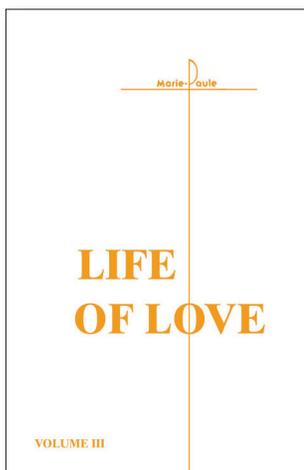




Life of Love: A Summary

VOLUME III



INTRODUCTION

The third volume of *Life of Love* opens on a new period in Marie-Paule's mystical life, which extends from August 1968 to September 1969. Having emerged from a long phase of intense purification, she had reached the "summits of love", and she would insistently call us to join her there. Her soul, now of crystal, had the transparency of God "who passes through it to shine forth for the greater good of the Mystical Body." (p. 380) She had entered into His intimacy; this was

THE UNITIVE LIFE.

"Sharing sometimes His cross, sometimes His love" (p. 101) in a great humility, she could then realize the great works prepared by God, drawing in her wake the souls He would place along her route. He said to her: "SEPTEMBER 14, 1968, MARKS THE DAWNING OF THE MARIAN ERA." (p. 56) The time had come. Marie-Paule was now but one with God, her life was now but one with the Work of the Co-Redemption.



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THE MYSTICAL LIFE ON A DAILY BASIS

1968. Marie-Paule had been living in Quebec City with her children for three years. Emerging from a long "night of the soul", she would now go through a phase of spiritual favors, henceforth knowing with certainty that the divine Work foretold was quite real, as it was written at the end of volume II. It was still a hidden life, shared at the outset with only a few souls, elite souls, that had also been honed through purifying sufferings; this was the Marian Group.

The Lord asked Marie-Paule to give a day-by-day account of the providential events which would mark that year, which began on August 15, in a third volume. On a daily basis, her life consisted in looking after her home and her grown-up children, of writing and of spending an increasing number of hours, as time went on, supporting souls going through these "nights" which were all too familiar to her, to the point that her health, still frail, felt the effects of this so that exhaustion would eventually set in. Then, she fell back into a new "night", having the impression of being "at the bottom of a pit", her heart empty, and experiencing the distress of feeling unable to continue giving. "I have lost my life for your cause, Lord," she would say to Him then, but "you will prove that he who loses his life for you saves it. Soon will come the fulfillments in all their purity." (pp. 155-156) When she was once again at the end of her strength, the Lord said to her: "RECEIVE THE SOULS I SEND YOU." (p. 214), which she would do all her life "with a constant attentiveness and a ready smile under all circumstances." (p. 284)

Thus "in constantly heroic acts", Marie-Paule was "the handmaid" of all, and especially of the persons who were destined to be bound in with the Marian Work; these latter would come and sometimes would leave, while others replaced them, and the network would progressively spread to the different regions

of the province of Quebec. Father Veilleux had returned and accepted to take on the spiritual direction of the members of the Group. And they would all receive, each in turn, the grace of reading *Life of Love*. They accepted to live a more intensely religious life and journey with Marie-Paule into the unknown, the mystery. "A spiritual community is being founded." (cf. p. 361)

Her children also began reading *Life of Love*. They went forward in life, dealing with the difficulties inherent in it, but maintaining or recovering their spiritual equilibrium as the case may be. Louise and her friend Richard married in special circumstances, the significance of which still remains veiled to this day. Georges, for his part, started to get up again; he joined the group of Alcoholics Anonymous under whose auspices he began an apostolate which took on the value of reparation. However, Marie-Paule sensed that their family life was coming to an end. God said to her in April 1969: "NOW YOU WILL HAVE TO BUSY YOURSELF WITH MY WORK BEFORE ALL ELSE." (p. 290)

FULFILLMENTS

Volume III of *Life of Love* is a real **treatise of the spiritual and mystical life**, presented in a practical and concrete manner. In it, Marie-Paule speaks of all the aspects of the spiritual life, explains the different stages in the re-ascent of the soul to God as the great masters have described them, but also as she experienced and recorded them in her previous volumes, illustrating them as well, throughout her narrative, with events lived by others. Thus, in a very accessible manner, the way of entering into the mystical era, which the Kingdom will be, is shown to souls of good will who will approach *Life of Love* in a spirit of faith. Since God calls all souls, He said to Marie-Paule who was lamenting the poorness of her style: "IT HAS TO BE

LIKE THAT. EVERYBODY MUST BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND IT. JUST REMEMBER THE SIMPLICITY OF MY WORDS.” (p. 351)

In addition, this book is a **collection of reflections** on many subjects which, in this second half of the 20th century, affect human life and the state of the world. Marie-Paule indicated that those thoughts were not the fruit of any personal initiative, but that they stemmed from the lights that were given her, “lights for the enlightenment of the people of God.” (p. 197) So it was that she would give the truth on a large number of different topics such as the teaching in schools, the modern liturgy, the apostolate, religious and marital desertions, civilian and religious dress, leisure activities, the sciences, the charisms, Satan’s action, the perversion reigning in society, the regeneration of the world and much more. It is “an inexhaustible source,” Sister Jeanne d’Arc would comment. And Marie-Paule acknowledged: “I am only a ‘little pencil’ in His hand, there to make known His Work which is manifesting itself, luminously...” (p. 195)

THE WORK OF THE CO-REDEMPTION

Marie-Paule was 47 years old. Her soul being totally purified, she had reached the point of receiving the divine communications “from spirit to spirit”, directly, rapidly, as it is in Heaven, the prelude to the celestial phase which would be the subject of another volume. Marie-Paule had visions of Heaven on a few occasions, “seeing” a multitude of the elect sometimes celebrating, sometimes “bent down over us”. (p. 33) She would have an ever greater nostalgia for Heaven, for she would henceforth be in constant relation with it.

She continued to suffer, of course, but differently: having to bear the weight of suffering souls, physical and moral exhaustion, doubts about the revelations which were multiplying concerning the Work or herself. Sweet and crucifying moments alternated. When the Lord said to her three times: “ASK OF ME WHATEVER YOU DESIRE,” she would answer: “I ask of you THE WORLD, Lord... I desire, for YOUR GLORY, many, many souls in your wonderful heaven.” (p. 56) Later, when she realized that it was the love of souls that sustained her fidelity, even when God seemed to be against her, she heard interiorly: “MY CO-REDEMPTRIX”. (p. 128) On another occasion, during Mass, as she lamented having been preoccupied with her problems, she said to the Lord: “You see, I haven’t even taken the time to think about... (You).” He interrupted her and said: “YOU... THAT IS ME.” (p. 153) This was a touching sign for her that He lovingly assumes our problems. Finally, she was forced to complete in writing the revelation received from her deceased father much earlier: “One day, saints will be canonized while they are still living... and the first one will be you.” (p. 158) And there were so many other mystical graces!



1968. Marie-Paule (47 years old) forms the “Marian trio” with Sister Jeanne d’Arc Demers (on the left) and Sister Sainte-Jacqueline (on the right), members of the Marian Group.

There were also so many indications about the Work and about future events. Marie-Paule already knew the name *The Army of Mary*; she saw its emblem, a star with a trail of light, and she “received” its program, interior reform. She was ordered to sew a long white dress for herself with a veil which she “knew” she would have to wear three times, and this was a source of suffering for her. There were so many other revelations which caused her to be afraid of being mistaken. The Lord told her: “YOU ARE TO CONTINUE TO WRITE, EVEN IF YOU UNDERSTAND NOTHING OF IT.” (p. 348) She would go forward in pure faith, but she ‘understood’, however, that she would

have to follow only God’s inspirations and go where He would tell her to go at the time set by Him, for, she would say, like Jesus: “It is the Father who sends me.” (p. 269)

Finally, Marie-Paule would nevertheless base her faith in part on the book *The Lady of All Peoples*, for she “knew” its messages were linked to the Work. She would quote a certain number of them which dealt with the dangers threatening the Church and the world, and others which indicated how Mary Co-Redemptrix would come into the world in this time as the Lady of All Peoples, while a new Marian dogma would proclaim this some day so that there could be PEACE.

A gathering of the Marian Group held on May 31, 1969, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Etchemin allowed some twenty people to get to know each other and to consolidate the spiritual bonds uniting them. And the Work would carry on...

Marie-Paule wrote: “I ‘know’ that one day my three volumes will be bound together into one volume. That is what God wants.” (p. 336) Therefore, those first three volumes form a whole, a spiritual whole, indicating the Way, the Truth and the Life. But we will let Father Veilleux give us his thoughts, since he read them. “‘Life of Love’ will not be a futile work, for the finger of God is in it. It will reach out to a multitude of souls, converting some, raising others to the heights of contemplation, spreading on all sides the divine fruits, the fruits of love. Our world today will be forced to adore God in the Work He has just accomplished...” (p. 212) “‘Life of Love’ will become a powerful divine instrument.” (p. 407)

Marie-Paule was already preparing volume IV which would be entitled: “Life of Love and Its Affiliated Souls”. It would consist of the biographies of certain members of the Marian Group whose life is a witness of inspiring love, a model to imitate. As for volume V, it will be “entitled ‘THE CELESTIAL PHASE’ and will extend ‘LIFE OF LOVE’, in line with THE WISHES OF GOD,” for “this life of the Co-Redemption is lived and written under the eyes of the Lord.” (p. 439) “What does this new phase have in store for us?” Marie-Paule asked herself. “Only God knows! TO HIM ONLY, HONOR, GLORY AND LOVE.” (p. 440)

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