

SUNDAY DAYS OF PRAYER

JULY 24, 2022

MARIAN HOUR

1. Rosary – 2. Consecration to Marie-Paule – 3. Conference

Mama Laura, the Mother of Another Mary

Life of Love is full of announcements and mysteries which are quite new. However, if, through her mother, the preparation of the Lady's life is modelled on the first Saint Anne, the fact nonetheless remains that this life far surpasses in mystical grandeur everything that preceded it in the Church and elsewhere.

So often, the Lord repeated to Marie-Paule: "*The good Saint Anne, my child, was not better than your mother.*" (*Life of Love* II, p. 31)

Marie-Paule asked herself the question: "If her mother was another Saint Anne, where then was Mary?" She thought it was Lise, her little sister, a nun, who went by the name of Sister Marie-Esther. However, the reality would be quite different, but it remained hidden from her own eyes, brought up as she had been by her mother in a very humble simplicity.

"*Of all the marvels God created on earth, the most beautiful is, without a doubt, the heart of a true mother.*" (*Vie d'Amour en Images* I, p. 114)

Mama Laura's holiness shone next to her husband Ernest and her ten children, of which Marie-Paule was the eldest. It was a holiness that tirelessly put the others ahead of self out of love of God, so as to form souls in sound religious principles. This solid basis Marie-Paule received from her mother would serve as the base and become the cornerstone upon which must rest the structures of the Community of the Lady of All Peoples.

Only later would Marie-Paule establish the link, albeit very discreetly, with her mother, the new Saint Anne, the mother of the new Mary on earth. In the second volume of *Life of Love*, she wrote: "*On March 25, [1958], the Lord repeats to me again those words which I have heard so often in the past, the full significance of which still escapes me: 'YOU WILL BE ANOTHER MARY.'*" (*Life of Love* II, p. 31)

And "*the other Mary*", Marie-Paule, had as a mother Saint Laura. Thus, she became in a way our holy grandmother since Marie-Paule, as Lady and Queen, but especially as Mother, really became the "Mother of all souls".

There was a wealth of divine interventions at the beginning of the year 1971, preparing the Marian Group for the founding of the Army of Mary. Sister Marie-Bernard of the Sisters Servants of the Blessed Sacrament and Sister Marie-Stella of the Sisters of Charity provide many confirmations to Marie-Paule on the divine origin of all the indications she received from Heaven. Sister Marie-Bernard, Superior of the Sisters Servants of the Blessed Sacrament in Chicoutimi, wrote to Marie-Paule: "*When I contemplate the Host during my long periods of prayer, I see you... as the Lady.*" (*Id.* VII, p. 386)

Sister Marie-Stella, for her part, through her mystical gifts, became Jesus' spokesperson, giving His replies to the questions from the members of the Marian Group and constantly confirming God's plans which were often mysterious, given the grandeur of this Work that was beginning and was destined to regenerate the world. And all of this is thanks to Marie-Paule's *Life of Love*.

Mama Laura would then be the instrument of one of the most beautiful confirmations of the new reality of Marie-Paule's motherhood of all souls. We read at the end of the seventh volume of *Life of Love*:

On Wednesday, June 2, 1971, Marie-Paule "heard": "*Your mother is going to submit some questions to Sister Marie-Stella. My replies will terminate the volume and confirm my work.*"

It was precisely on June 11 in the forenoon, as she was in her room, that Sister Marie-Stella received the reply to the second question. Here it is: "*What must I do to correct my faults?*" Mama Laura asks. The reply: "*The soul of dear Mama Laura is an oasis of peace, of joy and of true love. If she could see the beauty of her soul, she would die from joy and happiness.*"

A few hours later, Sister Marie-Stella would receive the answer to the first question: "*What could I do to make myself more pleasing to the Lord... and to Mary?*" The reply: "*What more does she want to do? Her food is to do the will of my Father. As for Mary?... She is the Mother and Daughter of Mary on earth.*"

"*So there it is! The replies confirm the Work and terminate the volume in what concerns the messages of the Lord to Sister Marie-Stella.*" (*Id.*, pp. 499-500)

Marie-Paule then saw a providential confirmation in the liturgy of the day's Mass. She wrote: "*A New World has Already Been Born – The Epistle of this morning – the second epistle of Saint Paul to the Corinthians, 5:17-21 – is genuinely applicable to our times: 'If, then, any man is in Christ he is a new creature. The old world has passed away and a new world has already been born... All of this comes from God. He has reconciled us to himself by Christ, and He has given to us the ministry of reconciliation.' These words reverberate in my heart, and I 'know' that they are also applicable to our times. Yes, a new world has already been born.*" (*Id.*, p. 500)

Thus, Saint Mama Laura is everlastingly the Mother of Mary on earth. And in the new divine Order, Mama Laura is the Daughter of Mary on earth.

Marie-Paule would also very often hear that henceforth her Family was the Army of Mary. As such, Mama Laura is then one of the first Daughters of her Daughter.

Above all, let us not forget that all of us are living of this new motherhood. Marie-Paule is much more our Mother than we might think. Let us take refuge in her Heart which is in the Heart of the Father's Heart, letting the world crumble in the din that is proper to the beginning of a new era, the era of the True Holy Spirit which Marie-Paule gives us. Yes, from

Marie-Paule, a new world has already been born.

Let us invoke Mama Laura, the Mother and the Daughter of Mary on earth. And let us make our own Jesus' words concerning Mama Laura: may our food be to do the Father's will in all things. Saint Mama Laura, from your place in Heaven, watch over us.
Father Rémi Tremblay

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EUCCHARISTIC HOUR

1. Rosary – 2. Vespers – 3. Conference – 4. Invocations – 5. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Mama Laura, the New Saint Anne of the Modern Times

God predestined Saint Anne to become the grandmother of the Savior, filling her with the most admirable graces. Until the time of the coming of the Blessed Virgin on earth, it was probably Saint Anne who was the most favored among all women. However, if she received so many graces, it must also be said that she was able to correspond to them.

Tradition tells us that the Lord had determined that Saint Anne would remain sterile for a long time. She humbly submitted to that ordeal and used it for her own sanctification. Many scorned her because she did not have the joy of being a mother. As for Joachim, not having any children was a source of ignominy for him since it is said that the offering he would bring to the Temple was even refused sometimes. This is simply the foretelling of the humiliations Jesus, the Son of God and their grandson, would have to bear. But at the end of some twenty years of fervent and persevering prayers, Anne gave birth to Mary, the Mother of our Savior.

Saint Anne did not understand all the mystery that lay within her Daughter who turned out to be the Immaculate. However, Tradition reports that an angel of the Lord had appeared to Joachim in a great light, encouraging him not to be afraid and reassuring him, at the same time, that his offerings had risen all the way to heaven in spite of the refusal of certain men. Yes, the Lord heard the unjust reproach of sterility. This sterility was not a punishment for sin, but simply something permitted by the Most High so as to then allow His marvelous action to shine forth.

Did not Sarah, Abraham's wife, bear a child in her old age? And we could cite the example of Rachel, the patriarch Joseph's wife, or again, the mothers of Samson and Samuel who were also sterile before having begotten a son. After having mentioned these events experienced by the chosen people, the angel finally announced to Joachim that his wife Anne would give birth to a girl whose name would be Mary and who would have to be consecrated to the Lord at a very early age.

It was no doubt a great honor for Saint Anne to have given birth to the Mother of God. However, her particular glory is to have formed Mary's Heart to virtue. Saint Anne had to live of faith and it can be asserted that she was blessed because she was chosen and corresponded to this grace. But she was even happier because she believed, even though the only thing she had received was the promise. It is a great joy to be the mother of such a Daughter.

By obeying the orders from Heaven, Saint Anne would contribute to preparing favorable conditions for the fulfillment of the promise of salvation. And devotion to Saint Anne permeated the origins of the history of our province. It was on July 26, 1535, that Jacques Cartier's ships met at Cape Breton,

after a rather stormy crossing, and they celebrated with gratitude the feast of Saint Anne. This devotion to Jesus' grandmother comes to us from Brittany in France. Let us listen to the testimonial of Bishop de Laval, the first bishop of Canada: *"Nothing has helped us more effectively to support the weight of our pastoral charge for this new Church than the graces mentioned and the special devotion the inhabitants of this country have to Saint Anne."*

Saint Anne protected the French-Canadian people because God had a very precise plan in this, for it is through it that Christ must be given back to the world. God had even foreseen a new Saint Anne, Mama Laura, and a very special daughter who is our foundress. Everything in her life was providential, even the worse sufferings, for they were the instrument of the loftiest sanctity.

Mama Laura also prepared, in a sure but distant manner, the Co-Redemption and the coming of the Terrestrial Kingdom. God had most certainly destined Laura to give birth to the Daughter of the Immaculate, and for that purpose, He filled her with all the graces and virtues, sowing along her path all the happy and unhappy providential events and various meetings which would allow her to be equal to her mission.

Saint Anne accompanied her Daughter to the temple, consenting to this total gift to the Father. Mama Laura did not do any less. The Lord said the following to our foundress: *"Behold your holy mother, my child, who has followed your calvary without uttering a word, like my Mother. Her virtues are extraordinary and please me so, in that simplicity which is characteristic of her. Like me, you will say to her one day: 'Mother, behold your children... these children who have been brought into being by him who has been the chief tormentor of your daughter. Take them, for they are now your children.'"* (*Life of Love I*, p. 331)

A proof that Mama Laura was able to bring up her children well, and among them, the one who would become the Daughter of the Immaculate, can be found in this testimonial from Marie-Paule concerning her good mother. *"A perfect spouse, an understanding mother; affectionate and generous; of an extraordinary moral worth; possessed of a heart fully compassionate for the tears and woes of all and sundry, without a thought for her own fatigue, her own most legitimate desires and hopes... Like so many other mothers, she succeeded in the formation of her children by inculcating in them solid, religious principles, by laying in the soul a basic foundation while spurning the facade of what is gaudy and spurious. This is the role played by my mother..."* (*Id.*, pp. 297-298)

Mama Laura was full of courage and generosity so as to fulfill well her role of a mother while constantly forgetting herself.

That is what led her to the heights of holiness. She supported her daughter during the darkest hours by looking after the grandchildren, for example. The Lord would say in her regard: *"Your mother is good. She is a second Saint Anne, never forget that."* Of course, when our foundress heard those words, she wondered: *"So, mama is a second Saint Anne. Where, then, is the Mary she would have brought into the world?"* (*Id.*, p. 144) She would never have thought for a single moment that she was the one referred to in those words.

Marie-Paule thanked Heaven for having had such a good mother. The Lord indicated with regard to Laura: *"The good*

Saint Anne, my child, was not better than your mother." Having rubbed shoulders with the sanctity of Laura Giguère, Father Veilleux wrote this inspired sentence to Marie-Paule one day: *"Your mother is the good Saint Anne who has given birth to Mary."* (*Id.* II, p. 31)

One day, Jesus declared to His contemporaries: *"I assure you, many a prophet and many a saint longed to see what you see but did not see it, to hear what you hear but did not hear it."* (Mt 13:17) These same words apply to us who have not only seen and heard but who, above all, have believed in the marvelous divine things prepared for our world in our time.

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