

THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR WITNESS



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At the time of a census of the Canadian people in 2021, more than 19 million persons declared they belonged to a Christian religion, which represents 53.3% of the total population. However, this percentage has been going down, given that 67.3% of the Canadian population was affiliated with a Christian religion in 2011 and 77.1% in 2001.

In fact, Christianity in general and Catholicism in particular are increasingly contested here. Was religion well understood, taught and lived since the beginning of the colonization of the Americas? The purpose here is not to criticize our religious history, but to realize that no religion is protected from the influence of modern ideologies.

WITHOUT REFERENCE TO GOD

Our history in Quebec is proof of this. Little by little, in the course of the last decades, our governments have thrown off the yoke of Christ's teaching, so that now they define justice and collective values in terms of a human model, without any reference to God. We know the consequences of this for the salvation of souls.

Today's younger generations only have a vague knowledge of our religious culture and, most often, it is tainted by negative prejudices. After having risen up against God, men are now rising up against men. Thus, a believer must be courageous in order to live his faith in a world claiming to be inclusive, and the situation continues to deteriorate more and more.

However, let us not be afraid, for Marie-Paule, the Mother of the Kingdom, was victorious over this world. She in whom we believe will always support us. *"Today, God exacts that we remain pure while at the very core of impurity. This demand is exemplified in Marie-Paule and finds its expression in 'Life of Love'."* (Raoul Auclair's Preface, *Life of Love I*, p. 21)

TO LOVE AND FORGIVE

We know that humanity will not find peace as long as it will not have turned to the Lady of All Peoples who is the only one capable of uniting them into one single Community. At one point, humanity, overwhelmed by pain and suffering, will realize the necessity of the redemptive cross and the Eucharist. It will ask forgiveness of God and it will be necessary to welcome it kindly.

During all her life, Marie-Paule showed the importance of being open and receptive to the other person and of granting forgiveness. She always asked the members of the Lady's Work to practise forgiveness in silence and love, while also teaching us that the duty to pardon does not eliminate the one of proclaiming the truth, so as to enlighten consciences and strengthen souls.

When that day comes, will we be humble and devoted enough to respond to the spiritual needs that will be expressed? We can already see a form of awakening in certain people and they ask questions of us. We must continue to prepare ourselves through our interior reform because it is through the intensification of our spiritual life that the Kingdom in the process of development will be built. Bound together through our new faith and under the action of the True Spirit, we will represent a Community of hope for so many thirsting souls.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Let us be fully conscious of our responsibility. We must be in solidarity concerning the Mystery of the Work and accept to be thrust in the forefront so as to be able to collaborate in its development, in keeping with our own possibilities and capabilities. The witness of our life, as humble as it might be, will always be a key element for the growth of the Terrestrial Kingdom brought to birth by the Lady.

In fact, if Marie-Paule gave every-

thing through her *Life of Love*, in an absolute obedience, this was for the Church, first of all, but above all for the reality of the Kingdom of God on earth. We will have to bear witness to this Kingdom under the guidance of Marc-André I who, through his role, carries its hope. When we will all live of the Lady's teaching, and true spiritual values will have been established through *"the Royalty that comes down from Heaven"*, then peace and love will flourish on Earth finally turned to God.

The Lady desires that all of us fully participate in the renewal she is preparing to organize. All of us want to be faithful and we know that the only way to remain faithful is by keeping our eyes fixed on the Lady and imbuing ourselves with her will expressed through providential events and through each of the persons in charge whom she herself chose. Let us pray for them, suffer for them, for an appointment in the Work is a very great responsibility. Admittedly, it is presented as a divine choice, but it is also a tribulation. Let us be united and work together, having at heart the same goal.

KING AND QUEEN OF SOULS

If Jesus Christ and Marie-Paule experienced death, this was so that they would be victorious over it and then manifest true life. It was to become the King and Queen of all souls in the Celestial Kingdom and in the Terrestrial Kingdom. We now belong to them but we are always free to collaborate generously.

Jesus Christ and Marie-Paule, when you show us your cross, this is so that the upsurge of our love may rise up to you and so that we will be disposed to serve truth, justice and peace. *"May your divine Sovereignty of mercy, light and love, unite the peoples in the inef-fable peace of the Spirit."* ■