

About the Liturgical Reform in Progress

“O mankind, indeed We have... made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah [the Arab word for God] is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted.” (Surah 49, verse 13)

This verse from the Koran expresses, in the loveliest of ways, what our relationship with others ought to be. The diversity of human beings on Earth does not mean that some are superior to others. On the contrary, this difference is a good thing, a richness or a wealth for humanity.

A few years ago, what I knew of the Christian religion did not go beyond what is generally known about it in the Muslim world, and I had never heard of the Army of Mary. Then, I met a family from Quebec, members of the Army of Mary. Through my contact with it, I learned many things and especially the respect of others.

I find this respect in your religious ceremonies, in your readings taken from “the spiritual heritage of humanity”. That is a remarkable initiative: it will enable people from different religions to be brought closer together so that they may learn to know each other better and thus respect each other.

I now watch all your Sunday Masses broadcast live on Radio Love, and my conviction has become a certainty: there are many more things uniting us than there are things separating us.

Asalamo alaykom, peace be with you!

Saïd Mouhibi, Casablanca, Morocco

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As I was attending Mass on Sunday, September 6, I felt a deep emotion welling up in me as I listened to a reading taken from a text by Hehaka Sapa, a wise man from the Sioux Lakota tribe. It was with tears in my eyes that I listened to this magnificent text, somewhat as though a spring of living water had suddenly gushed forth from my heart...

In a sort of suffering, I experienced, as I had never experienced it before, the very strong bond linking me to the First Nations, to all the First Nations of America. Although I am of Innu origin [Algonquin] from the community of Mashteuatsh in the Lac Saint-Jean region, and I have always been in very close contact with the First Nations through my work, my family and my friends, I had never felt so personally concerned as when I heard that reading. I had the feeling that the value of the spiritual traditions of the first peoples of America was being fully recognized by the Lady's Work in which I believe.

Thanks to those texts taken from the spiritual heritage of humanity, we are discovering that which is fundamental and common to all men, that is, the unique truth which transcends all eras and all cultures. We understand in a new way the plan of God who found, within all peoples, good and wise men to whom He entrusted His secrets. How can we not be deeply touched by the infinite love of God who does not forget anything or anyone!

What a joy it was, especially, to see that everything is converging within the Community of the Lady. What was hidden in the treasure chest of the Nations is coming out in full light at the shrine of all peoples.

Finally, I give thanks to the Lady for her absolute obedience and her tremendous sacrifice which have opened us to so much beauty and which enable us to hope for everything. As she herself said so well: *“We would have to be constantly on our knees!”*

Guylaine Gill, a member of the First Nations

I cannot help but share my sense of wonderment before the choice of the first texts for the Sunday Mass, most recently from a Muslim mystic, a Sioux chief... What depth, what beauty! You are removing our blinkers.

- Huguette Curé, Cantley

Many people have made favorable comments to me about the new liturgy and especially the Sunday themes. They help us to reflect on and pray over the new realities which our Mother had us discover through her *Life of Love...*

- Fr. Gilles Devaux, St-Hyacinthe

What lights and what lessons of humility in this renewed liturgy: Black Elk [Hehaka Sapa] on Sunday and Damascene today!...

May the Divine Quaternity continue to “inspire you in your words and deeds”!

- Bernard Fortin, Hébertville

With the new liturgy, it is within ourselves that we find Marie-Paule, there where she seems to want to dwell, that is, in the Heart of our heart. And the words we address to her are all words of love:

- “In the name of the Father and of the Son, of the Mother and of the Daughter, in the unity of the Spirit.”
 - “The Lady's word is a word of truth.”
 - “May she be blessed forever.”
 - “And you, Paul-Marie, Lady Immaculate, we include you in the same faith, the same hope and the same love for ever.”
- Yes, Love, always Love.

The new liturgy is constantly making us mount to God, and through this exchange of love, it fills us with the True Spirit so that we may bring it to the world.

- Daniel Bouchard, Laterrière

It is with much gratitude that I thank the entire team in the Church of John involved in preparing the Masses. The holy liturgy has become so current, so pious and especially so “regenerative” for anyone who participates in it with all his heart, all his soul, all his spirit and all his will.

- Diane Lemoine, Ste-Agathe, Manitoba

Thank you for the Sunday texts. An extraordinary amount of work is being done every week in order to provide a theme that captivates the attention and instructs us on the Work in a very clear way. Thank you to all.

- Gabrielle Girard, Val-Bélair