



# Figures in the Work



## Grégoire Giguère, Marie-Paule's Brother and Protector (February 8 1925 - September 28, 2007)

Grégoire, born at Lac-Etchemin on February 8, 1925, was the fourth child of Laura Bégin and Ernest Giguère. An avid sportsman, he chose to work in the insurance field, and in 1953, he married Odette Laliberté. The couple had seven children.

In *Life of Love*, Marie-Paule underlined many times Grégoire's great generosity as he helped her both materially and morally at a time when she was going through heavy trials, and he would come to her defence when he heard calumnies or saw the incomprehension of this one or that one.

He was closely bound in with the Marian Work being prepared. After having read the manuscript of the second volume of *Life of Love*, he said to Marie-Paule: "I have never understood so clearly our wonderful faith... I no longer have the same outlook on life, and I understand the importance of our interior reform before we embark on exterior activity. If our lamp is not lit, how can we enlighten others?" (*Life of Love III*, p. 101)

In May 1969, Marie-Paule "learned" that "at the hour of renewal", "there would be the multiplication of loaves, that is, consecrated hosts." A few days later, Grégoire recounted to her a recent dream which confirmed the indication "received". "I see a host appear towards the left end of the balustrade, very close to the statue of the Blessed Virgin. It is the size of those distributed to the faithful. It stands alone and is positioned at about the height of our head, and each one can go and receive Communion without anyone having to be there to distribute it. A new host appears each time someone presents himself." (*Id.*, p. 335)

At Marie-Paule's on December 22, 1970, Grégoire received the blessing as a Son of Mary with this formula: "May the Lord pour out on you all the graces possible in order that you may become the greatest of all fathers." (*Id.* VII, p. 225)

When he returned home, she saw him "soaring" in the air above his car which was going along the highway, and she later "received" the following explanation: "Grégoire is bound to the earth by family ties, by the ties of his property, his car, his obligations. His soul, in its will to love, to give everything, can soar, but at the same time his possessions bind him to the ground." She would go on to say that Grégoire was fulfilling a "conjugal priesthood", having given "himself to God's cause... [tied] down primarily to his family; the apostolate comes second." (*Id.*, pp. 227-228)

He received this message from the Lord through Sister Marie-Stella: "I need him so much. I have so few generous and

dedicated apostles like Grégoire to help my priests; souls have such a need of them. It is his charity and his zeal for my Mother that is winning so many souls to me. If I send him trials, it is but a proof of my love for him and his loved ones." (*Id.*, p. 363)

In the wee hours of the morning on September 14, 1974, during a pilgrimage to Rome, Grégoire suffered a heart attack which could have been fatal, but he was cured thanks to Marie-Paule's intervention.



At the time of the alliance of the Army of Mary and the Militia of Jesus Christ at Amsterdam in September 1977, he was appointed Prior of the Province Mary Queen in Canada for this Militia.

However, he had to bear some very heavy tribulations. "POOR GRÉGOIRE!" the Lord said to Marie-Paule in 1982. That was because, for the welfare of the community, Grégoire had become associated with a property developer whom he trusted implicitly for the management of projects which turned out to be ruinous: the financing of a private school during the 1978-1979 school year and the purchase of a building in 1983 intended to house elderly people. Having contracted loans and mortgaged his house for those projects, he found himself in a very difficult financial position.

Grégoire and Odette would get through this ordeal and many others that bore down on their home without complaining and in an edifying manner. They also patiently put up with the accusations and calumnies that rained down upon Grégoire whose good intentions were questioned.

In 1986, the Lord would again say the name "GRÉGOIRE" but in a happier tone and He indicated that, during the ceremony of the Oblate-Patriots on May 29, 1987, Grégoire was to "RECEIVE THE SCEPTER, IN HOMAGE FOR ALL HE DID FOR THE WORK". (*Vie d'Amour, Appendice III*, p. 82) Thus, he was received as the General in Chief of the Oblate-Patriots.

Moreover, during the triduum of May 2004, he was among the group of the first Knights of the Lady.

In September 2007, Marie-Paule "received" the indication of a death in her family and on September 28, Grégoire lost his life in a car accident. Afterwards, so many graces reported by Marie-Paule, especially in the *White Book III*, were marked by Grégoire's presence!

He left behind the memory of a very generous and devoted man, the perfect example of a selfless Christian concerned with the lot of his fellow citizens, with a heart of gold.

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