

Year of Light, Love and Joy!

Mother Paul-Marie, having read the articles received for this issue of the paper, was astonished to see the guiding line that could be found in all the articles – which was in line also with the DVD being made available for the 10th anniversary of Raoul Auclair's death –, although she had not given any orientation to the different authors, many of whom do not know each other. Articles came in from here and there; they had the same themes, dealing with current events, with the apparition at Knock, etc.



*“Power, honor and glory
to the Lamb of God!
You are worthy, Lord,
to receive power, riches,
wisdom, strength, honor, glory
and praise.*

*For you were slain,
and with your blood
you purchased for God
men of every language,
people and nation.*

You made of us, for our God,

a Kingdom of priests, and we shall reign on the earth.”

(Feast of Christ the King, La liturgie des Heures, p. 341)

Dear Knights of Mary,

In the dawn of the beautiful feast of Christ the King, the Office of Readings (breviary) justifies the Work that Mary founded among us in order to save humanity in this long night, tragic and heavy, in which the world has lost all thought of God, repels and denies Him.

And in fact, on this same day, there ascends to God, from here and there, the prayer of the Our Father which asks that “thy kingdom come”, that it germinate, bear fruit and come to pass in us.

“As our Lord and Savior said, *‘the coming of the kingdom of God does not admit of observation and there will be no one to say, “Look here! Look there!” For you must know, the kingdom of God is among you. In fact it is very close to us, that Word, it is in our mouth and in our hearts’*” (*id.*).

For God to reign in us it is necessary that we carry out our “interior reform”, as was requested by Pope Paul VI, August 7, 1968, a program of life that has been counselled by the Army of Mary for more than thirty-five years. The Holy Father said that this interior reform was “the most necessary and the most difficult”. It is the way of progressive deprivation and of humility in order to be open to Love. “Thus, God will reign over us and we will already have the happiness of a new birth and resurrection” (*id.*, p. 342). In other words, is it not also the blossoming of the Mystery of Christmas that we are going to celebrate? The humility of God in this Child come among men, the Love of the Savior who consents to enter the world in order to deliver it from the bondage of sin into which it has been plunged since the beginning because of the Serpent's ruse that has unbalanced the world? But the Father had in mind a plan of Redemption, and so Emmanuel – which means “God-with-us” – comes to be born in each of us, if we are able to open our heart to Him.

Now, “in this time which is our time”, as the Lady of All Peoples so often reminds us in the messages given in Amsterdam between 1945 and 1959, the darkness is deepening over the earth. But the darker it becomes in the world, in apocalyptic scenes multiplying here and there – natural cataclysms, corruption in all its forms, calamities and wars –, the more does hope abide, and it comes to us from the Lady's promise of the return of peace: “*I wish to be the Lady of All Peoples*

What a joy it was for her to realize that, more than ever, God is inspiring and guiding the members. Afraid that our Sisters, so dedicated, would be overworked, she pitched in and hastened to prepare the page layouts, a task then completed by Sisters Suzanne and Aline d'Amours. And she does not forget the members, even if her heart is more On-High than here below!

Here is the letter she wrote for Christmas and the New Year 2007.

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who in this time desires to cooperate in saving the world. No one knows any longer where to turn. Very well, return to the faith in all its simplicity and the world will rediscover peace”
(31st message, April 15, 1951).

Blessed are the families that have preserved that “*faith in all its simplicity*” passed on from generation to generation, for God continues to reveal Himself in the secrecy of hearts open to simplicity. We are part of that army of simple people, an army willed by Heaven, the army of little ones enlisted under the banner of Mary, she who is revealed by Saint John in the book of the *Apocalypse* as the Woman of combat, and it is the Dragon that she is to vanquish.

We are in that time of the *Apocalypse*. We should recall here a prophetic event that is recounted in the archives of the Work. We find the pilgrims of the *Army of Mary* in Rome, in Saint Peter's Square, for the Angelus of May 27, 1979: “At noon Pope John Paul II appeared at his window and the ovations began. We saw the Pope turn to his secretary and speak to him. Then he addressed the crowd. After having delivered his exhortations, the Pope said: *‘I notice under the obelisk a group clad in white. I don't know who these people are but I greet and bless them’...*” And at the Pope's request, three ecclesiastics of the Secretariat of State made the rounds of the Rome hotels and, in the course of the evening, found a group of people in white in one of five hotels with reservations for our pilgrimage. The next day, during a meeting of the directors with the Pope's secretary, they were informed that “at the moment of the Angelus the Holy Father turned to his secretary and asked, ‘Who are those people in white near the obelisk? Where do they come from?’” (Cf. “The Kingdom”, no. 152, November-December 2001, p. 8.)

Some days after that pilgrimage, a lady friend reminded us of the Pope's words: “*Who are those people in white? Where do they come from?*” She went on to quote Saint John in the *Apocalypse*: “*‘Who are these people all dressed in white and where have they come from?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you should know better than I.’ He then told me, ‘These are the ones who have survived the great period of trial; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. It was this that brought them before God's throne; day and night they minister to him in his temple... Never again shall they hunger or thirst, nor shall the sun or its heat beat down on them, for the Lamb on the throne shall shepherd them. He will lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes’*” (Apoc 7:13-17).

Let us be confident and let ourselves be guided by the im-molated Lamb who will return to reign. We are going towards great things in a reign of beauty and love! It will be the era of the Kingdom on earth.

Sincerest thanks for your kind wishes for this Christmas season that unites us in a sweet fraternalism. May God bless you through His Son and Mary Immaculate to whom we owe the redemption of humanity!

With maternal love,

Christmas 2006 – New Year 2007

Mother Paul-Marie