

The Immaculate and the Covenant



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From all time, no one has remained indifferent at the sight of the spectacular and grand phenomenon of a rainbow. In fact, whether we are young or old, believer or not, it can be admired by everyone, regardless of his condition, and there is always that same sense of awe before the majesty of nature and of God in a feeling of profound joy, but also of our own littleness. But in order to be able to see it, we must nevertheless look up in the sky. And if we are able to "uplift" our entire being even higher to this "rainbow", we will see much more than a simple masterpiece of nature.

THE RAINBOW, THE SIGN OF A COVENANT

For all those who have descended from the Judeo-Christian tradition, it is clear that the rainbow is more than just a phenomenon combining optimum meteorological factors and the laws of optical physics. It is, in fact, the concrete and visible sign God left as a sign of the Covenant concluded in the past not only with humanity represented by Noah, but also with all the living beings on this earth.

"I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you. I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings." (Gn 9:11-15)

The Covenant between God and the earth shows us just how much God loves us and wants us to share in His abounding love. However, God also wishes to respect the tremendous grace of freedom which He generously granted us. That is why, He is always the one who proposes to make a covenant with man, and He tirelessly awaits a reply on the part of man, a reply which He hopes and continues to hope that it always be more loving and generous.

THE COVENANT: THE SIGN OF GOD'S LOVE

In this sense, the Covenant is truly a leading thread that pervades throughout the Bible, that story of Love par excellence between God and men. The most noteworthy Covenants of the Holy Books are the one concluded with Noah at the end of the flood (quoted above), the one concluded with Moses – the Ten Commandments written on stone tablets which were then preserved in the Ark of the Covenant, the sign of



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God's presence among His people – the one with Abraham – the promised descendants of a multitude of nations – and finally, the one established by Christ upon His passage on earth in order to save the human race. Sometimes, we also speak, in this same sense, of the Old Covenant and the New Covenant in reference to the Old and New Testaments. Concrete signs of all those covenants were left us: the rainbow, the Ten Commandments or the two tables of the law preserved in the Ark of the Covenant, the many descendants of the People of God, the Eucharist, the real and sacramental presence of Christ.

Obviously, for us, the Eucharist occupies a supereminent place, given that it is not only the sign but truly **the presence** of Christ and of the Total Christ – as we have been led to understand – and to which our whole being has access through Communion at each one of our Masses. A grace of graces, all the import of which we cannot really understand, unfortunately, but which our faith impels us to always desire more and more.

THE IMMACULATE, THE COVENANT

Within the Work, we have had the joy of seeing announced and looming on the horizon a new Covenant that is being revealed – *in this time which is our time* –, and that is what Marie-Paule told us, already in 1978, in the paper *Marie* of August and in volume XV of *Life of Love*. Here are a few excerpts from it.

MARY FULFILLS HER PROMISE

The design of the covenant which

dominates all human history will find its culmination at the end of time. So we have to contemplate its realization in the eschatological perspective of the "HEAVENLY JERUSALEM" – the dwelling place of God with men. "They shall be his people and he will be their God; His name is 'God-with-them'" (Apoc 21:3).

God's acts among men, in the prolongation of the Covenant, became increasingly numerous over the course of the centuries, and the Bible gives an account of their history.

Yahweh always fulfilled His promises, but the infidelity of His people always obliged Him to inflict upon it the punishments to be expected. In spite of all that, the design of the covenant revealed by God has always endured, for God desires the happiness of men. Unfortunately, man is the one who sabotages God's loving plan....

Once more, in this time which marks the end of the times – in a special manner through Mary's action, as announced in Genesis –, God is still present.

*In His great and merciful goodness for humanity, God is preparing and opening the way for the conclusion of a new Covenant. Already in 1954, He had foretold the Army of Mary (*Life of Love*, volume 1). In 1964, He asked for observance of the Ten Commandments, and it is an absolute demand that the Knights of the Army of Mary observe them all (*Life of Love*, volume II).*

The Army of Mary was founded in 1971, and since that time it is Mary who has been guiding her Army. Her action has become more and more open and perceptible, and she gave the inspiration for the construction of the portable dais, which, carrying her in her image, has become the Ark of the Covenant; and this manifests once again God's presence amongst His people, in Her whom He has chosen for this time....

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The Ark of the Covenant, asked for this time by Mary, recalls in its exterior form, the presence of her who has come to crush the head of the serpent; of her who in directing her Army, invites her soldiers to pray to her, to the end that HER PROMISE may fully be realized: "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph."

A NEW COVENANT

In this article that dates back a number of years, we can draw from it a few elements that will help us better contemplate God's plan for humanity. For example, it is interesting, and even fundamental, to note that the exigency of the ten commandments is also found in the little blue book entitled *The Community of the Lady of All Peoples*, a little book that tells us essentially what the Community is and what it must one day fully realize for the entire world. Is that surprising? No, given that we can easily consider the ten commandments as being the founding charter God Himself gave to humanity by engraving it in stone, hoping that, in turn, man would etch it deeply in his heart.

Yes, when we reread that article, we realize that we are truly in the era of a **New Covenant** which God is concluding with humanity, represented by the little remnant of His people attentive and open to the signs of the times. It suffices to look at the "evolution", the "development" or rather, the "unveiling" of the Mystery within the Work in order to be easily and naturally convinced of this. In fact, from the moment the mystery was revealed, we could say, in a way, that the New Covenant concluded with God through the coming of His Son, the Redeemer, now becomes a New Covenant with the coming of the Father's Daughter – the Co-Redemptrix –, so that we can say that it is well and truly a matter of the same "*New Covenant*" as that of two thousand years ago..., but also most certainly a **Covenant that is new** since the Immaculate is truly present in the Co-Redemptrix.

A PREFIGURATION

We are well aware that the Oblate-Patriots, an important branch of the Work founded on August 15, 1986, whose patroness is Mary Mediatrix, are being formed with a view to renewing society which will give the first place back to God and restore the dignity of the entire human family. In a certain way, they are preparing the bases of society so that it may live this *New Covenant* which, more and more, will take shape as the Kingdom we all desire and which we so ardently request several times a day in the *Our Father* is established. Now, the picture of Mary

"THE RAINBOW"

The morning of February 4, [2002], the rose rainbow that I "saw" again took on the oval form of the Total Earth, delimited its circumference and completely concealed it. There was no longer anything but that beautiful soft rose color, so sweet to contemplate; the other colors had disappeared. I "learned" – and what a consolation! – that the vault, or cupola, of which the substance is so solid, embellished with a wide rose band marking its contour, gives us the assurance of the victory of Mary, the Virgin of the Rosary, the Mystical Rose, thanks to the prayer of the ROSARY for which she asked in Fatima on October 13, 1917, and to the realization of her Plan of Love accomplished under her direction [that of Mary] as the Lady of All Peoples.

The ardent force of prayer is going to change the face of the world, thanks to God, through Mary. What serene renewals will surge up; sunshine, harmony, explosions of living force, the seeking of true love!

"THE RAINBOW"

The Virgin of the Rosary has subdued destiny, as she said she would, in order to achieve the triumph of the divine Designs that are the Way, the Truth and the Life. The world is always reborn to the light, and the eternal Light will shine again on an earth delivered from the Dragon, who will be put in chains for a thousand years.

May this hope be a support to souls faced with the convulsive assault of the Beast who cannot bear the birth of the Reign of Love. That Reign of Mary will come through the Holy Spirit because of all the sufferings throughout the world, the blood shed, the fervent prayers which have served as sowings for the germination and growth of a fraternal world.

God's response of Love to the breath of hatred of Lucifer brought low by the Warrior Virgin.

May the Virgin of the Rosary, the "RAINBOW"¹ between God and beings, Ark of the Covenant, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven, Mother of the Church, "SOVEREIGN OF THE EARTH"² through the Co-Redemption, sustain all hearts in thoughts penetrated by hope!

My soul exalts the Lord,
Exult, my spirit, in God my Savior!
He has looked upon the lowliness
of His handmaid.
Holy is His Name,
and holy is the Name of Mary!

February 5, 2002

Mother Paul-Marie

1. Words ("RAINBOW" and "SOVEREIGN OF THE EARTH") of the Archangel Gabriel who, at this very moment, came to breathe into me these titles about which I had not even been thinking.
2. *Life of Love* I, chap. 44, p. 272.

Mediatrix, the patroness of the Oblate-Patriots to whom everything has been entrusted, is eloquent:

- The Virgin Mary is crowned victorious over the serpent, and is standing on the earth.
- The Holy Spirit, fecundating Mary, is spreading His rays abundantly.
- The Eucharist is depicted on the royal, immaculate Lily, revealing its close bond with the latter.
- The luminous Rainbow with its

reflections of eternity was brought about by the epiphany of the Divinity on earth, as it announces an era of peace, an obvious reminder of the Covenant established by God.

Following the events of recent years, mainly during the triduum held at Spiri-Maria, can we not see in this picture a prefiguration of all that would happen once the time for them had arrived? Although they are certainly not exhaustive, for the time being, here are a few facts worth mentioning that will help us contemplate the kindness and wisdom of God who guides everything.

On May 31, 2007, Padre Jean-Pierre promulgated the dogma of Mary, not only as Mediatrix, but truly as Co-Redemptrix, Mediatrix and Advocate, as the Lady of All Peoples had announced it in her messages.

Also, since the publication of the numerous graces revealed in the volumes entitled *The White Books*, we have been in a position to understand better the grandeur of the Eucharist and especially the intimate presence in it of the Redeemer and of the Co-Redemptrix who, through their merits and their respective lives of sufferings and self-abasements, have "acquired" the possibility of becoming Eucharist. Thus, we can now affirm that Christ is always present there, but, at the same time, we can say: "*And yet, they are two.*"...

Furthermore, last year, we lived historical moments when prophetic words found in *Life of Love* were fulfilled, and the "*little Mary of the earth*" – Marie-Paule – solemnly entered in the chapel as "*Sovereign of the earth*", so that the triumph of the Immaculate might be celebrated simultaneously in Heaven and on earth, contributing in this way to crushing even more firmly the infamous serpent's head.

All of that – and perhaps even more – is marvelously present in this picture of Mary Mediatrix, so that we can consider it as a prefiguration of the latter times which we are in the process of living.

WITH GOD, EVERYTHING FITS TOGETHER

But what about the rainbow? On February 5, 2002, Mother Paul-Marie signed an article printed on pages 13-15 of the English edition of the January-February 2002 issue of the paper *Le Royaume*, entitled *The Number 153 and the RAINBOW*. At the end, under the subtitle "*The Rainbow*", we are surprised to read so many details that are really pertinent and encouraging,

especially now that we know that the Year of Light is continuing, with the addition of the Year of the Rainbow, as Mother Paul-Marie indicated to us in December 2008.

Upon reading this article published in 2002, we can now associate the idea of rainbow first of all to the victory of Mary, the Virgin of the Rosary, as Marie-Paule specified with the following event:

The morning of February 4, the rose rainbow that I "saw" again took on the oval form of the Total Earth, delimited its circumference and completely concealed it. There was no longer anything but that beautiful soft rose color, so sweet to contemplate; the other colors had disappeared. I "learned" – and what a consolation! – that the vault, or cupola, of which the substance is so solid, embellished with a wide rose band marking its contour, gives us the assurance of the victory of Mary.

Moreover, upon reading this article, we have no choice but to understand that the "RAINBOW" is also a Marian title, given that it is clearly stated in the final wish made by our Foundress.

May the Virgin of the Rosary, the "RAINBOW" between God and beings, Ark of the Covenant, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven, Mother of the Church, "SOVEREIGN OF THE

EARTH" through the Co-Redemption, sustain all hearts in thoughts penetrated by hope!

We should note that at the end of the article, a footnote indicates that the words "RAINBOW" and "SOVEREIGN OF THE EARTH" were words breathed into Marie-Paule by the Archangel Gabriel at the very moment she was writing those lines..., titles she had not even thought of.

Enlightened by those specific details, we can carry on with our reflection or our contemplation by asking ourselves if the title "RAINBOW" is to be attributed solely to Mary or to the Lady of All Peoples as well. It appears fairly obvious that it is also possible to attribute it to the Lady of All Peoples since the dogma specified that the Lady of All Peoples is Co-Redemptrix, Mediatrix and Advocate. Given that by definition, she is Mediatrix, it goes without saying that this role is precisely that of being Mediatrix between God and men, just as the title of "RAINBOW" specified. We should make clear that this mediation takes nothing away from the Son, for it is well and truly a mediation willed by God.

We can see this always more and more, it is absolutely astonishing to see just to what extent with God everything fits together. It was necessary that the

Lady of All Peoples – Marie-Paule, the Immaculate Daughter – be acknowledged first of all as the "**sovereign of the earth**" before humanity could live the Year of the Rainbow that will be, or is, no more and no less than a "Marian Year" proclaimed by Heaven!

A TRIUMPHANT AND MARIAN YEAR

Therefore, we can foresee that this year will be a year of Marian victory. And even if it is not fully realized, at least, have the hope of an increasingly more apparent triumph of the Immaculate over Satan and over evil.

May the Immaculate, our Queen and our RAINBOW, be our support and our hope in this time of the end in which the diabolical convulsive movements are being felt everywhere.

Let us hope that soon the day will come when, everywhere, we will be able to acknowledge and say of Marie-Paule these words of Ecclesiastes: "*Behold the rainbow! Then bless its Maker, for majestic indeed is its splendor; it spans the heavens with its glory, this bow bent by the mighty hand of God.*" (Sir 43:11-12) Yes, may we finally see the day when Mary Immaculate – the Rainbow and the reflection of God's glory – will triumph before the face of the earth.

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