totally convinced of this! Therefore, thank you to this translator who has placed his talents simply in the service of the Mother of God.

But the highlight of this no. 176, obviously, was the presentation of your notes transcribed by your faithful Sr. Chantal, Marc and Sylvie, in which you spoke to us of the Eucharistic graces of December 4 and 17. We consider it to be a special favor to be able to read the description of this grace: "the little cells or cavities in the Father's Heart extending boundlessly; little cells or cavities whose substance is so beautiful that no human matter can be compared to them".

Then, the image of the great wall – an inhospitable presence that wrenches from you a reaction of bitterness that is quite understandable: "Lord, I have lost my life for you..." I think of so many saints, so many chosen ones crushed like you under the gristmill, of so many religious or lay souls who poured out their feelings, in tears, on God's Heart, saying as you did: "I have lost my life for you!" That thought

deeply disturbs me!

But you heard the answer coming from On-High, an answer which, doubtlessly, few souls have been able to pick up: "Yes, you have love left." So it is that the mystical life is a sequence of great sublime joys, and consolations that are just as great. As for the "spirals or swirls of Love", I did not remember that a similar grace had been recounted in volume VIII, a grace which you received on February 2, 1973.

And in this year 2005, so rich in manifestations and declarations, the Lord's statement: "The hour has come for you to accept this title of 'Co-Redemptrix,'" must really have upset you. I can only imagine your emotion!!! However, that statement is so very solemn! In this regard, Sr. Chantal speaks to us of the statement of a dogma which can only be proclaimed by the Pope. And Marc had had the intuition, a few years ago, of some sort of bull, of a pontifical act. Thus, we await the publication of a little white paper, the signature of painful obedience.

Last December 17, you revealed to us that at the Consecration, these words from On-High knocked at the door of your mind: "Speak up, recount..." Thus, it was an order. So, it was in a heroic act of obedience that you informed us of the Lord's words given, you explain to us, "for the primary purpose of bringing to a close the Work of God which must be recounted entirely so that the Church may finally proclaim the dogma of the Co-Redemption."

What a tremendous mystery! I have a feeling that we are living, ahead of time, historical events.

Let us come back down to this earth, this poor earth that is shaken by so many natural calamities "the cause of which is supernatural" wrote François Pillot. Speaking of the terrible "tsunami" of December 26, 2004, he tells us of the writings

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filled with wisdom of Haroun Tazieff, the renowned volcanologist: "I once again affirm that the worst catastrophes are not destructive earthquakes nor colossal eruptions, nor immense inundations..., but perhaps genetic manipulations, and definitely pollutions, all pollutions, beginning with that of the mind."

Mary, at La Salette, confided a secret to Melanie: "At the first stroke of His lightning sword, the mountains and the whole of nature will tremble with terror, because the disorders and the crimes of men pierce the vault of the heavens.... Nature is asking for vengeance for men, and she shudders with terror in waiting for that which must come upon the earth soiled with crimes."

And you, dear Mother, conclude with these words: "Will we have the audacity to blame God for the evils covering the earth, when we alone are responsible for them? It seems that all human means have been tried. There remains only one solution: the prayer untiringly asked for by Mary, the Lady of All Peoples."

Thank you to François Pillot and to Dr. Cherbonneau for their very objective testimonials.

With love,

Paule-Marie and Paul Perdrix

"Heaven Is Speaking to the Soul"

I would like to thank you for the beautiful paper which we are always anxious to receive, from one issue to the next. Heaven is speaking to the soul that lets itself be led along the path of love, truth and real

joy. It is a consolation amid crosses and the hope that one day, at His hour, God the Father, through the Immaculate, will cause the truth to shine forth for all peoples to see. Thank you to all the authors of the articles.

Always united in prayer through the Lady's Heart. **Suzanne Bélanger**

– Thank you, Mother Paul-Marie, for giving us a glimpse of Heaven's beauty.

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