

“A BATTLE FOR THE MIND”



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As soon as the Army of Mary was founded, Marie-Paule urged us to work at our interior reform and engage in a spiritual battle for truth, charity and the development of the supernatural life in us. Moreover, Marie-Paule, next to Saint Michael the Archangel, had begun the battle foretold in Genesis between the Woman and the Dragon. “It is the angel, Saint Michael, who is leading the **fight** and giving the orders. How critical the hour is! And I feel so wretched.” (*Life of Love* XIII, p. 111)

Satan wants men to be lost forever, but the Lady wants them for her Kingdom. “At all times and more particularly since the day of the Redemption, there has been a **battle** on the part of men to snatch their soul from the devil’s grip. However, today, it is the whole world that must be delivered from Satan’s presence.” (Raoul Auclair, *Tous ces mystères dans le Mystère de Marie*, p. 51)

In a flawless obedience to Heaven’s orders, the Lady set everything in place from the moment the battle began (her Knights, her Works and their Directors), for the present day and for the days to come. In fact, under her scepter, we are committed to carrying on with the battle along a path of light to which we must remain firmly attached because it will lead us to the dawn of a new era.

We must find our nourishment in hope, but an active hope. Our generation will experience a great transformation; it will see the beginning of the annihilation of evil on earth. When the hour will sound, God will present the Work of Love to humanity, the Work for which the Lady suffered so much.

In his article, “*The Other Is Already Schismatic*”, published in *Le Royaume*, no. 223, Marc Bosquart wrote: “Thus, in the messages of the Lady of All Peoples, mention was made several times of a ‘great worldwide action’. Today, it is not possible to know what that action will consist of, but it is strongly announced and it could find support in the ‘politico-Christian struggle’ in which we will all be involved. With regard to this latter, recent events lead us to think that it could take the form of a ‘**battle for the mind**’ with the purpose of establishing, in our society on earth, a ‘new royal order’ which is both spiritual and temporal at the same time,

accomplishing in this way the Lady’s will with a view to the setting up of her Kingdom. At that decisive hour, will she find us always faithful and always standing upright?” (*Le Royaume*, no. 223, Sept.-Oct. 2013, p. 16) The Lord and the Lady are the Divine Persons whose battles sealed the fate of humanity; let us implore them to help us remain faithful to them.

Right now, we are in a time of calamities that are increasingly more threatening, as well as wars that are going on all over the world, even if we are feeling their effects less here than other peoples who find themselves in unbearable situations sometimes.

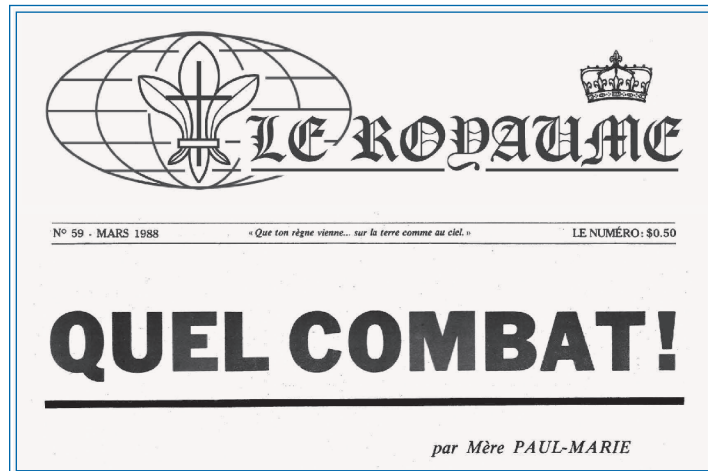
However, if we also consider the “internal fighting” and the rivalries of all kinds, whether this is on the personal, family or professional levels, or more broadly on the political level, we have not been spared. These scourges, that are growing in frequency and intensity, confirm that the

real battle for the mind is increasingly on the verge of exploding because, one day, there will be an intense battle against the new ideas, the ones the Work bears within it for the time being and which we will have to defend.

On the other hand, there are not only calamities and wars, with their lot of sufferings we have to face and against which we must react, but there is also corruption. Although, in many cases, it is openly manifesting itself, it is also very often concealed under a much more subtle form, for the hour of the battle is also the hour of seduction.

Let us take the example of technology. In itself, it increases possibilities tremendously; it is neither good nor bad, for it all depends on how it is used, but especially on who is using it and for what purpose. In fact, there are multiple traps or pitfalls, particularly when it is in evil hands. “Satan is still the Prince of this world,” the Lady said. (49th message)

For the time being, we still have the possibility of living by making life choices that correspond to us, but this could become increasingly more difficult and require great sac-



“What a Combat!”: title of Mother Paul-Marie’s editorial in the paper *Le Royaume*, no. 59, of March 1988.

rifices, especially when religion will be fought against even more. In fact, in most Western countries, we are led by governments whose progressive modern ideology is opposed to any Christian vision. At the moment, there is a universal rebellion against everything that is really spiritual and man is facing a real danger.

The Lady warned us: *“Religion will have to wage a hard battle. They want to annihilate it. This will be done with such subtlety that no one, or almost no one, will notice it. I am giving a warning.”* (9th message) And again: *“Think of the false prophets. Seek and ask for the True Holy Spirit, and Him alone. What is going on at this moment is an ideological war. This is no longer a conflict of peoples and races, but a battle for the mind. Let that be clearly understood.”* (27th message)

Even if the Lady will help us advance towards the light, the fact remains that any change will be difficult, especially for those who are in power and we must pray for them. The new concepts in the Work, as much on the level of Royalty as in the areas of the faith and the liturgy, will someday be confronted with the bad Spirit against which we will have

to fight without ever capitulating.

More so than now, the Rosary and the prayer of the Lady will be our shield, but we will also have to take the “offensive of the word”, with the help of the True Spirit which, through the power of its Light, will enable us to discern evil and guide us towards good. The entire world will have to give up its bad morals, its outdated traditions, in order to make way for the true Renewal.

We must not lose our courage, pray for each other and believe that the Lady can do all things, because it is her hour, and she came to save us. Even if there are multiple reasons for concern, let us have confidence. Let us not forget that a path of holiness exists for each one of us and that the Lady will need all of us in this great “battle for the mind”.

This world of darkness will pass, light will soon rise with the Terrestrial Kingdom the Co-Redemptrix merited for us. The Lady very clearly said: *“No, Satan has not yet been driven out. And it is NOW that the Lady of All Peoples has received power to come in order to drive out Satan. She comes, and it is to announce the Holy Spirit.”* (51st message)

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When the Days of the Lady or other events give us an opportunity to gather together as members of the Work, a deep Marian joy is felt in the intimacy of hearts. Even if many months, indeed a few years, pass before we see each other again, the communion of soul remains just as tangible and even gives us the impression that time stopped since the last meeting. In this regard, Marie-Paule wrote: *“Through the soul and the heart, we do not suffer from either distance or silence. Instead, a spiritual echo binds us together through the very fine perception of the soul that reverberates from the one to the other.”*

A Mysterious Solidarity

Quite fortunately, the union of souls within the Work is fortified from day to day through the Eucharist, prayer, the acceptance of crosses and the practice of charity and humility. In fact, at the very center of our wonderful Marian family, we can frequently see, and even with emotion at times, “love in action”.

When a heavy trial comes knocking

A Crystal Ribbon

at the door of a person or family within the Work, we deeply sympathize with its suffering. When there is some good news, we spontaneously rejoice with the person who receives it. The members of the Work support each other in fact through encouraging and comforting words, various forms of mutual aid, expressions of gratitude and a multitude of magnanimous selfless gestures. Marie-Paule wrote: *“How very precious a thing it is, this possibility of mutual support, of helping one another in turn, of souls shedding light, one upon the other! It is thus that a mysterious solidarity is forged between those capable of comprehending a common message.”* (*Life of Love* III, pp. 360-361)

Where Does This Bond Full of Light Come From?

When our Mother spoke of this spiritual bond, she often described it as a “crystal ribbon”. We can think that this bond full of light is the love that flows from her maternal Heart and surrounds us, drawing us ever more into the Father’s project of love. And the more souls are purified, the more they are closely bound to the Lady’s Heart to accomplish

the divine realizations.

Our Mother underlined the beauty of these bonds in the following message addressed to a religious, a member of the Work, who had paid her a visit. *“Never have I felt so strongly our communion of soul and our love in the God of Love. What a grace! And, at your departure, the beauty of this crystal bond even surprised me, a bond that is in place and willed by the Father through Mary. Let us adore the divine plan which unites us well beyond the one of fraternalism.”* Thus, we must venerate the greatness and splendor of the Father’s action in the souls of the Work that are advancing together in the Lady’s wake, “in step with God’s holy will”.

Of course, the beauty of those crystal bonds is unimaginable, all the more so because it is imperceptible to our eyes, blurred by the interferences of our limitations and our imperfections. However, we have the inexpressible grace of knowing that our Mother is really wrapping us with these ribbons of love that come from her Heart, constantly stretching so that they reach her children from all peoples.

A Solid Base, a Crystal Soul

As she taught us, the soul in a state of grace also has this appearance of crystal; and the more it is purified, the more does it reflect divine Love. How tremendous is our responsibility! For, obviously, it is essential that we ardently apply ourselves, relentlessly, to making our soul “shine”, a soul that is completely consecrated to the Lady.

To achieve this, we must be sure to have “a solid base”, as our Mother explained: *“Since humility and purity go together, the soul that has these two as a solid base, becomes like a crystal. And so there is no longer any interference between it and God, who acts through it, the Spirit inspiring it, and Love guiding it.”* (cf. Review, *The Army of Mary*, vol. I, p. 34)

This constant concern to maintain humility and purity in particular, protects our soul from the destructive blemishes caused by our wretchedness and our sins. It is essential that we remain on our guard if we do not want any part of that crystalline ribbon linking all of us to our Mother’s Heart to be tarnished.

Let Us Strive to Act Like Her

In fact, the most excellent of “recipes” to crystallize our soul and our bonds within our great Marian family is to ask ourselves the following question in all circumstances: *“What would Marie-Paule do in my place, in our place?”*

In this regard, here are some pieces of advice from our Mother, among so many others, advice addressed to members of the Community. They can serve as a guide in many situations when we strive to act like her.

- *“To live is to love... One must be uncompromising with oneself but lenient with others. Uncompromising means not to let anything go by, but this does not mean feeling sorry for oneself by believing that we are full of so very many faults. Yes, we set things straight and we love. Then, we advance so much more quickly and without any heaviness.”*
- *“Give yourself to others with a smile and you will see that they will also come to you. Instead of feeling guilty, feeling rejected, you will forget yourself and find joy in doing good to others. Therein lies a great secret to help you blossom out.”*
- *“The Lord does not pick and choose; ‘Come everyone!’ And those we call*



Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the Father,
send now your Spirit
over the earth.

Let the Holy Spirit live
in the hearts of all peoples,
that they may be preserved
from corruption,
disaster and war.

May the Lady of All Peoples,
who once was Mary,
be our Advocate.
Amen.

‘sinners’ receive a very special invitation. Who are we to judge the state of a soul and turn it away?”

- *“Let us love those who persecute us and forgive every time this is required. Let us live with greater depth; let us live of love.”*
- *“Let us be able to say a kind word or maintain a salutary silence, in keep-*

ing with circumstances, because in order to build a new world, it is necessary that love inspire it and shape it little by little.”

Her “Infinite Love” Will Gather Us Together

In her messages, the Lady speaks of the unity towards which we must tend: *“All peoples gathered together in one great Community; that is what this world and this time must work for.”* (51st message, May 31, 1955)

If the prayer of the Lady had been recited throughout the world according to the way it was given to the seeress, the Lady could have reached countless souls with her crystal ribbon, so as to transform them and unite them under her loving gaze. However, as we know, the Evil One had recourse to his infernal tactics, going through the authorities of the Catholic Church, to have this saving prayer modified.

Fortunately, the Lady is incessantly bending over her children and through her “infinite Love”, she will nevertheless make the “miracle of unity” possible.

Let Us Prepare Ourselves!

It is with a great spirit of openness and gratitude that we want to receive the lights the Lady entrusted to Marc Bosquart concerning, among other things, the new faith of the Kingdom. In fact, in his book, *Un Amour Infini*, Marc passed on to us the treasures Heaven destined for the Church of John through “the Mass of our faith” from which there will spring forth graces of unity for the future.

Of course, the necessary time must be allowed for the preparation required to implement this liturgy. During that time, it is also essential that we do our part on the spiritual level. Let us not waste any time! Let us prepare ourselves to live this great event in history by marching on with assurance, solid in our faith!

All wrapped together with the ribbon of this crystal bond proceeding from our Mother’s Heart, let us then go forward at the same pace, united in love and harmony, enlightened by the Light of her plan of love. This sweet Marian brotherliness will always vivify our faith more and more and lead us to the divine fulfillments where the Lady awaits us.

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