

*Triduum of the Community of the Lady of All Peoples at Spiri-Maria, September 14-16, 2007*

## *Ceremonies in Honor of the Triumph of the Cross*



On the occasion of the feast of the Triumph of the Cross, a triduum of prayer was held at the Eucharistic and Marian Center Spiri-Maria from Friday evening, September 14 to Sunday, September 16.

A few days before these ceremonies, the "big blow" announced by Heaven for the Marian Work struck with the excommunication of Padre Jean-Pierre, of the priests he ordained, of the members who attended those ordinations and of those who "continue to participate" in the Work.

And yet, there was not an atmosphere of sadness during this triduum which brought together, over three days, almost four thousand Knights of Mary, some of whom had come from Europe (France, Belgium, the Netherlands) to join our members from various Canadian provinces and the United States. These Knights of Mary are serenely continuing on their way, certain that God is acting within this Work which He Himself is guiding, and who always consider themselves to be members of the Church, the renewed Church of Peter, that is to say, the Church of John, the Church of Love. We are in God's hands, desirous of accomplishing His will by being faithful to His plan of love for the world.

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14** *The Human Cross*

The triduum began on Friday evening with a program that focussed on the Triumph of the Cross, the liturgical feast of the day, and the date which, this year, marked the 86th birthday of our Foundress, Mother Paul-Marie.

On behalf of this latter, Father Denis Laprise welcomed everyone by reminding us of the significance of the redeeming cross. "Following in the footsteps of the Lord and the Co-Redemptrix, it is necessary for us to pass through death in order to know Life."

The flag of the Church of John was borne in procession by Jean-Charles Gingras, followed by some twenty young boys each carrying a small replica of the flag and by Misaël Rodrigue carrying the coat of arms of the Army of Mary which symbolizes the triumphant cross, "a sign of the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary".

We united ourselves to some twenty young girls who offered their crown to Mary while the choir sang "My Crown I offer Thee", which is a reminder of the offering we made of ourselves to our Mother in heaven and which we renewed at this hour of transition, this turning point.

This was followed by conferences, beginning with Sister Jeanne d'Arc who gave us the testimonials of a few people whose lives were transformed when they joined the Army of Mary, and who represent some of the fruit picked from this tree. "Lay people, religious and priests, young people and the elderly, the sick and those in good health, all unanimously affirm that their fervor has increased, that their faith is deeper, or that suffering has taken on a more positive significance, etc."

Father Benoît Picard followed up on this theme by describing the spiritual benefits experienced by souls following in the wake of the Army of Mary. "Conversions have multiplied" and "a great work of regeneration is on the march". Through our consecration to Mary, "we are called to participate in it".

Seventeen young men and women formed a human cross in the nave in the front, and the assembly renewed together its consecration to Mary, recalling a ceremonial that was used in the first years after the founding of the Army of Mary to signify that the members were committing themselves in a Work of Co-Redemption.

The choir sang the very moving hymn "The Crucifix" by Jean-Baptiste Faure. It was followed by a commen-



**The human cross**

tary on this hymn written by Marie-Paule in 1953 for a local paper in which she signed a spiritual letter box column. Véronique Buyse from Belgium read this text to us in which our Foundress underlined the mission of victim souls "who suffer to compensate [for those who stray] and appease God's anger".

"Souls chosen by God for so much generosity, courageously raise your heads, smile bravely..., go before the crucifix; a few minutes of meditation, and you will get up again strengthened and with greater courage to support the trial."

Jean-Gabriel Michaud explained the meaning of these words said by the Lord as of the founding of the Marian Work: "THE ARMY OF MARY WILL BE RECOGNIZED BY THIS SINGLE TRAIT: ITS FIDELITY TO ROME AND TO THE POPE."

Our fidelity to the Church of Christ has been incessantly upheld and it is still upheld. Today we understand that by these words "Heaven was foretelling the new Rome that would be established in Quebec about the Foundress of the Army of Mary, after the Church of Peter rejected the Church of John." The divine plans were revealed little by little through God's action as He expected from a soul absolute obedience to His demands in order to bring His plan of love to fulfillment for the renewal of the Church of Peter through the action of Mary Immaculate.

Thus, "in this time which is our time, the 'fidelity to Rome and to the Pope' to which the members of the Army of Mary are called is also a fidelity to the new Rome and to the Lady of All Peoples" who has come to offer the terrestrial Kingdom to humanity.

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### **Marc Bosquart's Thinking on Excommunication**

Marc Bosquart expressed his thoughts on the excommunication imposed upon the Army of Mary (see page 4), ending his message with these words:

"Alas, it would seem that the Church preferred the letter of its ecclesiastical laws to the spirit of salvation which was Christ's intent twenty centuries ago and still is today. Let us repeat it: this is serious. And the Church, in locking itself in its 'Church logic', with its severity and its obduracy, cannot see that the 'mysticism of the Kingdom' is already succeeding it, and that this 'mysticism' is shattering all the barriers and breaking through all the boundaries of the past. Its blindness is condemning it; it has just prohibited its own access to this Kingdom of light and peace which Christ, through Marie-Paule, has come to bring to us."

Our Foundress has shown us how to win this Kingdom: through the cross willingly accepted with love. That is what Sister Suzanne Palud recalled for us as she read a message from Mother Paul-Marie: "To love, no matter what happens," our Foundress wrote, "is to be able one day to live in joy. In accepting the cross – it is to be found in every life – and in offering it as evidence of our love to Him who has redeemed us, we learn to look beyond the sorrowful events and to place them within a context of peace, celebration and joy."

### **EUCCHARISTIC CONCELEBRATION**

This was followed by the celebration of Mass presided over by Father Rémi Tremblay and concelebrated by 30 priests. The homily was given by Father Bruno Ruel who emphasized how the cross becomes glorious or triumphant. "The Cross", he told us, "is the door through which the exchange of love from man to God and from God to man in Jesus Christ takes place... The Cross is the summit of the gift of love,



**Eucharistic concelebration presided over by Father Rémi Tremblay.**

of obedience to the Father to the point of facing the gibbet, of giving one's life for others unto death....

"When a believer looks at a crucifix, he sees the image of his King who, for love of him, has been victorious over hatred, sin and death. Resurrection is the fruit of the Cross and the Cross becomes the tree of the knowledge of God, and this to the end, there where Mercy opens its hand to reach out to the sinner."

Father Bruno went on to say that in Christ's victory over death, there hides another victory, one "promised from the very beginning of humanity, which is relative to and depends upon the initial victory of Christ, a victory which must give the Kingdom of the Total Earth back to humanity. Can we not see rising anew the standard of the Cross which must be planted at the central point of the world? Yes, the Cross of Christ, of the Total Christ, for, just as the Redemption was wrought and accomplished through the Cross, so too the Co-Redemption must follow the same path. Was it not on the Cross, from the open side of the New Adam asleep in death, that was begotten the New Eve, the Co-Redemptrix, this 'helper' born from His flesh and blood, this Daughter born from the twofold Fiat of the Son and of the Mother?

"And the Lady shows herself to us before the Cross, arms extended, in a gesture of invitation. Can we not see in her hands the marks left by the nails which bear witness to the fact that she too has been 'exalted' on the Cross of Christ the Redeemer and that, through Him, with Him, and in Him, at this time, she wants to draw all humanity, all the peoples, to the only remedy that gives it back life and freedom?

"Let us not be afraid of the Cross, this crucible through which the great work of the transmutation of our lives and of all humanity into divine life takes place. Thus, all of us will be included with Jesus in the same mystery of divine filiation. As Saint Paul said: 'In my estimation, all that we suffer in the present time is

nothing in comparison with the glory which is destined to be disclosed for us, for the whole creation is waiting with eagerness for the children of God to be revealed.'"

#### **Padre Jean-Pierre's Message**

Before the final blessing, Padre Jean-Pierre commented on the act of excommunication of the members of the Army of Mary and set forth the situation of the Work.

"An official condemnation of all the members of the Army of Mary for heresy, that contains so little in the way of explicit information and is without possibility of appeal, which totally disregards the mystical dimension of the Work and the unique mission of the One whom Heaven chose to be the Co-Redemptrix, can only astonish us, from a human point of view....

"These accusations do not take into account, in any way, the interventions from Heaven which were recounted so often in the paper *Le Royaume* as well as in the other publications of the Work, any more than the many explanations given over the years by the Officers of the Work and of the Community in order to refute so many false and unfounded accusations.

"If the ordinations to the diaconate or the priesthood being reproached us had been the result of a human will, we could only have said that those who condemn us today in the name of Peter, even if they know us very little or not at all, were right.

"But the ordinations, just like the providential events which led us to them, were conferred by reason of a divine indication and in accordance with the conditions dictated from On-High, at a time and in a manner which neither the Foundress nor any other member of the Work could ever have imagined....

"Even if, at this time, the Church authorities, in Peter's name, are condemning the Work and excommunicating us, we are always part of the Church of Peter, for in our

soul and conscience, we do not reject anything of the treasury of its faith....

"Thank you for not harbouring any bitterness or resentment towards the authorities who have just made public their Declaration against the members of the Army of Mary.

"Without realizing it, these authorities find themselves at war not against a simple movement, but rather against a Work of God and therefore against God Himself and against the One He chose to be our Co-Redemptrix, our Mediatrix and our Advocate for all the time of the Kingdom.

"Let us be happy and grateful for all that God, through the Lady, wishes or permits for us at this time.

"In all honesty, what is important is not the fact that we are either approved or condemned by men, regardless of how important they may be, but the fact of advancing to the very end in the faithful and loving search for God's will in the light of the signs that are being fulfilled and which, in this hour of the End, are falling upon us from the Lady's pierced hands in the form of Grace, Redemption and Peace.

"Have confidence, courage and love, always! May God and the Lady bless you and keep you."

#### **Father Eric Roy's Message**

Father Eric Roy also had a message for us in which he explained the present situation.

"From the Church's point of view, we are all excommunicated for two delicts: that of schism and that of heresy.

"But how can we be accused of being schismatic when the very mission of the Community and the Lady of All Peoples is to bring together all peoples into one single Community? The only possible explanation is that the authorities of the Church have not yet understood or do not want to understand or accept that this is what God wants for our time. Moreover, it is rather strange to be accused of heresy when the Church's doctrine has not yet been defined in this matter. In fact, normally, a heretic is someone who is opposed to a well-established and well-formulated truth of the faith. Since we have not rejected anything of the treasury and the heritage of the Catholic faith, how can we be heretics?

"It was in peace, joy and especially thanksgiving that we received this declaration,

for God has guided His Work from the very beginning, and recently we were told that 'heaven is with us and it is with us to stay', especially in this time of the Co-Redemption.

"Anyone who speaks of Co-Redemption cannot speak of anything else but the cross. It is there, firmly planted at the center of every life in one form or another, but we remain at peace, for we know that in accepting it and offering it, it can help us as we climb up the road of purification. It is quite likely that, in the days to come, this cross will present itself to you in the form of delicate situations, as much within your families as within your respective workplaces and daily life. Through all of this, we assure you that, whatever happens, the Sons of Mary, and especially the priests, will be prepared to do all that is necessary so that your spiritual and sacramental life will not be deprived of its essential requirements such as the Eucharist, confession and spiritual direction. Appropriate directives will be given to you as situations develop. Those directives will be passed on to you by your local or regional Officers. Until then, let us continue to live our lives normally as we have done in the past."

That is how the first part of our triduum ended, as Heaven gives us the honor of associating us with the cross of the Co-Redemptrix which, for the time being, is painful, but which one day will be glorious.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

### *Ceremony in Honor of Motherhood*

On Saturday, September 15, a day of prayer in honor of the family, Father Maurice Péloquin transmitted Mother Paul-Marie's welcome and greeted in a special way the mothers in our midst, especially those who were with child and who would participate in the morning program.

The flag of the Lady of All Peoples with the title "The Family", was borne in procession by Denis Fournier, the father of six children. He was followed by his son Charles who carried the coat of arms of the Family of the Sons and Daughters of Mary.

Sylvie Payeur Raynaud read a text entitled "I Am She ['Celle'] Who Am in the Divine Trinity", recalling Mary's words at Three Fountains close to Rome in 1947. She

quoted an excerpt from the Constitutions of the Community of the Lady of All Peoples in which Mother Paul-Marie explained who "Celle" is:

The Woman, whose role was predicted in Genesis and the Apocalypse, who came a "first time to give Christ to the world, He who through His supreme sacrifice opened the eternal Kingdom to it"; this same Woman "who must return to prepare the way for Christ the King", "'Celle' who has returned in her SOUL and in her SPIRIT", as she can return through all Marian souls, according to Saint Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort who had announced that souls possessing the spirit of Mary would render "Mary present on earth". Our Foundress is the prototype of all those souls.

Young people came to offer daisies to the Lady of All Peoples. Emilie Lavigne laid a crystal daisy on the altar, and she was followed by some fifty young girls and boys who put daisies on the altar and on a small table before the statue of the Lady of All Peoples.



The entry of the children carrying daisies to the Lady.

### The Role of the Woman – Charism to Love

Gabrielle Girard spoke to us of the role of the woman who is "spiritual and the inspirer and the complement of the man", and of her apostolate. In the Army of Mary so many women accomplished a tremendous apostolate, in great humility and counting on Mary's help; women who have suffered much, "because a fruitful apostolate depends, above all, on a life of merits, with the help of God's grace". The man is also called.

"All, men and women, imbued with the spirit of the Gospel, go forward under Mary's banner. But the men, both religious and lay, whom we admire for their understanding, their openness of spirit in a fruitful apostolic ac-

tion, will soon contribute their full measure, stirred by the power of the True Spirit."

Father Gilles Devaux spoke of the woman's charism to love and of the spirituality of the couple. "The heart of the couple is the mother, that woman who becomes a wife and mother, as much physically as spiritually." He reminded us of what Mother Paul-Marie wrote in her book *The Hosanna of Life*.

"Woman has a place of great importance in the divine plan, as have, through Mary, all those women who are consecrated to Her, whether they have always remained faithful or have been restored to grace. The role that has devolved on her does not usurp man's place; this role is source, is the mediation of love; it is the elevation of the soul, inspiration with a view to humanization, spiritualization, equilibrium, to the uplifting of the world, while she remains upright at the foot of the cross. God has given to woman a charism of love; it is the role proper to her to offer, to welcome, to be understanding, to enlighten, to protect, to appease, to console, to support, to serve, and thus to give and to give of self. And above all, is she not called upon to give life?"

"This 'mystical priesthood', which is that of every baptized person, must be lived first of all by the woman in order for it to be passed on to coming generations, to the end that each one may give himself or herself, in his or her turn, to the service of love which we owe to God and to others."

Father Gillles shared with us an excerpt from the letter Pope John Paul II addressed to women on June 29, 1995, in which this latter underlined their different roles of mother, wife, daughter, sister, consecrated woman. And the Holy Father concluded: "Thank you, every woman, for the simple fact of being a woman! Through the insight which is so much a part of your womanhood you enrich the world's understanding and help to make human relations more honest and authentic."

"Following Pope John Paul II," Father Gilles concluded, "we can address our thanks to the Woman-Immaculate, Mary, for the gift of Christ to the world. Finally, thank you to you, Marie-Paule, our Mother, still on this earth, for the gift of this Work of Love, for the gift of the Church of John which is leading us in its golden vessel to the great Community of the Lady."

### Saint Anne and Mama Laura

The young Cécile Michaud carried a statue to the



The three generations: Saint Anne, Mary and the Infant Jesus.

altar that was quite particular: Saint Anne is carrying the Virgin Mary who is holding Jesus. This statue, offered to Mother Paul-Marie as the triduum was being prepared, was quite appropriate since Saint Anne is invoked as "the help of mothers" and the "protectress of children".

In *Life of Love*, the Lord compared Mama Laura (Marie-Paule's mother) to Saint Anne. Anne-Catherine Giguère, Maman Laura's great granddaughter, shared with us a few biographical notes on Mama Laura, a woman of an admirable greatness of soul and generosity. In 1958, the Lord said to Marie-Paule in reference to Mama Laura:

*"Behold your holy mother, my child, who has followed your calvary without uttering a word, like my Mother. Her virtues are extraordinary and please me so in that simplicity which is characteristic of her. Like me, you will say to her one day: 'Mother, behold your children... these children who have been brought into being by him who has been the chief tormentor of your daughter. Take them, for they are now your children.'"*

### The Family

Following the ceremonies of last May-June, Marielle Delisle wrote a note to Mother Paul-Marie to tell her of the deep emotion and peace felt during those days which left her with "the desire to draw always closer to God". She read this letter to us in which she thanked her family and her husband's family, parents and grandparents, for the privilege of belonging to this Marian Work, without forgetting its Foundress: "Thank you, Marie-Paule, for your *Life of Love* and for the two *White Books*. They are treasures opening up before our eyes. The light is in front of us and we will follow it with you. It is on our knees that we repeat our thanks to you for your Fiat; thanks for saving us!"

Myriam Laprise spoke to us of "Life Together Under the Eyes of God", a life which blossoms forth by giving life. "Who can understand the

mystery of pregnancies? For the role of an authentic mother far surpasses what is perceptible to the eye. Freed from the day's tasks, she continues during the night, in an attentive recollection, by establishing an intimate exchange in her soul with God, thus rendering possible a vast human communion, the riches of which will become an opportunity to offer and to love."

Marc Bosquart presented the mystery of the conception of our three bodies – physical, psychic and spiritual. First of all, "life, which is the first and universal expression of the divine, is transmitted by the union of man and woman, agents of Creation, the links in a chain that is being built from century to century and day after day." Then, there is "the integration of the 'first soul' " (the psychic body) which develops before "the integration of the 'second soul' " (the spiritual body) takes place. Thus are created the three bodies of which Marie-Paule speaks in these terms in *Life of Love*: "Every mother awaiting a child should understand just to what extent the child who is to be born develops morally [psychic body] and spiritually [spiritual body], just as it does physically [physical body]." (*Life of Love*, vol. II, p. 410)

Marc also described to us the "mystical possibilities" of children, especially once they are baptized. Unfortunately, in the world in which we live, "there occurs, more often, a sort of 'stifling' of the spiritual brought about by the required adaptation of the being to his milieu. When this milieu is not good, then the whole of one's spiritual life may be compromised and "dissolve", giving way to a sort of "engulfment" of the entire human being in the physical and the psychic... Fortunately, in the future, when the Kingdom will be well established, the situation will be quite different. The world will have changed, the priorities will be reversed, the ascendancy of the physical and the psychic will be reduced in proportion to the increased importance granted the spiritual."

Twenty-five mothers-to-be, wearing a golden cape over their white dresses, consecrated to Mary Immaculate the child they bear, asking the Lady of All Peoples' blessing on them.

They also represented some forty other mothers-to-be who would have liked to be present but whose family commitments obliged them to stay home.

## Testimonial of Céline Devaux and Guy Chamberland

A moving testimonial was given by Céline Devaux and her husband, Guy Chamberland. This young woman who is a doctor explained her medical history to us, in which we could admire the intervention of Providence.

After a first ectopic pregnancy in 2001 (the embryo being implanted in the right fallopian tube, Céline almost lost her life because of a delay in diagnosis), she wrote to



**Céline Devaux and Guy Chamberland during their testimonial at Spiri-Maria on September 15, 2007**

Marie-Paule and they exchanged letters, with Sister Micheline also acting as an intermediary when required.

Here is the testimonial of a young family destined to infertility.

### "Five Pregnancies and A Quintet!"

**Céline:** "May God bless the trio and may He grant that it become a quintet!" That was the prayer Mother Paul-Marie addressed to God in one of the written messages we shared with her when we were hoping to see our family increase. In fact, at that time, we formed a trio composed of our dear natural daughter, Élodie, 3½ years old, my husband Guy and myself. We were waiting for a baby of Korean origin whom we wanted to adopt, and our hearts burned with the desire to have other children. What follows in this account is meant to be a testimonial of gratitude to God who, in His great love and mercy, desired to fulfill us with splendid graces.

#### PROTECTION FROM HEAVEN

Guy and I were united by the bonds of marriage on June 24, 2000. At that time, we were far from thinking that establishing a family could sometimes be so difficult.

Ten months later, to my great surprise, I was pregnant, but it wasn't long before concern accompanied this pregnancy. In fact, from the very first days, there was light bleeding as well as abdominal pain. Fearing the worst, I consulted a gynecologist who did not seem to be too concerned, given that the blood tests showed that the pregnancy hormones were increasing normally. However, an obstetrical ultrasound did not show the presence of a foetus in the uterus, which sometimes happens at the very beginning of a pregnancy. In the days that followed, the pregnancy hormones continued to increase normally, which falsely reassured the doctor consulted.

A week went by before the abdominal pain got worse. One Saturday evening, we went rapidly to emergency, thinking that this might be an ectopic pregnancy, that is to say, a pregnancy that had not attached itself in the proper place in the uterus, something which can be very dangerous for a pregnant woman. That pregnancy which is thus in a fallopian tube can rupture and sometimes cause a fatal hemorrhage. I was aware of this diagnosis since I myself am a doctor, but, not being a gynecologist, I was trying to trust my medical colleagues who were all quite reassuring.

But I was becoming increasingly worried before the symptoms that were showing up, and although they all tried to reassure me, I begged Guy to take me quickly to another hospital emergency. I must say that Guy was also worried, for he seemed to have been warned through a very special grace that this pregnancy would not go well. So he quickly drove me to the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal, where, once again, the doctor on call at Emergency wanted to be reassuring.

**Guy:** It was only the following morning that another obstetrical ultrasound showed the presence of a eight-week-old embryo implanted in the right fallopian tube. So Céline was immediately rushed to the operating room where it was realized that this ectopic pregnancy was about to rupture. It was only when she awoke that she realized heaven's protection, for it would not have taken much more for a hemorrhage to occur.

In spite of everything, we thanked God and we wrote to Marie-Paule to mention the grace of protection received in spite of the delay in diagnosis. In fact Céline was in bed 555 which made us smile inwardly. Furthermore, she was operated on Holy Saturday, during the Paschal Vigil of the year 2001, as her brother, Father Gilles, was, for the first time, the main celebrant of Mass here at Spiri-Maria, and without his knowing what we were going through in that same night.

#### MARIE-PAULE'S INTERVENTION – ÉLODIE'S BIRTH

More than a year then went by and we were awaiting in vain the next pregnancy, knowing that during the emergency surgery, the left fallopian tube had been described as being normal.

**Céline:** In July 2002, we saw Marie-Paule after Mass in her apartment at the Residence of the Lady. I wanted to ask her to pray and to touch my abdomen for our intention, but I was too shy to do so. However, Guy took the initiative and made the request. To my great astonishment, Marie-Paule touched my abdomen in a warm and kind gesture and it even seemed to me that she was happy to request this grace for us. She even warned us, teasingly, not to regret it if afterwards the family became rather numerous, in reference to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Arsenault who had several children after she had done the same thing for them.

In an almost incredible manner, I became pregnant within that same month and on April 11, 2003, I gave birth to our first daughter, called Elodie. We are still giving thanks for this sublime gift from heaven.

After six months of breastfeeding, I had the feeling that we should not wait before trying for another pregnancy. My desire to have another child was already present, but to no avail, for the months went by and there was still no baby in sight. So I went to an infertility clinic and I first began by following a treatment permitted by the Church for the overstimulation of the ovaries, but it was unsuccessful. Acupuncture sessions were also tried.

Finally, after having undergone a whole battery of tests, including minor surgery (laparoscopy), the specialists realized that the two fallopian tubes were abnormal. On the right, because of the previous emergency surgery, there was no longer any tube, but only scar tissue. On the left, the fallopian tube appeared to be almost normal from the outside, but there was an internal obstruction which they had been unable to bypass during the diagnostic intervention. The diagnosis was definitive; I suffered from a secondary infertility, and I left the hospital in tears accompanied by my good mother who, I must say, never believed that Heaven would not hear our prayers.

How had Elodie been conceived? I have no idea if the obstruction of the left tube was already present then, for I had not undergone all the tests. However, I sincerely believe in an extraordinary grace from Heaven by reason of how all the events unfolded.

The two years that followed were filled with a search for treatments and beseeching prayers. I even asked Marie-Paule to touch my abdomen once again. Although she did so with kindness, I felt a bit of hesitation on her part; I think she knew that it was not necessary to repeat this gesture and that God's hour had not yet come. She exhorted us to abandonment and the offering of our suffering.

In my sadness and in a moment of discouragement, we were also tempted, unfortunately, to take steps for an in-vitro fertilization (test tube babies), and it was in writing to Marie-Paule and Sister Micheline that, with the grace of God, we abandoned that initiative. It is obvious that we finally opted for life rather than the death of several embryos through this technique.

After that weakness, God's mercy flowed over us. I must admit that my confidence was often shaky in spite of the graces already received, but Guy never once lost hope.

**Guy:** So, in 2005, we took steps to adopt a little Korean girl and as the adoption procedures were going well, we were expecting her during the summer of 2006.

#### FALSE JOYS

In the meantime, Céline continued to search for a medical treatment. She underwent two dilations of the fallopian tubes by means of radiology technology. The first had worked at the time but for only a short period of time; during the second intervention, another blockage was discovered at another level which was once again rendered permeable, but for an undetermined period of time. After a few months, she still was not pregnant.

Finally, in the spring of 2006, a last specialist offered the possibility of attempting a last-resort surgical technique, and Céline wanted to take that chance. The date for the procedure was set for June 13, 2006, on the beautiful feast of Saint Anthony who is her favorite saint. So we were extremely confident. In a disconcerting fashion, on June 12, 2006, the day prior to the scheduled surgery and after three years of infertility, a pregnancy test turned out positive. We were almost euphoric with joy, but our joy quickly turned to sadness, for a few days later, there was a miscarriage. So the doctor resched-

uled surgery for the following month, and once again, to our great astonishment, Celine was pregnant the day before surgery. It seemed impossible but true. So what was the divine plan? It took a few days to realize that, once again, it was a false joy. There had well and truly been conception and implanting in the uterine cavity, but the embryo had not survived. In its place, the placental sac was growing but without a foetus inside. This fourth pregnancy turned out to be an empty egg.

### THE ADOPTION OF MIN JEE ANNE

The spontaneous abortion (or miscarriage) occurred after ten weeks of pregnancy and, at that very same time, our little Korean girl, Min Jee Anne arrived. We saw in this a symbolic explanation, although not scientific. Min Jee was symbolically filling the empty placenta which had been growing for several weeks. The spontaneous evacuation of the pregnancy at the time of her arrival could represent her birth within our family. So it was amid joy and tears that Min Jee Anne arrived in our home. We welcomed her with all our heart and she quickly became our dear little Elodie's little sister.

**Céline:** You will have guessed that, in spite of all this, I was still hoping for another pregnancy. And after all these events, it was obvious that heaven did not want any other surgical intervention, and this could not have been made any clearer. So I had to abandon myself totally, which was sometimes difficult for me because of my medical background.

We shared all of this with Marie-Paule and Sister Micheline and their correspondence was a great blessing for us. We always received an attentive and quick reply to our e-mails, as though it were a matter of prime importance, even though we knew how much they work without counting their hours and that they also must encourage people who are experiencing keener sufferings than ours. Thank you once again for the valuable time given to us, despite all the other preoccupations and divine demands having to do with the Work.

In one of our last exchanges, we were urged to offer our suffering and to abandon ourselves to the will of God. We tried to do just that. This trial has allowed me to understand abandonment a little better, even though my own was not perfect. It allowed me to better understand the sufferings of patients with incurable diseases with whom I work on a daily basis, since I work with cancer patients. I understood a little better the prayer of the seriously ill, which sometimes seems to remain unanswered, and yet I know that this is never the case. I knew that our trial was incomparably small compared to other human sufferings, but that it was part of our progression.

### THE BIRTH OF CLARA

This story has a good ending, for our intense prayers, as well as those of my family and the members of the Work, were granted thanks to God's mercy. On December 30, 2006, I had the joy of being pregnant for the fifth time. You can well understand that our enthusiasm was somewhat tempered, for we wanted to make sure that this was truly a viable and intra-uterine pregnancy before rejoicing. I also think we were ready to accept any outcome, that is, from the best to the worst. But, without having forced anything, God's hour had come and after three and a half years of waiting, I had the joy of being truly pregnant for the fifth time.

With our little Clara, we now form a quintet. What joy, and how good God was to us in spite of all our weaknesses!

Elodie is growing in wisdom, Min Jee Anne – who will be two years old in February – is the gift from heaven we would never have had the joy of knowing without the period of infertility experienced. We remain open and more abandoned to the divine plan for the future. And if God so wishes, there is still room in our home for more children.

**Guy:** Now we ask God and Mary for the grace of being able to guide these souls entrusted to us and to see them grow in love and the respect of God's laws, and to be united together, after a holy life, in a blessed felicity. That is the most important prayer we now make to God and to Marie-Paule; may it be granted!

Guy and Céline having manifested the desire that Clara be baptized during this ceremony, Father Gilles, Céline's brother, proceeded to baptize the child. Two other children, born quite recently, were also baptized by Fathers David Lorange and Carl Beaupré: Thomas, the son of Marie and Simon

Aubin and Matthieu, the son of Brigitte and Marc Héon.

The baptism was followed by the reception of these children into the Family of the Sons and Daughters of Mary, by the Mother, Christiane Brassard, from Chicoutimi, delegated for this purpose by the International Mother, Charlotte Bélanger.



**Baptism of Clara Chamberland by Father Gilles Devaux, Thomas Aubin by Father David Lorange, and Matthieu Héon by Father Carl Beaupré.**

### Testimonial of Marie-Hélène Couture

The morning program ended with the testimonial of Marie-Hélène Couture, a member of the Army of Mary from childhood. Marie-Hélène and her husband had four children, the last two being twins, one of whom, Gabrielle, died shortly after birth. The story of her short life has caused many a tear to be shed.



**Marie-Hélène Couture and her three daughters: Anne-Marie (6 yrs.), Emmanuelle (3 yrs.) and Marie-Jeanne (1 yr.).**

### The Offering of Life or the Unfathomable Mystery of Love

*"The greatest holinesses of the world will never be equal to the unwrinkled lips, the souls without a memory, the bodies without any wounds of those great saints and those great martyrs who never left their mother's womb except to enter into the kingdom of heaven. They who knew nothing of life and did not receive a wound from this life except the wound that made them enter into the kingdom of heaven."* (Charles Péguy, *Les Saints Innocents*)

At the beginning of this account, I would like to introduce myself. I have been a member of the Army of Mary since early childhood. I grew up in it innocently, in the freedom of childhood, and then, once I had reached adulthood, through the reading of *Life of Love*, the meetings rich with fruitful teaching by the Work's priests, I committed myself to it with my heart and soul. I met the man who would become my husband in 1994, and we were married in 1996. Our family grew little by little with the arrival of four children, the pain of a miscarriage and then of a death. The eldest, Anne-Marie is now 6 years old, Emmanuelle, 3 years old and Marie-Jeanne, 1 year old.

Our family life, well rooted in the movement of professional activities and the education of the children, is lulled to the rhythm of prayer, spiritual reading, the daily Eucharist, and we are evolving within the Church, in the light of this time of mercy being given to the world.

### THE PRIVILEGE OF GIVING LIFE

We were married with the hope of being able to establish a family. That grace of love, that grace of fecundity, we received it and we thanked God for the life He was giving us. With each pregnancy and before conceiving a child, we prayed God to give us the privilege of giving life; we went to confession in order to purify our thoughts and our hearts; we received the Eucharist which divinizes the soul and a Mass was celebrated in honor of the Lady of All Peoples to whom I was already entrusting these pregnancies.

In August 2005, at the dawn of all these ever new beginnings, the hope of a new pregnancy was born in my heart. I spoke of this with my husband and we prayed as a family so that our desire might be in accordance with God's will. From that moment, I asked God for the favor of giving birth to twins and, on November 11, 2005, a new life was conceived, a double life. A pregnancy test at the beginning of December confirmed the good news. On December 19, feeling unwell, I went to the hospital where I learned, after an ultrasound, that I was

expecting twins. My heart exulted in an inexpressible joy and a luminous peal of laughter sprang from my entire being. My joy was a response of thanksgiving to God who had heard my prayer. I was in seventh heaven, I was jubilant and I was so anxious to go home to tell this to my husband.

The beginning of the pregnancy went on normally with the risks and the instability of a digestive system that had become fragile. On March 21, 2006, joyfully, we went to the hospital for the ultrasound of the twentieth week which would reveal our babies' faces to us. Unconcerned, like young parents, we never feared the worst since neither of our families had any history of genetic abnormality or intellectual or physical handicap. It was a radiant morning in which the ardor of life bore us along in an upsurge of love.

The examination began with the first baby and the ultrasound confirmed that everything appeared normal. It told us that it would be a girl. Already, we had given her a name. She would be called Marie-Jeanne which means "God gives grace". The examination continued with the other baby and this time, the ultrasound technician's face changed. Immediately alarmed, I questioned her to know what she was seeing. Without replying, she left the room to consult the gynecologist. At that moment, everything turned upside down; everything became cold, unfathomable, the joy dissipated and my heart was filled with anguish, that bitter taste of fear gripping my heart. The gynecologist arrived, took my hand and said to me that he could see an abnormality at the level of the cerebellum which meant we could envisage all kinds of diagnoses. The geneticist joined him. These doctors were affirmative with regard to the seriousness of the child's condition. At birth, this child would have multiple and severe motor and intellectual handicaps. What pain upon hearing this implacable verdict.

We were taken into another room in order to discuss this state of affairs. Obviously, a very invasive treatment was automatically suggested to us: first of all, amniocentesis, and then the medical interruption of the pregnancy. We were so shaken by all this disorder. I was pregnant with twin girls, one of them was sick, and the only comfort I received was to offer to relieve me of her handicap by killing her. That is medicine, cold. But has anyone given any thought to the fact that love can provide assistance? We wanted to accompany this child, we loved her. She needed our love, our strength, our prayers, our faith, our hope and we needed her presence. From that moment, we straightaway rejected all interventions, with the exception of the blood tests required for the study of the chromosomes. I could feel my little twin girls moving in my womb. I could see them on the ultrasound screen moving about in a marvelous ballet and I wanted them for eternal life. A miracle was possible! Medicine always brings us back to this fatalism, that harsh reality of science limited to what we can see. Those who practice it must be invested with a spiritual life for it to be human and respectful of life.

#### ABANDONMENT ALWAYS AND NOTHING BUT ABANDONMENT

We went home, at loose ends, shattered. In the night that followed, in tears, I cried out to my mother, Mother Paul-Marie. Who could better understand the heart of a mother than another mother, and what a mother! Thus began an exchange of letters rich in teachings and the bearer of so much consolation. She wrote to me: "When I read those lines of suffering, I immediately sent her my heart in her abdomen with my hand on it. I understand her suffering. What trials! Let us wait with courage and hope. My prayer will accompany them every day and so will my love."

And so the medical appointments followed one another every two weeks, and we needed so much courage to face up to the situation. I wrote to Sister Micheline: "Whereas my life of prayer and my sacramental life are such bearers of hope, these meetings with the doctors nail me to the ground, annihilating me, crushing me. Of course, our beliefs are not shaken, that is not the point, but the suffering of constantly having to listen to this rational discourse is quite keen. My revenge on those sad days is my incessant appeal to divine mercy...."

And: "God asks of me acts of love, acts of abandonment, a life of love in which He is guiding everything. I am realizing within the capacity of my being, in my finitude, the value of the gift of self in the mystical life in which the soul, in a deep humility that is accepted, acknowledges its littleness, its so very limited and embryonic understanding of the supernatural life. Heaven is so immense, so boundless to the human intelligence. In our earthly condition so alienating, it is easy to scorn the flesh that leads to sin. We are tossed up between good and evil, our state of impurity makes us fall and, at the same

time, this flesh, magnified by divine grace, can, in total abandonment, be the fruit of so many merits. We are all infinitely bound in the Total Christ's Mystical Body and we participate as Church in the Redemption and the Co-Redemption. How beautiful it is that our sufferings offered up can serve to redeem humanity. Thus, they acquire the noblest possible significance, that of being able to share in the infinite merits of our Savior's sufferings. During this week of mercy, I asked that my spirit open more and more to mystical realities and that this grace of hope spread fully in my soul..."

Abandonment always and nothing but abandonment, that is what our Mother asked of us so that we would immerse ourselves in the Father's love. I wrote to her: "I know what is left to me, and that is abandonment to God's will. The greatest sacrifice for us is to accept that will, for if He wants to, God can change this deviation of nature into a victory over life. That is our hope."

We have the wisdom of the humble, the wisdom of those who live in a pure, indestructible faith before the Absolute; we pray and are open to grace. We are attending the Lady's school, accepting this grace of hope, for it is in us. We know that God is guiding events and we must accept this. Sister Micheline said: "You have a great trust and you must continue to believe to the very end. In moments of anguish, remember that what God permits is wisdom. If He tries someone, He can also give consolation in the worst torments."

#### A BIRTH TO THIS WORLD AND A BIRTH TO HEAVEN

During that time, Gabrielle and Marie-Jeanne continued to grow in the heaven of my womb. And we had to concentrate on the present, for my two other daughters could not understand their mother's sadness. Living with the uncertainty of a possible error in diagnosis, given that we had refused all the tests, we did not know with what illness our child was afflicted. We did not know if she would see the light of day. An atrocious suffering crushed our hearts as we awaited an announced death. During that time of great uncertainty, weakened and exhausted, only the Eucharist sustained me and the faithful and calm presence of good Father Yvon, a mystical priest, a real man of God, so sensitive to grace and convinced of the value of his priesthood. Those children were blessed so many times! In all this journey, I acknowledge his dedication, for I was not left one single day without receiving Communion.

When life and death are so close to each other, we always have in the depths of our hearts the hope of a miracle and I wanted to see life be victorious over death. I had given them and they had received the baptism of desire; God alone knew their destiny. I invited all the religious Communities I knew to join in our prayers, and a trental of Masses was celebrated. Gentle Gabrielle, so frail, so delicate, your name nonetheless means "strength of God", your presence was so precious that God wanted you next to Him. And Marie-Jeanne, strong and courageous, accompanied you. The gift of life is invaluable. In our modern lives, overtaxed with activities, tossed about, is there anything grander than life itself?

A caesarean was planned for July 19, 2006, because Marie-Jeanne was appearing in a breech position. It was a delivery: Marie-Jeanne would be born to this world and Gabrielle would be born to Heaven. Marie-Jeanne was born at 10:25 a.m. and Gabrielle at 10:26 a.m. We were all totally abandoned, calm, but very vigilant. The team of caregivers, doctors and nurses, were on the lookout. Father Yvon immediately baptized the two newborns and he gave them the sacrament of the sick before they were rushed to the neonatal unit. After numerous tests, Gabrielle was diagnosed as having trisomy 13. A long agony was beginning for her, for her heart condition was unstable.

Trisomy 13 is a pathology that develops as a result of the presence of an extra chromosome 13. It is the most rare of trisomies and it gives rise in the foetus to a complete metabolic disorder. Between 80% and 90% of foetuses affected by trisomy 13 die during pregnancy. Half of the children who are born at full term will die within the first three months of life.

In the operating room, we were only able to kiss the twins.



Marie-Hélène Couture after the birth of her twins. Her eldest daughter Anne-Marie is holding Marie-Jeanne in her arms, while Marie-Hélène is holding little Gabrielle.

They had been immediately rushed away in order to be placed under oxygen. I was drunk with pain, drunk with love before the beauty of these little girls, and Gabrielle was alive. It would not be long before I could breastfeed them, rock them, kiss them. The next day, July 20, I was able to breastfeed and rock Marie-Jeanne. Her condition had improved and in the days that followed, she was discharged. As for Gabrielle who had experienced the sweetness of intra-uterine life, she now had to fight like a salmon swimming back up to its original waters.

The cases of trisomy 13 being rather rare, all the specialists saw this child. A very trying first week! Gabrielle could not eat; she was force-fed with my milk. What patience the nurses had to have in order to manipulate and feed that child! One of them, so gentle, so steady, so instinctive, will have left her mark in our memories. Like an artist, she knew how to take care of this delicate flower and we established a very spiritual bond with this nurse, without ever touching upon the realities of our personal lives. Of all these caregivers, we will always remember their love and their devotedness. We thank them and we are deeply grateful to them.

The days that followed had a value of eternity because every second of life was so precious. Gabrielle's clinical condition was deteriorating day after day and the medical team was constantly keeping us informed of her condition. We had had to establish with them a protocol of intervention in the event she would stop breathing or there would be heart failure. The nurses, always so sensitive to our wishes, gave us permission to bring Anne-Marie and Emmanuelle to visit their little sisters. Those beautiful Sundays were the only times when we were all together as a family. Today, all those moments of happiness are with us on film.

#### GABRIELLE – THE PURITY OF AN ANGEL

All the hours of her short life during which we rocked her and loved her are invaluable. On the morning of August 4, my heart sensed the end. It tortured us to see her suffer, she was a martyr. I prayed to the Virgin Mary with the ardor of the saints that she would come and get her. And yet, that was the most beautiful day, the most peaceful. She had the beauty and purity of an angel. I asked Father Yvon to come and confirm her. At about 7:00 p.m., Father Yvon arrived for this short ceremony. With a tender and purely spiritual love, in a profound dignity, he anointed our little girl and said the traditional prayers. Gabrielle's face radiated with an astonishing beauty; it was no longer taut with pain. We had the fleeting impression that she was already living of celestial joys. Father left us.

Suddenly, Gabrielle fell into respiratory distress and the medical team had difficulty reviving her. The doctor asked us to accept that she be given morphine, something we had always refused, knowing full well what that meant. We had just lived her goodbye in a celestial beatitude. We now had to enter into death; we had to live through a wrenching of the heart without falling into a state of moral solitude. The doctor asked us to go and get our older daughters before giving her the first dose of morphine. So my husband went home to get the children. They were able to rock, kiss and say goodbye to their little sister who would now live for ever in the heaven of their soul. I brought them back home.

Having returned to her bedside, we spent the entire night with our little one who was fighting to live. At about 6:10 a.m., exhausted, she passed away; her crystal soul took flight, for everything was accomplished. She have received all, she had given us all. Now we had to learn to live with her in another way. At about 6:50 a.m. I called Father Yvon. He came immediately. Full of affliction, he supported us in our tremendous grief. We prayed together for several hours; we washed and changed Gabrielle. We dressed her in a white garment, a baptismal robe. We accompanied her in life and in death. So the Virgin heard my petition. Gabrielle died on Saturday, August 5, 2006.

We have had to learn detachment. We are made of flesh; we love with our heart and death hurts. We cried for a long time and we will long for our little one for a long time. Our consolation is heaven. She is holy; her name is Saint Gabrielle and she lives among the elect in the glory of God.

*The face of an angel, the joy of having loved, so loved this child as though she were Jesus Himself, of having cherished, kissed, cajoled her with all the force of our heart, and to give her to God in the fulness of love for His greater glory.*

*Heaven is her homeland... love is her lot.*

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON *The Community of the Sons and Daughters of Mary*

The afternoon program began with the announcement of a ceremony for the taking of the habit with the Sons of Mary. Father Eric, the Community's Superior General, presented the two new novices to us: Gérard Boisvert and Bernard LeBlanc, "two young novices who already have more than 80 years of life behind them"... "For the Community," Father Eric added, "this will certainly be an acquired wealth, for it is certain that in exchange for a few principles of the religious life we will be able to give them during their formation in the novitiate, they in return will be for us a gust of maturity acquired during a whole life enriched by multiple experiences, that will be profitable so that we may always be more of an authentic family."

"The path they followed is not a frequent one. But God slowly prepared them. Already, each in his own way lived, to a certain extent, amid the world with a religious spirit. Having each lost his wife several years ago, and their children having in turn established their own families, they were now free to respond to the particular call God had reserved for them."

Before the ceremony of the taking of the habit, Father Roland Marcoux presented the charismatic personality of the holy Curé of Ars who was nicknamed the saint of the confessional where he spent fifteen hours a day. He was never stingy with his time or effort and would always go to the end of his strength in the service of souls, living a very austere life. Impressed by his wisdom in resolving a very difficult case, a neighboring parish priest asked him:

"Father, where did you study theology?" In reply, the Curé of Ars pointed to his prie-Dieu.

"What master did you have in theology?" – "The same one as Saint Peter," the holy curate replied.

Deeply convinced of his unworthiness, the Curé of Ars begged his bishop to allow him to leave his parish in order to mourn over his poor life. The bishop replied: "I, let you leave, Father? That would be such a great sin that no one would want to give me absolution for it."

Father Roland imagined that the Curé of Ars must



**The taking of the habit by Gérard Boisvert and Bernard LeBlanc from Montreal**

have thought to himself: "To receive absolution for such a great sin, Your Excellency, you would only have had to come to my confessional!"

The holy curate drew his strength and his love from "the Eucharist and from the Heart of Mary, of whom he said: "I loved her even before knowing her; that was my oldest affection." And Father Roland ended his presentation by asking the holy Curé of Ars to give rise today to "priests filled with the mercy of Jesus".

This was followed by the ceremony of the taking of the habit by Gérard Boisvert and Bernard LeBlanc from Montreal. They entered in procession, each accompanied by one of their sons who offered them to the Lord.

Then, Sister Andrée-Anne Caron from St-Ulric in the Matane region, made her first vows in the Community of the Daughters of Mary.



**First  
vows of  
Sister  
Andrée-  
Anne  
Caron**

#### Eucharistic Concelebration

Our day of prayer ended with the Mass presided over by Father Eric and concelebrated by 30 priests.

In his homily, Father Serge Lépine urged us to attend the school of "that love that is giving, forgiving and abandonment" after the example of Mary.

"At the foot of the cross, Mary's love was expressed to the highest degree through that love that is giving, forgiving and abandonment, the three elements of this love forming a perfect harmony capable of expressing love in all its truth and beauty. Just as the three basic colors can produce the many colors found in the rainbow, so too this trinomial of love allows the soul to cause to grow fully within it the divine seed deposited in its heart. To want to amputate from it one or other form of this love, is like not

wanting to irrigate a part of the garden with its tremendous possibilities."

Father Serge explained that those three dimensions of love are necessary in the life of a family between the spouses first of all and in regard to the children, and between the children themselves. Those three dimensions of love are also necessary in the religious life in order to give oneself to God in abandonment to His will and to live fraternally with one another.

Father Serge explained that these fruits of love which we can see in the Work are "also the fruit of the love of the Lady, of her *life of love*. The Lady, having responded to the divine will by her Fiat and who, just like her Mother, accepted that her heart be pierced, remained faithful at the foot of the cross, accepting even to be nailed to it for the redemption of the world, and she was able, above all, to forgive, and incessantly multiply the acts of abandonment to the divine will. Thus the love founded on the cross, on an authentic love, blossomed, giving the little roses that we are and that have begun to open their petals. The Lady, the Rose of roses, wants to see us open up, possess a bright color, a strong stem, a pleasant and attractive scent. In short, she wants to see us live an authentic love.

"The Church of John to which we belong, is, as we know, the Church of Love. Therefore, love must be its main characteristic, a love that gives itself entirely for the salvation of souls and the realization of the Kingdom of love in our world." In this way, our world will become illumined "by the fires of the new Pentecost" and "the Kingdom of peace and love which we all desire" will be established.

As they had done the previous evening, Padre Jean-Pierre and Father Eric presented, at the end of this second day of the triduum, their message regarding the excommunication of the members of the Marian Work by the Church of Peter, and then everyone went home until the following day, filled with joy and thanksgiving to God who called us to be a part of such a wonderful Work.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

### "The Call of Mystery"

On this Sunday morning, the master of ceremonies, Richard Latulippe, began by

thanking Sister Micheline Hupé to whom Mother Paul-Marie had entrusted the task of preparing the program for this triduum and who brilliantly carried it out. At the same time, he thanked all those who contributed to the proper functioning of these days of prayer, such as the Service and Order Unit, the members of the Choir of the Immaculate under the direction of Father Hervé Lemay and accompanied at the organ by Sisters Jacqueline Vermette and Andrée-Anne Caron, along with the instrumentalists who helped us recollect ourselves in our beautiful chapel, without forgetting as well our priests, so very dedicated.

Mother Paul-Marie's word of welcome was read to us by Father Victor Rizzi who presented the day's program in these words: "Go and proclaim the Good News to the entire world!" That is the theme that will be developed today, as the winds of a new Pentecost are blowing to enkindle the universe. May the True Spirit, the Spirit of the Lady come!"

The flag of the Oblate-Patriots was borne in procession by Michel Lévesque, and the conferences began with a text on holiness to which all are called, a text read by Chantal Labrie.

"From the moment of our Baptism we participate in Christ's royal priesthood. Be we priests, religious or laity, we must bear witness to Christ and live by love in the giving of ourselves. And that is the way of interior reform which the Army of Mary has proposed to its members from its founding. A personal reform, that is to say, accepting to work on oneself first of all, for, as Elisabeth LeSeur said: 'A soul that raises itself raises the world.'..."

"A return to the pure sources is imperative," Mother Paul-Marie said, "and the spirit of the Gospel must come alive again in all its force and grandeur, while preserving its great simplicity, thus responding to **the call of mystery**. We must lift up all that has fallen, for we are the heirs to the eternal Kingdom.... We must have the spirit of the Kingdom, that is to say, prepare ourselves to live in close contact with the Eternal Father as it was long ago, for He will be close to this happy people that will form the renewed Church."

#### Graces from On-High

During the ceremonies last June at Spiri-Maria, Mother Paul-Marie informed us of a grace in which she

had seen Raoul Auclair instructing the souls On-High, and Heaven had requested that Marc Bosquart comment on this grace, which he did at the time. (Grace related in the *Livre Blanc*, no. 2, *Rayonnement de l'Église de Jean*, chap. 23 and 30)

This grace was recounted to us anew by Sister Jeanne d'Arc, who then went on to tell of other graces received after the ceremony of June 3, graces which are always related to the world On-High. Here is a summary of the grace of last June 6.

### "The Souls of the On-High"

On Wednesday, June 6, 2007, in a special grace received during Mass, Marie-Paule "saw", on three different levels, the soul of Father Philippe Roy, that of Brother Raoul Auclair (both of whom have left us for heaven) and the two concelebrants (Padre Jean-Pierre and Father Victor). Then, in front of the altar, the floor had disappeared and she "saw" on a lower floor "hundreds of 'heads of souls' in a large well lit area".

In this grace, Father Philippe, after having introduced himself, presented Raoul Auclair to the souls. Now, in the course of the presentation of the events of their life, it was possible, "inside" these two souls, to "see" them as they were dressed on earth at that particular time of the account: black suit and roman collar, followed by the white cassock and blue cincture of the Marian Father for Father Philippe; suit as a lay person and then the habit of the Sons of Mary for Raoul Auclair.



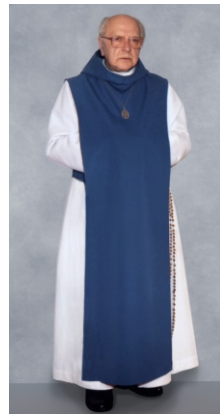
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Fr. Philippe Roy - Marian Father



Raoul Auclair

Br. Raoul Auclair, Son of Mary



Marc commented this grace as he had done for the preceding one.

"Now, what can these 'earthly garments' signify for souls evolving in a Hereafter that has nothing terrestrial or physical about it? It is obvious, first of all, that they must in fact 'signify' something, otherwise there would be no reason for having shown them. What advantage would there be to having these souls see Father Philippe's roman collar or Raoul's suit and tie, if they do not recall something to them? Ah yes, but...! They are the attire through which they 'gained heaven'. And this attire corresponds to their 'state of life' on earth, and which, as such, is important in heaven."

Marc reminded us that Christ, after His Resurrection, "had the power, very important but still not understood, of communicating His 'superior condition' to the clothing with which He covered Himself to show Himself on earth. Yes, but this 'garment' or 'clothing' He wore on the morning of the Resurrection, then in the Upper Room and on the road to Emmaus, where did it come from? Who made it? From what kind of material?"

"And yet, even though that may appear to be quite surprising, the same is true for the other celestial 'entities'. Thus Saint Michael the Archangel appeared numerous times throughout the Christian Middle Ages, but without ever wearing the same attire... Just as revealing is the appearance of Mary Immaculate who, in each one of her manifestations on earth, 'chose' different clothing, that always corresponded, however, to the particular significance of each of her apparitions. But where did all these clothes come from? How were they made? By whom?"

So many questions which will receive an answer at the time chosen by God.

#### An Astonishing Confirmation

Mother Paul-Marie had just handed the text of this last grace from On-High to her collaborators so that it could be inserted in the program of the triduum when Padre Jean-Pierre showed her a message he had received: private revelations which Father Stéphane Boisvert had discovered by chance in his readings and which confirmed the Work of the Co-Redemption. Here is this

message from the Lord to one of His messengers, which Father Stéphane communicated to us.

"Place your heart in Mine and listen to Me speak to you. Today I accept to go further with you, but do not stray from My path. We are walking together in a land in which everything is beautiful. This is the new Kingdom of God on earth...."

"This Garden resembles the Garden of Eden in which Adam and Eve lived before original sin. Never forget that sin enormously displeases God who wishes to correct you of it. In order to belong fully to the Lord, your heart must be pure of all stain, and then I will give you back the Earth that was promised to the man who lives in God...."

"Raise your head, look up to Heaven, My Heaven of Glory above your Earth which has been rendered worthy to look at the Kingdom of God through the light veil that separates you from it. I have the power to unite you to those who have already left for the Father's house, yes, to see to it that you can meet. That is the communion of saints between Heaven and Earth. But to achieve this, you will have to work hard to acquire great Holiness. I, Jesus, will favor you with that grace when you will have reached that degree of goodness, chastity and love. The purity of your bodies must be equal to the purity of your souls entirely given to God...."

"The Blessed Virgin Mother's vocation is to bless, through the intercession of the Holy Spirit, all the nations of the earth in order to preserve them from all the evils which the spirit of Evil is incessantly spreading upon each child of God.

"My Mother became your Mother at the foot of my Cross. I ask you to recognize, in your holy Mother, your Advocate and Mediatrix, to venerate in her her vocation of Co-Redemptrix, Mediatrix and Advocate for the whole human race.

"The power of the angel of darkness will be annihilated before She who once was Mary of Nazareth.... She who gave us the Redeemer. In the Most Holy Trinity of Love lives the Co-Redemptrix."

The Lord uses here the expression that has been so contested in the prayer of the Lady of All Peoples ("who once was Mary"). An astonishing confirmation of the mission of the Co-Redemptrix who lives in the heart of the Divine Trinity!

### Rosaries Requested by Heaven

In *Life of Love* we see that the Lord often demanded that Marie-Paule say rosaries, something she most often carried out with her arms out in a cross. The requests would be made, and one night up to seven times, and our Foundress always accepted generously. These demands are still made on occasion. Recently, fatigue got the better of Marie-Paule's good will. Here is what she wrote, which was recounted to us by Sister Chantal.

#### "WHAT A BLUNDER!... A TREMENDOUS EMPTINESS

"June 9, 2007. What a long exhausting day! There was no lack of physical pain; if only it would let up a little... That night, in my room, I 'heard': 'Say a rosary.' For the first time in my life, I said: 'Oh, no, my Jesus; I would like to rest, not have to talk or think, but live in the Father's love.'

"What an ungrateful answer! To feel the Father's love is not something that can be commanded, demanded. It is a grace the Father grants when it suits Him. All our efforts would be fruitless if they were made with an egotistical hope in that regard.

"At noon the next day, I no longer felt any pain, and the day after that neither. For the first while, I felt relieved, but then what emptiness! A tremendous emptiness, in the sense that every physical or moral pain orients the soul towards Jesus in an act of love and offering for souls, and when there is no longer anything to offer, then there is emptiness. On the other hand, when we love and suffer for souls, the Father's love sweeps through us always more and more. He becomes our life of love and fills the emptiness. What a blunder I made! It is even a serious fault on my part, after my having been fulfilled to such an extent. I immediately put my will back along the track of acceptance, of the spontaneous 'fiat', and everything became normal again in the 'abnormal' of my life. We must continue to offer and to love.

"On June 12, I confessed my fault forthrightly and requested a severe penance. After an enlightened exhortation, Father Victor suggested that I say a rosary, which made me smile and think of the beating of the Holy Spirit's wing. So, I will have to pray the rosary I refused to say that evening. As soon as I had a free moment, I carried

out my penance. It was Tuesday, the day for the sorrowful mysteries which I always find painful. The reminder of Jesus' Passion and His climb to Calvary always makes me weep: 'Not Him, Jesus, but me. Let them strike me instead of Him...'

"Must I write the rest?... Yes, for I must tell it all. During the recitation of the act of contrition after confession, an assault of the Father's love – it passed in a flash – 'electrified' my soul. What a blessing, but above all, what Power and what Presence of Love intoxicate the soul at the time of confession."

After this account, the assembly recited a decade of the rosary in union with Mother Paul-Marie's prayer "to give thanks for the opening up onto the On-High, which would never have been revealed to us without her life of love."

### Our Guardian Angels

During the singing of "Ange gardien, ami fidèle" [Guardian angel, faithful friend], Joanna Santos and Brother Marc Boulanger entered in procession, each carrying a statue of a guardian angel accompanying the soul it is protecting.

Joanna's statue, being the smaller one, was placed on the altar while the one carried by Brother Marc was placed before the altar of the repository.

Brother Emmanuel Gaudreault Raymond reminded us of the mission of angels and of certain missions entrusted to them in the course of history: the archangel Raphael who accompanied Tobias, the archangel Gabriel who made the announcement to Mary... Then, closer to our time, the angels played a special role in Padre Pio's life, for he could see his guardian angel and he would ask his visitors to send him their guardian angel. Brother Emmanuel read an excerpt of a letter from Padre Pio to a lady with whom he corresponded and whom he exhorted "to always think of [her guardian angel], being conscious that, from the cradle to the grave, there is always a celestial spirit by our side that does not leave our side for an instant, that guides us, protects us like a friend, a brother, that must console us always especially in those times which are the saddest for us."

Our Foundress, for her part, declared: "A particular charism is not required to receive the inspiration of a kind thought, to perceive an interior light. Every baptized soul, bound to God by the state of grace, is called to ascend to Him and all kinds of support are given it to achieve this, including the presence of its guardian angel constantly at its side. A simple cooperation on our part is required and our soul soars towards true love, pure joy, in short, a lasting happiness."

### The Oblate-Patriots and the Marialys Institute

Jean Têtu recalled for us the founding and the mission of the Oblate-Patriots who, "imbued with the teachings of the Sovereign Pontiffs, will be bent on understanding clearly and living truly the social doctrine of the Church, while working on the civil, social, political and patriotic planes."

Mr. Paul Schulte from Holland was received as Grand Officer (national officer) of the Oblate-Patriots for Holland by Donald Aubin, the General in Chief.



Paul Schulte being received as Grand Knight of the Oblate-Patriots for Holland.

Dominique Ruel recalled the founding of the Marialys Institute whose objectives are to bring together the priests faithful to the Church of Christ and to work towards the uplifting of the young people. She reminded us of the grace received by Marie-Paule on August 16, 1972:

"I 'see' a concentration of light from which emanate crystal rays. These rays converge to pass through a point of crystal. From this little point emerge some rays that descend towards a white silhouette.

" 'THIS RELAY POINT IS YOU,' says the Lord. 'THE RAYS ARE THE MESSAGES THAT YOU PASS ON TO FATHER PHILIPPE.' "

Then, this image was replaced by another. "I 'see' a point of crystal from which emerge a great number of rays that descend to the earth. Through the rays I can 'see' many white silhouettes."

Father Philippe explained

to her why there were more rays going from the point of crystal towards the earth. That was because "this point of crystal is like a prism that receives the light and emits it in a mass of rays, which produces seven times more."

Is not this image a representation of the situation we are living in the Marian Work? And these rays of divine Light are being spread solely over the souls that recognize the Lady of All Peoples and accept this Light. By following the Lady we receive knowledge reserved to souls faithful to the divine and Marian plan for our time.

Ten lay people committed themselves within the Marialys Institute: Éveline Beaudin, Lucie and Serge Laprise, Marguerite and Pierre Lorange, Henriette and Raymond Michaud, Céline Rivest, Marie and Alain Têtu.



The new Marialys members

Marc Bosquart repeated his text "We Are Excommunicated!", and the morning program closed with a message from Mother Paul-Marie, written that very morning after Mass when a passage from the Apocalypse came to her mind, a passage which is being fulfilled in this time when the Church is striking the divine Work. Sister Chantal read this message to us.

**"THE DECLARATION FROM ROME"**

"More than ever, we are seeing what is written in the Book of Revelation being fulfilled. In fact, let us recall this very eloquent passage in which the dragon cannot reach the Woman who is carried off into the desert.

"The serpent," Saint John tells us, 'spewed a torrent of water out of his mouth to search out the woman and sweep her away. The earth then came to the woman's rescue by opening its mouth and swallowing the flood which the dragon spewed out of his mouth. Enraged at her escape, the dragon went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep God's commandments and give witness to Jesus.' (Apoc 12:15-17)

"Is that not what we are seeing being realized at this time with the Declaration from the Holy See? In fact,

nowhere in that document is there a mention of Marie-Paule, not her name or her role as the Foundress of the divine Works it is condemning. Only a very vague reference is made through the word "heresy", but we know that this has never been proven. Thus, the Church is condemning the divine intervention in our time as being an heretical act! That is really very serious!

"The only argument which, for so many years, has accompanied the accusation of 'heresy' is a flood of calumnies spewed from the dragon's mouth to engulf the woman. However, unable to attain her, her adversaries, enraged, are making war on the rest of her offspring, which we are. So it is that, this time, it is the members of the five Works of the Lady or the Woman who are attacked, that is to say, those who want to obey God.

"And not content with striking the Works and the Woman's offspring, the adversaries are making Pope Benedict XVI bear all the weight of this serious responsibility.

"And yet, we have always respected the person of the Holy Father and his role as Peter's successor, appreciating his thinking and his writings which touch our faith and are published, on occasion, in our paper *Le Royaume*

"Let us not be afraid. Regardless of the calumnies, the filth of all kinds, the earth will swallow them up. Heaven is protecting its Army and its soldiers against the bites of the enraged serpent.

"Let us hope to be 'companions of the immolated Lamb'. A mystery of love that is being accomplished before our eyes. A divine Work, the grandiose realizations of which it will now be impossible to silence."

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2007**  
*Christian Initiation*

During the afternoon Mass, 85 young people and 3 adults were confirmed and 5 youngsters made their First Communion. But first, Father Denis Thivierge reminded us of some of the teachings of Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI to young people on the role of the Holy Spirit:

"How can we allow ourselves to be renewed by the Holy Spirit," His Holiness Pope John Paul II asked them, 'and to grow in our spiritual lives? The answer, as you know, is this: we can do so by means of the Sacra-

ments, because faith is born and is strengthened within us through the Sacraments, particularly those of Christian initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist, which are complementary and inseparable.... It is through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and then, in an ongoing way, the Eucharist, that the Holy Spirit makes us children of the Father, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, capable of a true witness to the Gospel, and able to savour the joy of faith.'

"The Holy Spirit is the highest gift God made to humankind, and therefore the supreme testimony of his love for us."

As for Pope Benedict XVI, he stated: "In order to grow in our Christian life, we need to be nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ. In fact, we are baptized and confirmed with a view to the Eucharist. 'Source and summit' of the Church's life, the Eucharist is a 'perpetual Pentecost' since every time we celebrate Mass we receive the Holy Spirit who unites us more deeply with Christ and transforms us into Him."

We are often amazed to see just to what extent the messages of the Sovereign Pontiffs are appropriate within the context of the Marian Work that is being deployed in our time, guided by Heaven. Thus, last July 25, Pope Benedict XVI encouraged priests to "to live with their feet on the ground but their eyes in heaven", reminding them that "the essential element of Christianity cannot be a simple collection of dogmas... A life of love is still the best way of spreading the Gospel message."

"Living with one's feet on the ground and one's eyes in heaven," is truly the example our Foundress has given us, she whose life of love cuts for our time furrows of light for all peoples. It is by following in her wake that we will contribute to the spreading of the Kingdom of God on earth and that we will bring the Good News to all nations.

**Mass and Confirmation**

The Mass was concelebrated by 31 priests and presided over by Father Luc Beaudette. Father Carl Beaupré delivered the homily in which he reminded us of the sanctifying action of the Holy Spirit, urging those who would be confirmed to open their souls and their hearts to His coming: "Never resist Him. The more you will be pure, the more you will understand His language

which, like a light breeze, will whisper to your heart what you ought to do to please Him."

The Holy Spirit is also "charged with leading humanity to the whole truth.... Thus, the more a soul thirsts for truth, the more the Holy Spirit can instruct it."

According to what Saint Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort said: "The Holy Spirit was the master of [Mary's] soul and of the powers of her soul to such an extent that He became her own spirit," and "that is the marvel of grace which the Immaculate wishes to work in each one of us and in the hearts of all peoples so that, in all truth, the Spirit of God may fill the universe in the Kingdom where the love of God will enkindle all hearts. Yes, God our Father does not want a single one of His children to be lost. More than that, He wants all of us in His Heart so that we may meld with His infinite love."

After the homily, the ritual of Confirmation took place,



85 young people and 3 adults received the sacrament of Confirmation.

which was followed by the liturgy of the Mass, at the end of which Padre Jean-Pierre and Father Eric read again their message on the excommunication of the members of the Work for the benefit of those who were not present the two previous days.

This brought to an end this triduum in honor of the Triumph of the Cross, in the wake of the excommunication of God's Work. However, it is already possible to contemplate the rays of glory beaming from this ultimate cross which will bear so much fruit for the renewal of humanity.

September 16, 2007

**Sylvie Payeur Raynauld**

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- *Le Royaume* is so important to our spiritual survival and to help us understand how grand and beautiful what we are living is that we cannot go without it. **Paulette Maheux**

- Thank you for your *Life of Love* which snatched me from the devil's grip. Love, with all my heart. **Louise**