

THE SALVATION OF SOULS

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On the Solemnity
of Saints Peter and Paul

Dear Knights of Mary,

Recently, a contributory document was published in the review *Pastorale-Québec* and signed by Father Michel Fournier. After a reading of that subjective analysis, we find ourselves obliged to put certain things back in their context and thus set the record straight according to the truth which always has its rights.

THE SALVATION OF SOULS...

The salvation of souls... such is the perspective from which everything must be viewed when one analyzes the Work in its totality, including the stage that is now opening on the Church of

John. In effect, when a true knowledge in depth is had of the circumstances and the substance of events that have prevailed since the beginning, it can be seen that Marie-Paule never wanted to found anything whatsoever – not a Work, not a Community, not a Eucharistic and Marian Center, not a Church. In fact, the question can be asked: was it Marie-Paule who founded all of that? It is evident that Marie-Paule was the INSTRUMENT that God chose to realize all of it. In that sense, yes, she is the Foundress. But all of it remains, first and foremost and above all, the Work of God Himself, and that is what Marie-Paule has always affirmed in saying that she was the nothing, the zero. The example of the founding of the Army of Mary suffices for us to un-

derstand how it is truly God who is running His Work in everything, down to the smallest details.

The fact is, on the evening of a day of prayer, August 28, 1971, the Lord told Marie-Paule, “*TODAY SAW THE FOUNDING OF THE ARMY OF MARY*” (*Life of Love*, vol. VIII, p. 78). So it was not by human will but by divine will that the Army of Mary was founded. Providential events and divine interventions have always been present in the Work as they have been in the life of our Foundress, not in a dazzling, spectacular or exteriorized fashion, but always very discreetly, when Marie-Paule least expected them. From the beginning and still today, it has been and is the same for everything that concerns the Work: God causes us



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to go forward, and He Himself puts everything in place so that we have only to take the plunge in abandonment in faith. That has been the case not only for the examples mentioned above, but also for everything that takes place within the Work, including so many events, particularly those that have taken place in recent months as well as during days of prayer: the celebration of the sacraments, diaconal and presbyteral ordinations, promulgation of the Dogma and, by that very fact, Coronation of the Lady of All Peoples, coronation of Padre Jean-Pierre, the canonization of Brother Raoul Auclair. In short, remaining flexible and open to God's action in order to plunge ahead in pure faith is what Marie-Paule has always done and is what she asks us to do after her example. There are so many testimonials that could corroborate and authenticate the accomplishment of the divine wishes over the years, within the Work and in the life of our Foundress.

Thus it is that we have seen the stages of growth of this Work, with a view to the salvation of souls: the Army of Mary to support the members in their personal sanctification and their interior reform; the Family of the Sons and Daughters of Mary for the uplifting of the family; the Oblate-Patriots for the uplifting of society; the Marialys Institute for the young people and for fidelity to the Pope; the Community of the Lady of All Peoples that embodies all the Works, and even more. All of this so that souls may attain salvation!

Similarly, the more recent events must be seen from the same point of view: the sacraments administered at Spiri-Maria (baptisms, marriages, Confirmations, ordinations). Again, all of that for the salvation of souls and because Heaven asked for it!

And finally, the important events, the transmutation of the Church of Peter into the Church of John, the appointment of Padre Jean-Pierre as the Father of the Church of John, the promulgation of the dogma of Mary, Co-Redemptrix, Mediatrix and Advocate, the canonization of Brother Raoul Auclair, are also the accomplishment of the divine will, not the human! Always with a view to the salvation of souls!

Yes, all of that in order that souls might have access to the merciful work of salvation willed by the Eternal Father: REDEMPTION AND CO-REDEMPTION!

A MYSTICAL REALITY

To one who is not accustomed to finding his way in a highly mystical atmosphere, all of this remains rather strange, not to say completely foolish. But for the one who humbly contemplates the plan of God, all becomes light and truth; at that moment no shadow in the picture is possible.

It is true that the Army of Mary is to be recognized by its fidelity to Rome and to the Pope. And, in fact, for the Army of Mary there has never been any question of rejecting a single one of the articles of the Roman Catholic faith. We preserve, with the greatest care, all of that spiritual heritage, and we have vigorously asserted this on a number of

occasions; we believe in each of the articles of the Catholic faith!

All the same, let us look more closely, with a mystical outlook, at what may seem to some paradoxical.

In *Life of Love*, we can read "*It will really be a new Rome...*" (*Life of Love*, vol. II, p. 132). In March 1984, Marie-Paule "received" the title of an article and then one for the paper: "The Renewed Church" and "Towards the Kingdom". On March 21, 1984, while in a car, she was thinking of Lac-Échemin, about the plots of land and the titles that had been given her. Suddenly, she "heard": "CHURCH OF JOHN". She did not understand that, but she made a note of it. (Cf. *Vie d'Amour*, Appendice, vol. I, p. 177.)

Are we, at this time, witnessing the realization of all those words? To anyone accustomed to reflecting on God's plans, there is no doubt that this is indeed the case. But all of this is comprehensible if, and only if, one shows an openness to or takes the trouble to believe in the mystical reality enwrapping the Work and the Foundress – otherwise one can only cry out that it is absurdity!

"I [we] believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church," we all proclaim every Sunday in the Catholic Church! It is precisely because it is apostolic that the Catholic Church can transmute into the Church of John.

Since Father Pierre Mastropietro was designated an Apostle by Heaven, in order to become Padre Jean-Pierre, the Father of the Church of John, it consequently follows that in this sense we are always faithful to Rome and to the Pope (or, in other words, to Rome and to the vicar of Christ)! If this affirmation can surprise many by its simplicity, it once again remains no less true that it demands an acknowledgment of Mother Paul-Marie's mission and an obedience in faith.

ASSERT, JUDGE, CONDEMN

It is always amazing to see – and this is almost always the case where the Work is concerned – how many assertions are made without a true in-depth knowledge of the reality of the Work. The example given by Father Fournier in the contributory document, namely that there is no link between the Amsterdam apparitions and what is taking place here before our eyes, is one more example of this. We respect Bishop Punt's thinking, if it is his thinking, but all the same we affirm that here, in this Marian land of Quebec, the realization of the Lady of All Peoples' mission is being unveiled, without any initiative on our part. It was only as God's plan was being realized, and at this time, that we have the proof of this. The little ones that we are have understood this, and that is why we can only marvel and live in thanksgiving in the face of so much beauty and goodness from Heaven in regard to us and for the world.

To say that we want to stand up to someone or be right at any cost, is to pass judgment without knowing or even wanting to recognize that it is God who is leading His Work. It is a sure thing that, with us, there is never any question of wanting to be right just to be right... but it is a matter of knowing, first

and foremost, what God wants for the Church and for "OUR TIME". No other way is possible; we have to go through what God wants us to go through.

As for whether or not there is persecution, the history being written from day to day will be the judge of that, but it would be difficult to deny that a vigorous battle has not always been waged against the Army of Mary, and this practically from the beginning; there are so many facts to prove this. The Knights of Mary have been formed in the school of the Cross, of suffering and of self-abandonment. With regard to whatever has to do with the carrying of the cross in imitation of Jesus, it is obvious that the spirituality that forms the basis of the Work is more than eloquent on that subject, and there is no doubt about that. Simply skimming through *Life of Love* will permit anyone with an open mind to discover therein pearls of spirituality on the nobility, value and grandeur of the Cross willingly accepted. What is more, it is not just teachings or ideas on spirituality that one finds in it, but the story of a real and concrete life crucified through love for God and for souls. Is there a more intense configuration with Christ who bore His cross than to live the Co-Redemption and thus be the Co-Redemptrix? Heaven clearly indicated this to Marie-Paule in 1968: "MY CO-REDEMPTRIX" (*Life of Love*, vol. III, p. 128). And again, in 1976: "BECAUSE YOU ARE THE CO-REDEMPTRIX" (*id.*, vol. XIII, p. 85). Again and more recently, in 2005: "THE HOUR HAS COME FOR YOU TO ACCEPT THIS TITLE, CO-REDEMPTRIX" (*White Book, Eucharistic Graces*, p. 71).

ONE AND THE SAME CHARISM

For anyone who would take the trouble, it would be easy to see within the Work an abundance of fruits that prove and certify that its origin is assuredly good and that it has struck its roots deeply in God and the Immaculate. And in fact, everywhere, in all the countries where the members of the Work, be they priests, religious or laity, have evolved, there have always been good comments. And so we are not surprised that, in all justice, it was almost obligatory to mention in the "contributory document" the lights present within the Work: reform of the Christian life, an awakening or deepening of piety, the witness given by the life of the members of the Community of the Sons and Daughters of Mary, fervent and dignified liturgical celebrations, the care given to the singing of the sacred hymns within the liturgy, the encouragement given family life, the attention directed to the young people, the welcome given religious authorities. If recognition is given these good fruits, it must be added that they flow from the charism of our Foundress. It is she who has always been able to instill in us what she receives from On-High. And if we are able to see fruits, it must be made clear that these have been made possible by reason of her great fidelity to God, to the Immaculate and to the charism received from On-High.

A CANCELLED MEETING

Furthermore, it was this same

charism and this same fidelity that brought about the impossibility of the meeting that did not take place between Cardinal Ouellet and Marie-Paule. The circumstances surrounding that event have been clearly stated more than once. The contributory document does not respect the reality of the whole of the facts. It was a matter of Marie-Paule's obedience to a formal and direct order from God. The letter sent by Marie-Paule not only clearly explained the situation, but it even invited the Cardinal to come to Spiri-Maria, regardless of what happened. (Cf. "The Kingdom", no. 169, p. 3.) Does that not prove that the door was always open? But, unfortunately, the emphasis has been placed, by more than one person, on *"the cancellation by the foundress of a meeting..."*, whereas, on the contrary, it was a case of a moral obligation of conscience to obey a divine order! And moreover, it was in great pain that she had to obey, as she herself says: *"What wrenching I feel! An intense suffering... I am very disappointed, but I have no choice"* (*id.*). Could she dismiss with the wave of her hand seventy years of unconditional obedience? But here, once again, anyone not admitting the possibility or reality of our Foundress' mystical life is incapable of understanding.

THE UNITY AND TRIUMPH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

To achieve unity is the distinctive feature of the mission of the Lady of All Peoples.

She herself said so at Amsterdam: *"It is she who has received the power to gather her peoples into one great single Community"* (51st apparition).

That is why, within the Work, we preserve the high hope that the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary – that has already begun with the promulgation of the dogma, Mary Co-Redemptrix, Mediatrix and Advocate, here at Spiri-Maria last May 31 – will be a turning point in the history of the Church and that of humanity. As a matter of fact, as of now, Mary's power has been multiplied tenfold. Mary is now ready to enchain the demon, to have the True Spirit come down and to bring peace into the world and among all peoples.

"No, Satan has not yet been driven out. And it is now that the Lady of All Peoples has received power to come in order to drive out Satan. She comes; and it is to announce the Holy Spirit" (51st apparition).

"The Lady fo All Peoples desires that there be unity in the Holy Spirit, the True. A false spirit, the spirit of Satan, covers the world. When the dogma, the last dogma of the Marian history, will have been promulgated, then the Lady of All Peoples will give peace to the world, true peace" (50th apparition).

This victory of Mary, Lady of All Peoples, will be visible publicly and more and more so until all the peoples are finally united in unity and peace under the crook of the divine Shepherdess to

the greater glory of God and the salvation of humanity.

Yes, truly, in following the Lady of All Peoples, we, within the Work, are working for unity and peace, the true peace to which God is calling us. And we are confident that in following the path He is showing us we will arrive at that peace such as He wished for us and for all peoples.

If there are those who, after the example of Father Fournier, wish to believe sterility exists within the Work, we, on the contrary, believe that God is giving His grace in abundance to the little ones that we are. It is, in reality, HIS GRACE, and He can give it as He wants... even without canonical status! Since it was He Himself who indicated, through the recent developments about which we know, the path His Work was to follow, it would be surprising – not to say impossible – that His all-powerful grace should not be accompanying us. LET US NOT BE AFRAID; GOD AND THE LADY ARE WITH US!

May the Lady of All Peoples,
who once was Mary,
be our Co-Redemptrix,
our Mediatrix and our Advocate;
may she enchain Satan
and his henchmen;
may she quickly send the True Spirit,
and may the triumph
of her Immaculate Heart be total!

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