

The Work and the Mystery of the Lady – 5

The “Consecration to Marie-Paule in View of the Kingdom”

Dear Members of the Army of Mary,

In December 2017, I sent a message to the Animators of the Army of Mary informing them that, during meetings and ceremonies, the *Consecration to Marie-Paule* would henceforth be recited instead of the *Consecration to Mary*.

This decision was prompted by the triduum of prayer of September 2017, during which the Consecrations which have succeeded one another since the beginning of the Work were highlighted, and at the end, it was announced:

“We have come to the end of our Marian program after having recalled the different prayers of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the benefits ensuing from them for our souls. However, we must be vigilant and renew this offering of ourselves to the Immaculate every day so that we will always act more and more for Her, through Her, with Her and in Her. Thus, like a crescendo of love and graces, in the development of our faith in the Divine Quinternity, we are now invited to take one more step forward in the assertion of our common faith in Marie-Paule with the new prayer of consecration Marc Bosquart wrote in 2005. It is important, as its author put it so well, that we ‘make it our own every day of the great combat which must precede the coming of the Kingdom in its ineffable splendor.’”

It seemed to me that this paragraph, written by Sister Micheline Hupé, was very significant, to the point that it became quite clear to me that the time had come, at the beginning of this year 2018, to make official and regularize this “*step forward*” which then becomes like a decisive step in our personal and collective faith in **Marie-Paule, the Lady of All Peoples**. In fact, we ought to resolutely turn to Her in “*this time of the end*” as she herself so often described these times in which we are living.

Let us not be afraid or fear anything: the Lady is with us, guiding us, instructing us, fighting by our side, introducing us ever more and more into her Light which, soon, will reveal the Kingdom to us in all its glory and beauty.

Let us pray for each other. Let us not overestimate our own strength. It is through prayer that we will obtain the grace of being faithful to the Lady and to the Work to the very end.

With much love,

Charlotte Bélanger

International Animator of the Army of Mary

So that everyone may have all the information available concerning the new Consecration, I also asked Marc, its author, to recount to us in what spirit and under what circumstances this Consecration was written. His text immediately follows this letter.



Concerning the “Consecration to Marie-Paule”

- What is its origin?
- Under what circumstances was it composed?
- What did Marie-Paule herself think of it?
- What happens to the “Consecration to Mary?”

Now that the *Consecration to Marie-Paule* is henceforth replacing the traditional *Consecration to Mary* for certain meetings of the Lady’s Work, I was asked to recall its origin and its

significance.

I remember the circumstances very well; it was on September 14, 2005. It looked like it would be a magnificent day and I thought to myself that this would be a good day (Marie-Paule’s birthday and exceptionally good weather) to set up a small table outside so as to work in the fresh air on an old project, that of adapting the *Consecration to Mary*, written in the past by Sister Jeanne d’Arc Demers and recited in the Work for many years, in order to make of it a *Consecration to Marie-Paule in view of the Kingdom*. This last detail is important

because I have always considered this Consecration to be a “weapon of combat” within the perspective of the Kingdom.

What I thought would be accomplished in a few hours (after a prayer to Marie-Paule and with her assistance) finally took me the whole day and well into the evening. At first, I thought of simply replacing a few words, adapting a few passages, but the more the work progressed, the more I was departing from the original text to the point that, with each modified word which then required a change in a few others, I ended up with a text that was considerably different.

Later – I do not remember exactly what day it was – I “gathered up all my courage” and handed Marie-Paule a copy of the text of *Consecration... to Marie-Paule*. She read it in front of me, but I have no precise memory of her reaction. However, she was not opposed to it (something I was nevertheless dreading a little). But I remember one amusing detail.

Towards the end of the text, it is written: “*May I never forget that you will always be with me especially if, one day, I am given the opportunity to sacrifice my life for you.*” Now, in the first version handed to Marie-Paule, I had written, “... *to donate* [in the sense of “shed”] *my blood to you*”. I, of course, was thinking of martyrdom but Marie-Paule, in her great simplicity, had taken the words literally and asked me why I was speaking of a “donation of blood”. So, I replaced the expression with “*sacrifice my life for you*”, which is much better since we can sacrifice our life in many ways.

Finally, to tell you everything about this Consecration, Sister Julienne Boisvert had me remark at the time that maybe there was an error of usage in the French version. According to most grammarians, I should have written, in fact, “*O Marie-Paule, ... I know that you are but ONE with the Total Divinity*”, using the masculine form for the word “One”, since the expression “being but one” is normally only used in the masculine even with feminine subjects. However, I preferred leaving it in the feminine form, feeling this was better and basing myself on the fact that Marie-Paule herself said to Mary: “*The two of us are but one, aren't we?*” [with “one” also being used here in the feminine form]. (*Life of Love* XI, p. 201)

Last important detail: even if the *Consecration to Marie-Paule in view of the Kingdom* is now recited during certain meetings, this does not prevent a Knight of Mary from privately saying the *Consecration of Mary* which continues to have its value as a consecration but whose content does not quite correspond to the faith prevailing in the Work. Do we not say to Mary: “*I choose you today in the presence of the Holy Trinity...*” whereas we are now living under the reign of the Quinternity... of which Mary is a part?

Moreover, for all of us today, is not Marie-Paule the one we have known personally, Marie-Paule who is at the heart of our faith, Marie-Paule in person who is leading us to the Kingdom and Marie-Paule who has joined Jesus Christ “in the Eucharist”? Do we not have there so many reasons to consecrate ourselves to her, knowing that, by the very fact of doing so, we are also consecrating ourselves to Mary the Divine?

– M. B.

Consecration to Marie-Paule in View of the Kingdom

*O Marie-Paule, Lady of All Peoples,
Mother of the Kingdom and Sovereign of the Earth,
with my heart, I turn to you today,
for you are God's envoy for our time,
in our world.*

*He chose you from among all women,
He entrusted to you the fate of humanity on earth
and gave all the powers to you,
the Daughter of Mary the Divine
and the Flower of flowers in God's garden.*

*With the innermost conviction that a grandiose Work
is being accomplished through you,
and that you are the Immaculate Co-Redemptrix
issued forth from the heart of the Redeemer God,
I consecrate myself to you,
I surrender myself to you in the totality of my being,
in complete freedom, withholding nothing,
and keeping nothing for myself.*

*O Marie-Paule, Daughter of God as Father
and of the Immaculate as Mother,
Spouse of Jesus Christ, in the Fire of the Spirit,
I know that you are but ONE with the Total Divinity
that governs all things in Heaven and on Earth.*

*That is why I want to love you, serve you
and extend your reign in the world,
so that, in you, the peoples may come
to drink from the wellspring of Renewal,
for the Kingdom you are establishing
is the fruit of your Love in all its dimensions.*

*I offer myself to you in order to hasten
the advent of this Kingdom, and to work in it,
in whatever way you may wish to use me.*

*May I fear nothing and be stopped by nothing,
neither the malice of human beings
nor the attractions of the forces of Evil.*

*May I never forget that you will always be with me
especially if, one day, I am given the opportunity
to sacrifice my life for you.*

*After your example,
may I serve God first and at all times,
so as to enable the men, women and children
of the present and the future,
to be nourished by your “Life of Love”
and to imitate it, from the dawning of the Kingdom
until the end of the world. Amen.*