

"HUNGERING FOR THE TRUTH..."

A newcomer to the Army of Mary, I am one of the eleventh-hour workers. By reason of my personal situation, I have travelled over a large part of this province in the past 25 years, and I have been able to attend daily Mass in scores of churches.

At meetings of the Catholic Parents Association of Quebec, I met some stout Catholics, very fervent and pious, some of whom became my friends. Eventually I joined their prayer gatherings for the recitation of the rosary each week, and I finally came to realize that they were all of the Army of Mary about which I knew almost nothing.

With them, I was the constant recipient of the witness of numerous workers of the first hour (as of the third and sixth) and of priests afire with faith and charity, all of them the ultimate in Catholicity and fidelity to the Pope.

"WOUNDS TO THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH"

At the same time, in the majority of the Quebec churches I was able to frequent, one could hear, as in the media, a constant discourse generally aimed at watering down, deforming if not contradicting, the most recent declarations or admonitions of the Holy Father on current questions relative to the life of the Church.¹ And, astonishingly, these reactions sometimes came from those whom every humble Christian would have least expected to give vent to them. Among the numerous examples of such reactions we can simply mention the debate over the ordination of women, to which the Pope gave a definitive refusal with which every true faithful – or consecrated one – must concur.

As an example, let us make use of just this criterion in order to distinguish, among our dearly beloved brethren in the Lord, those who could be qualified as faithful to the Holy See, who followed this proscription in order to employ their time and resources more efficiently in the service of the Word, to help the poor or for the salvation of souls, from those men and women who not only carried on with their militancy, but maintained and elaborated their rhetoric and henceforth preached publicly against the Holy Father and who thus "inflicted wounds to the unity of the Church", wounds all the more serious by reason of their elevated and visible function. Well, were they condemned, or even called to order?

When, moreover, during many years one heard, from the pulpit as in the media, constant talk of the imminent senility or the impending death of the Holy Father Pope John Paul II, one could easily detect a deep and strong impatience



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for his successor from whom it was expressly hoped would come a whole series of fulgurating ideas relative to the administration of the Church, even on fundamental truths, or rather, on the new interpretation of them which, "by common demand", would have to be made. Just as easily detected was the collective disappointment, following the Lord's choice of his successor, on the part of these militants who, since then, have been painfully champing at the bit.

Generally, in the churches I have been able to frequent, the few brave priests left to us, heroes worn down from charity and fervor, assailed on all sides by experienced activists, with all the good will possible, in a flood tide of systematic eroticization and furious dechristianization, do all they can, along with the rest of the community approaching decimation through age, to get along with the spirit of the world. As a result, timorous or trying to be accommodating, if not complacent, faced with all the activists who would like to bring some progress to doctrine and liturgy to make them more attractive (and to which the activists impute the departure of the young people), they all too often deliver homilies in which the papal admonitions, the witness borne by the saints and blessed and Mary's apparitions yield place to some excerpt from the news, from a television program, or even to imagination, creativity or the various personal experiences of the one officiating.

Of course one still finds priests ardent and filled with the truth, but also cases concerning which charity imposes silence and prayer.

Further to this and what is even worse, in this chosen province where less and less they baptize, marry, ordain or anoint, at this hour when it is so cruelly lacking the immense majority, the grace brought by the sacraments – that incomparable good received directly from the Lord Jesus, which will always remain the most precious good in this life and for the next – is being strangely neglected by these dispensers who prefer favoring, among others, their pious and popular ceremonies of general absolution which *do not replace the sacrament*,² and it is really quite interesting that one should have to remind people of this...

And yet, Pope John Paul II

intervened on this subject on various occasions. Already, at the beginning of the 1990s, he touched on this pastoral problem with the bishops from the Episcopal Conference of Ontario on their ad limina visit to Rome. Similarly, His Excellency Cardinal Ouellet, as soon as he arrived in Quebec, asked that "such practices be brought to an end". If our understanding is correct, and in spite of the fact that the Lord is always present where two people are gathered together, the fact that some persist in celebrating these ceremonies means they are doing so wrongly, united against the Church, thus wounding it repeatedly, publicly and shamelessly. What spirit "other" than the Holy Spirit could be inspiring those who make such decisions?

We can also see, through the preaching by priests and various other persons, a laudable and recurrent effort to catechize. However, this latter almost never goes beyond the carefully toned down pastoral work in the schools, the level of which varies, and which seems to want, at all costs, to stay on neutral ground and avoid shocking people by stating the revealed truths. Although "souls are being lost like snowflakes",³ who still dares make known that the Lord calls adultery, assassination and abomination that which we flatter ourselves with being a right, a choice or a condition? There you have the sheepfold, the longevity of which is rapidly getting shorter, into which we are being strongly urged to enter... (and out of which, we may recall, the Army of Mary was thrown in 1987).

INSPIRED WORKS

Concurrently, we can see that a major work such as that of Maria Valtorta – perhaps the



Maria Valtorta

greatest joy which an authentic Christian can experience, that of hearing the inimitable voice of its Shepherd (which his sheep cannot confuse with any other) and adore Rabboni, dazzling with holiness, who has Himself returned to proclaim, for our sake and in our time, the essential truths, unavoidable and inalienable, of the Gospel – is not the subject of a learned study, discussion, examination or reflection by persons who would have the authority to do so, but rather is the subject of an obtuse and obstinate condemnation without any form of hearing. And subsequently, there was no calling into question or any kind of elaboration to at least

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sort out, in this work, the good grain from the cockle which some claim to see in it, in order to promote discussion and deepen ever so slightly the study of that pleasant subject which is the Gospel.

We can also see with a work such as that of Raoul Auclair, a Marian author as inspired as he was documented, who after having studied at length and explained in a similar manner the epiphanies of Mary and all that is linked to them as well as the biblical prophecies concerning the return of Israel within the context of the realization of the astonishing convergence of the great many prophecies which obviously concern our time,⁴ and after having also revealed to anyone who was willing to listen, in an extraordinary clarity and coherence, an understanding of the Book of Revelation (or the Apocalypse)⁵ over which legions of theologians and exegetes have constantly been stymied for 2,000 years, which is a work that is worthy of being studied, discussed, examined and reflected upon, this author bowed before Marie-Paule and her accomplishments, adhering to them unreservedly, with body and soul, in a saintly attitude. The limpidity, the depth and the richness of his work ought already to indicate it as being a priority, even an urgency, for the members of the Christian community and *a fortiori* the corps of theologians. And this, over and above the fact that this author was described as being "the greatest theologian of all times" (under reservation, of course, of the long-awaited sanction of the authorities involved).

"WHERE SHE GETS THIS WISDOM AND ALL THESE MIRACLES FROM?"

With regard to the work of Mrs. Marie-Paule, the target of so many condemnations, would someone finally explain to us knowingly "where she gets this wisdom and all these miracles from"? Her hands which have miraculously cured myriads of individuals of different conditions, when they have not simply brought back to life someone who was dying or dead, one of whom, at least, in the presence of a few doctors who witnessed this after having verified the death,⁶ is that all pure chance? In the spiritual desert of a tormented Quebec where she also gave rise to an abundant source of conversions and vocations, to say nothing of her writings saturated with humility, light and celestial knowledge, would there not be matter worth studying, discussing, examining or reflecting upon, learnedly, by people who have the

authority to do so?

Because, we must agree, the theological advances being questioned well and truly contain matter about which the most convinced Catholic may not know what to think. As a French priest hostile to the Work described us a few months ago, some of us were effectively stunned when we discovered, among other things, the thesis of the divine Quinternity and all that is linked to it.

INNUMERABLE AND EXCELLENT FRUITS

What can be said of the recent breakthroughs made under the already attentive and at the very least suspicious regard of the ecclesiastical and Roman authorities except that they constitute actions of an absolutely senseless boldness for anyone who is unaware of the long process and the context which led us to them.

Now, the context is, notably, that it is recognized and public knowledge that the Army of Mary bears innumerable and excellent fruits, that it respects, fully and from the beginning, everything that the Catholic Church believes and teaches.

The apparent problem being that, surrounded by a Quebec Church that is as moribund as it is hostile, it causes doctrine to advance radically, advisedly or ill-advisedly, for that is the question to be resolved with seriousness and gravity.

Perhaps it would deserve, at the very least, the benefit of the doubt while waiting for those people who have the authority to do so to proceed with a study, a discussion, an examination or a reflection that is knowledgeable, sincere and genuine with regard to everything that involves it, so that the persons of good will who may have been deceived and made the mistake of actively sanctifying themselves within it may exercise the discernment which the present situation, with its radically exorbitant limitations of known doctrine defended by the Church, will impose once this crucial step will have been taken serenely and in good faith. And if we are making a mistake, let them put us right knowledgeably and competently. Hungering for the truth, that is all we ask for.

TOWARDS THE PROMISED UNITY

In the interim, as long as the

Lord will remain more concerned with filling churches than selling them, and convinced more than ever that we are working towards the promised unity, fraternal communion, and with all the love we must have for one another and through which our belonging is made known, may all our beloved brothers in the Lord and in particular the venerable descendants of the Apostles forgive us for humbly awaiting the end of the confusion and the emergence of the truth on these questions by remaining faithful to the fresh source of salvation from which, in a strange peace, and although drunk with joy, we innocently draw.

At this time we are living in a society in which, according to Pope John Paul II's expression, the legislative and judicial powers have lost "the sense of discernment" because of the fact that under the many-sided pretext of a universal and narrow-minded juridical equality, society envisages favoring equally within the social body all the cells present in it, the cancerous and leprous cells in the same way as the healthy ones, so that the end result for the organism oriented in that manner being inescapable – if

one relies on the Word –, it is overwhelmed by sentiments of lowliness and amazement that we now have serious, precise and concordant reasons to believe that the master of the vineyard is now renting out his vineyard to other wine growers, that this page of Scripture which we have heard is being fulfilled today.

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Notes:

1. Which the Army of Mary adopted and passed on, at the same time, in its paper.
2. Except in situations of grave necessity such as an imminent danger of death or the massive departure of penitents for combat, and this only on condition that the penitents are firmly resolved to confess individually any serious sins when they can. See nos. 1424, 1456, 1483 and 1484 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.
3. Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, July 14, 1889.
4. *Le Jour de Yahvé*, Saint-Cénéry, Éditions Téqui, 1998, 285 pages.
5. *L'Apocalypse*, vol. I to III, Limoilou, Éditions Stella, 1984, ± 1500 pages.
6. *Life of Love*, vol. XV, p. 196 sqq.

I have just finished reading the last "Royaume" of July-August 2007. Given that the truth is always covered with a force that protects it, that of the Holy Spirit, something the lie does not have, the truth always ends up being victorious, and Sylvie Payeur will have been one of its main promoters. Her long plea in defence of the truth concerning the Work that was published in the paper is of a nature to break down the resistance of those who fight against us, but who are doing so in good faith. The articles by Fathers Victor Rizzi and Eric Roy, as well as those by Joël Fortin, Danny Glidden, Dominique Poulain and François Pillot, have the luminousness of the Gospel to chase away the darkness of error. Under the ardor with which they write, light pours forth, increases. On the last page, Marc increases tenfold his analytical and prophetic gifts with such ease, not to say a powerfulness that nothing can stop, for his inspiration obviously comes from On-High.
– Jeannine Thiffault-Blanchette

Liturgical and Pastoral Activities at the Eucharistic and Marian Center Spiri-Maria

(November, December 2007 - January, February 2008)

1. Saturday and Sunday, November 10 and 11: "Living the ideal of holiness"
2. Saturday and Sunday, November 24 and 25: "The Miraculous Medal, our Marian shield"
3. Saturday and Sunday, December 8 and 9: "Mary Immaculate – Co-Redemptrix"
4. Saturday and Sunday, January 12 and 13: "The Baptism of Jesus and our commitments as Christians"
5. Saturday and Sunday, January 26 and 27: "Saint Paul, the herald of faith"
6. Saturday and Sunday, February 9 and 10: "150th anniversary of the apparitions at Lourdes"
7. Saturday and Sunday, February 23 and 24: "Father Philippe Roy – Marian Father" (20th anniversary of his death)

On the ordinary days of prayer, the program begins at 9:30 a.m. On Saturdays, it begins with a Marian Hour followed by a solemn Mass, lunch and time for adoration, and the Eucharistic Hour in the afternoon. On Sundays, the program begins with a solemn Mass, followed by the Marian Hour, lunch and adoration, and the Eucharistic Hour in the afternoon. There is a second Sunday Mass at 2:30 p.m.

Everyone is cordially welcome!

New Items for Sale

DVDs

As a souvenir of the days of prayer held at Spiri-Maria, September 14-16, 2007, in honor of the Triumph of the Cross, DVDs of the spiritual conferences, special ceremonies and solemn Masses of Saturday, September 15 and Sunday, September 16 are being offered for sale. Please note that the Friday evening ceremony has not been reproduced for sale. The DVDs have an English sound track.

- **Saturday, September 15, 2007** (Set of 3 DVDs)
 1. Morning program with baptisms (2 hrs. 20 min)
 2. Community commitments (1 hr.)
 3. Solemn Mass (1 hr. 20 min)
 - **Sunday, September 16, 2007** (Set of 2 DVDs)
 1. Morning program (2 hrs.)
 2. Mass and Confirmations (2 hrs.)
- Price: \$37.65 per set (taxes included)

CALENDAR FOR 2008

The liturgical calendar for 2008 offers a few religious thoughts drawn from *Life of Love*. It is embellished with pictures of the inside of the chapel Spiri-Maria, in the form of 12 detachable postcards in color.

Size: 8½ x 14 in.; white spiral binding.

Price: \$9.50 ea. (taxes included) plus postage and handling.

POSTCARDS

Twelve models of postcards of the inside of the chapel Spiri-Maria, available individually or in a package of six postcards.

Price: \$0.65 ea. or \$3.48 per package + taxes.