

THE TRIUMPHANT CROSS

“Gems of spirituality” drawn from letters Mother Paul-Marie wrote for September 14.

Let us live with the Cross and on the Cross with love, self-abandonment and serenity, in the wake of Christ who can only be found there where He is, that is, on the CROSS. (1979)



The feast of the Triumph of the Cross is a source of deep joys, for, “to carry the cross” is to be receptive... and to be receptive is already to love. To carry one’s cross is to offer up to God what has been entrusted to us in this world as a means of Co-Redemption. (1979)



When God places the cross on our shoulders, He gives us the honor of receiving a call, the opportunity to collaborate, to be intimately associated with Christ. The same trials and tribulations remain, but our way of looking at them changes and we feel a new courage. That perspective illumines our path and helps us to journey along in serenity. (1979)



The cross is the greatest source of hope because it accustoms the soul to dialoguing with God, to showing Him the sincerity of our love, the reality of our abandonment, the worth of our offering in the exercise of our faith. And our thoughts become marked with the divine influence. What a blessing! (1980)



It is precisely because of our crosses, which increase our capacity to merit, that our apostolate becomes more efficacious. That is why, thanks to Christ who gave it redemptive value, a power without parallel, the Cross has become TRIUMPHANT. It is for us to consent, to give in order to conquer. (1985)



May it be given all of us to live in the radiance of the Triumphant Cross, after having shared the same sufferings, not so much the personal ones as those even more intimate in having to see the Church buffeted and rejected, while in the sincerity of our soul, the truth, under its weight of light, has made us more aware of how grand is the Work entrusted to us. (1990)



One day or another, we receive the wounds that the cross inflicts upon our heart, and yet, when our life is centered on God, all physical, moral or spiritual suffering, offered up with love and in a spirit of abandonment, lightens the weight and becomes the source of unsuspected joys and lights. The offering is like an arrow of love that penetrates heaven, under the eyes of our Immaculate Mother. It is the Cross that lifts us up and draws us towards the Father, into a sweet intimacy with Him. (1998)



The Lord has His way of passing in each life, and a life goes by so quickly, even on the cross! “Suffering passes, but to have suffered well, endures.” Such is the key to true happiness, to the sweet felicity which one tastes even in the

here-below. (1998)



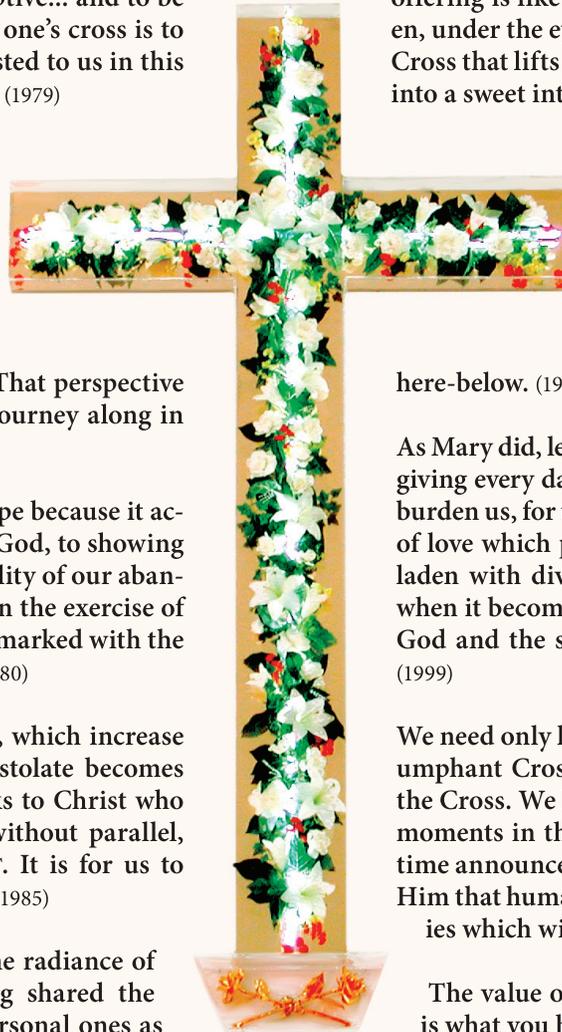
As Mary did, let us repeat our “YES” of love and thanksgiving every day, even for the liberating crosses which burden us, for this “YES” rises heavenward like a hymn of love which penetrates the Infinite and redescends laden with divine charity. How beautiful our life is when it becomes an offertory, a story of love between God and the soul that has given itself over to Him! (1999)



We need only love God, respect His laws, and the Triumphant Cross becomes our trophy at the Tabor of the Cross. We have reached one of the most beautiful moments in the history of the world, in this Marian time announced by the Eternal Father. Let us beseech Him that humanity may finally see the divine mysteries which will fill it with peace, joy and love. (2000)



The value of the CROSS enriched with LOVE – that is what you have understood and that is what keeps you faithful to this Work of Love. Committed as we are to this path, we can hope for the marvelous transformation God has promised to souls of good will, but we also know that it will be only the small number that will arrive at it. May we be faithful to the end! (2002)



This CROSS which is sometimes so heavy to drag, which wounds the already aching shoulder, which often is made heavier by those dear to us; this CROSS, become the “jewel of holocaust,” will one day shine forth to the soul in all its redemptive power. This cross that is so heavy becomes so light that FINALLY it comes to bear up the soul which could only just drag it. This cross which wounds, also brings with it a veritable balm that soothes the soul, for “to suffer passes.., to have suffered well, endures.” And this thought, combined with a very particular enrichment which human values could not provide, opens marvelous prospects for whosoever has the will to profit from them. This cross, become the “jewel of holocaust”, becomes the ONLY ornament with which the soul is pleased to adorn itself; a value for redemption which we shall find again the moment we embrace the Infinite. If it were given us to see the influence we exert, the influence of a life lived with intensity... how surprised we would be!... (February 24, 1970)

– Mother Paul-Marie