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# Living in Faith, Day After Day

From the beginning of the Lady's public life until now, several generations have journeyed side by side: great grandparents, grandparents, parents, children and grandchildren. They were attracted by her, by her maternal kindness, by all the facets of her sanctity, by the radiance of her entirely feminine divinity and by the strong faith that emanated from her entire life of love. Her great charity gave her the strength to accept everything in peace and to continue to be merciful towards all those who made her suffer. She was always able to uplift her eyes to God, even when she was unable to comprehend absolutely anything of what He was asking her to live.

## GROWING IN FAITH

Faith is like a little seed the Spirit deposits in us at the time of our baptism, which then grows as a result of the spiritual support given it. Often however, faith is like an "obscure light" in the intelligence of a human being. Then he has to believe in the wise guidance of God even if he does not understand all its aspects.

Moreover, the members of the Lady's Work, in their simplicity as the little ones of the Kingdom, imitate as best they can the Mother of the Kingdom by imbuing themselves with her Spirit and continuing to advance in faith, progressing every day in their conquest of Heaven. Striving to accept God's will, whatever it might be, they know that their faith in the Marian Co-Redemption is necessary for God's plan for humanity. They go forward, one step at a time, while nurturing love in their hearts and thus achieving the purpose for which they were created and redeemed before being regenerated.

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But doing within oneself what the Redeemer and the Co-Redemptrix did, as they set a perfect example for us, what a task that is! From one sacrifice to the next, in the freedom of the giving of self – because dying to oneself

is a long-term undertaking – each soul tries to become a little living copy of the Lord and the Lady, despite the sufferings marking the path leading to the Father's Heart. As Marc Bosquart said in a conference: "Love and suffering are two aspects of sanctification that go hand in hand; love increases the capacity to suffer and suffering increases the capacity to love."

For his part, Paul the Apostle taught that "faith is confident assurance concerning what we hope for." (Heb 11:1)



1978, Army of Mary Center, Quebec City - Marie-Paule, wearing the diadem with a single star (and the Jerusalem dress the Lord had asked her to buy).

Thus, the members of the Work have faith in Marie-Paule, in her mission, in her mystery, and they take in the spiritual treasures she left in her wake. This faith, living in every soul, is always a free act and it is manifested through fidelity, trust and love. With God's help, it is bound in with an intimate decision, in a great hope that the new developments in the knowledge of her mystery will soon be fulfilled.

## NEW HORIZONS

Over the years, *Life of Love* progressively led the members of the Lady's Work towards new divine horizons: "the foundations of the new knowledge of God that will prevail in the Kingdom" (new forms of spirituality, new divine worship, new liturgy...). (cf. Marc Bosquart, *Un Amour Infini*, p. 45)

Like the Hebrew people in the desert who fed on manna before reaching the Promised Land, the members of the Work also feed, daily for the majority, on the "new Eucharistic manna". "And this Eucharist of the Kingdom is none other than the Total Bread the Christian people have been asking, for almost twenty centuries." (M. Bosquart, *Le Rédempteur et la Co-Rédemptrice*, p. 369)

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Since the founding of the Army of Mary in 1971, many members of the Work left us for Heaven. Throughout their journey on earth, they were able to keep their eyes fixed on the Immaculate as Daughter, the new Morning Star guiding us in our darkened world towards a new day of a thousand years, the Kingdom of justice

and peace.

Like the elderly Simeon, they lived every day in the new faith and were awaiting the future with hope “for their eyes had witnessed the saving deed displayed for all the peoples to see.” (cf. Lk 2:30-31) They were edifying in many respects along the road of sanctity.

However, we who are still here below, isn't our hope, like theirs was, to pursue our personal sanctification so as to become, in our very little way, apostles after the Hearts of the Lord and the Lady? Yes, every day lived in faith can bear a maximum of fruit so that their two Hearts may reign in us first of all, and then, with the help of the Total Divinity, cause Love to be reflected upon the entire world.

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If we think of the Magi Kings, they may seem to have been a bit rash to “follow the Star”, but they had faith in what they would discover by following it. These wise kings, Jesus said, “had nothing to assure them of the truth.... And yet they had faith. Faith in everything: in science, in their own conscience, in God's goodness. [They believed] in the sign of the new star, which could only be 'the one' expected by mankind for centuries: the Messiah.” (Maria Valtorta, *The Poem of the Man God*, vol. I, p. 174)



#### ADORING MARIE-PAULE

Today, only a very tiny portion of humanity believes in the sign of the new star, Marie-Paule, the Star of a new world, the Mother of the Kingdom, the Sovereign of the Earth and the Lady of All Peoples. For, in reality, “the two stars, the one of Bethlehem and the one of the Army of Mary are identical” and are but one! (cf. *Life of Love* VIII, p. 132)

It might seem at little bold too, to bend the knee, after the example of the Magi Kings and the shepherds, to bow low and adore the One who “deserves to be adored like every other divine Person.” (Marc Bosquart, *Un Amour Infini*, p. 240)

In the eyes of the world, what a scandal to believe in what we believe! What foolishness and what naivety, they must think! There you have people who believe that Mary and Marie-Paule are divine! And yet, addressing ourselves to Marie-Paule, we too could say: “To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” (Jn 6:68)

The Lord God and the Lady God cannot lead us astray or mislead the persons who have as a mission to bring their mystery to light. Consequently, the new faith is a certainty because it is founded on the supreme authority of the Divine Quinternity that is the only source of the truth. “I am the Word, and thus I can make use of words without erring,” Jesus said. (Maria Valtorta, *The Poem of the Man-God*, vol. 3, p. 402) and, in the liturgy of the new Mass,

we proclaim: “the Lady's word is a word of truth.”

#### ON THE MARCH TOWARDS THE KINGDOM

Within the context of the Great Week of our humanity, the unveiling of the divine mystery occurs progressively. Besides, this mystery does not seem to be definitely closed, any more than it is accepted right away by everyone. However, it would be necessary to always remember that we are nevertheless the privileged witnesses of an exceptional and absolutely incomparable moment in the history of humanity!

When we stop to think about it, the Lady's Work is even the only institution to provide true, pertinent answers full of light to certain questions everyone has been asking for two thousand years, and even more so in our time because the world is evolving. Here is what Jesus said in this regard in Maria Valtorta:

*“If you tell Me that the world is evolving, I reply to you that this evolution is not an obstacle to the Faith, but rather, should make it increasingly easy for you to believe. To believe does not mean to be gullible. To believe is to accept and comprehend, according to the light of intelligence, what is said to you by those who have never lied: the Holy Ones of God, beginning with the patriarchs; to believe is to understand in the light of Grace, which I have brought to you, full and superabundant, what still remains obscure to the intelligence. To believe is, above all, to love.... To believe is holy because it is for one's spirit to be obedient to the Lord's mysteries.”*

(*The Notebooks* 1943, p. 272)

The simple love of the little ones nourishes the faith; faith feeds hope, and hope brings about the joy and peace that will reign in the Kingdom. We carry this hope in our hearts first of all, to then “embody it in the ‘Great Action’ which the Lady defined in her messages as being the first important forward movement of the works and of the spirit of the Kingdom.” (cf. *Le Royaume*, no. 279, November-December 2002, p. 4)

Let us remain united with the Father and the Mother of the Kingdom so that the reign of their two united Hearts will grow in us, for, through the glorious body of the Total Christ we receive in Communion, we are impelled to tend even more toward the Divinity. Yes, through the Eucharist, their Love radiates over us always more and more, and their “shared Spirit” nourishes us, in keeping with our degree of openness to the celestial realities.

Marie-Paule told us that Redemption and Co-Redemption constitute “one single mystery”. (*Le Royaume*, no. 17, Dec. 1983-Jan. 1984, p. 15) It will be up to the inhabitants of the Kingdom, when the Total Christ will reign (the Queen and the King), to discover this always more and more and to live by it every day.

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