

EUCCHARISTIC AND MARIAN CENTER SPIRI-MARIA

SUNDAY DAYS OF PRAYER

AUGUST 28, 2022

MARIAN HOUR

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

The Evolution of the “Little Army”

On this 51st anniversary of the founding of the Army of Mary, a brief retrospect of its evolution would be appropriate.

In 1973, the Lord said to Marie-Paule: *“The mission of the Army of Mary is to cause the serpent to raise its head, and then to crush it.”* (*Life of Love* VIII, p. 359)

As soon as it was founded, the Army of Mary, wanting to be faithful to the Pope’s teaching, was attacked by the clergy and the religious who considered themselves modern and who were following liberal morals and a more sentimental spirituality. This battle even manifested itself at the highest level of the religious authorities, among the bishops and cardinals. In fact, Pope Paul VI had written that the smoke of Satan had entered the Church. This fight against the Army of Mary carried on until its excommunication in 2007. However, this did not prevent the Work from progressing. The preceding year, after the publication of a Pastoral Message from the Bishop of Quebec which disavowed the Army of Mary, the Lord had said to Marie-Paule: *“You are now free.”* (*White Book* II, p. 31)

Yes, now free to found the Church of John that is the renewed Church of Peter which accepts the mystery of the Co-Redemption and the Co-Redemptrix, free to appoint and crown its head, known as the Father of the Church of John. Thus, were fulfilled in an unexpected manner the words in *Life of Love*: *“It is the Army of Mary that is going to raise up the Church.”* (*Life of Love* XIII, p. 167) It was free to proclaim the dogma of Mary Co-Redemptrix, Mediatrix and Advocate, declaring that Marie-Paule is the Lady of All Peoples.

After that, there followed her canonization, as it was announced in *Life of Love*: *“One day, saints will be canonized while they are still living, and you will be the first one”* (*White Book* I, p. 43), and the declaration of Marie-Paule as “Doctor of the Church”, which had also been prophesied in *Life of Love*. However, the most solemn of all were Marie-Paule’s entries at Spiri-Maria, as requested by Heaven: on May 31 and June 1, 2008, as Sovereign of the Earth and on May 31, 2009, as Queen of the Universe. It was during the one of 2008, that a grace Marie-Paule had received was revealed to us. She saw herself walking above the flames, and the Lord had indicated to her: *“That is what crushing the serpent’s head is.”* It was then explained that, *“this is how the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is being realized in Marie-Paule”*. We understand that Marie-Paule crushed the serpent’s head, but the graces of this victory still need to be applied to our world which continues to be under the grip of the Prince of this world.

In 1972, a year after the founding of the Army of Mary on August 28, 1971, the Lord said to Marie-Paule: *“You have no idea of just to where the Army of Mary is going to lead you.”* (*Id.* VIII, p. 187)

Marie-Paule, as a good mother of a family, while being faithful to the duties of her state, was entirely given over to the cause of the Army of Mary. For many people, she is simply the Foundress of the Work which now includes the Family of the Sons and Daughters of Mary, the Community of the Sons and Daughters of Mary, the Oblate-Patriots and the Marialys Institute, but those who are open to the mystery present in the pages of *Life of Love*, discover, with the help of the Marian prophets, that she is the Lady of All Peoples, the Daughter of the Immaculate, that she is divinized, that she is the fourth person of the Divine Quinternity, that she has entered into the heart of the Father’s Heart, that she is the Mother of the Kingdom to come, that she is the one who regenerates humanity so as to enable the risen ones of tomorrow to glorify their three bodies, be divinized and enter into the Father’s Heart, and finally that she is God in the same capacity as the Son.

From the very beginning of its founding, one of the points that characterized the Army of Mary was its devotion to the Triple White: the Eucharist, Mary and the Pope.

With regard to the Eucharist, the same love for the Eucharistic Jesus exists in the members, but now they believe that Marie-Paule is also present there in the same capacity as the Son, as Christ as Woman. Just as we adore Jesus in the Eucharist, can talk to Him, let ourselves be loved and transformed by the divine Love, we can do the same with Marie-Paule who is truly present there, sacramentally but in a very real way. Marie-Paule, as Christ as Woman, forms with Christ as Man the Christic Couple. This enables us to understand that Christ has come back, but this time as Christ as Woman, and therefore not in the same manner. This realizes one of the purposes of the Army of Mary which is to give Christ back to the world.

We also know now that the words: *“This is my Body, this is my Blood”* symbolize at the same time the mystery of the Redemption and the one of the Co-Redemption for the reintegration of all of humanity into God’s plan of love.

The devotion to Mary always remains just as fervent, for she is now considered God in the same capacity as her Son. To this love of Mary as Mother is added the one of Marie-Paule as Daughter, a devotion that is just as tender, with a trust that is expressed in a consecration of our entire being to her without holding anything back and keeping anything for ourselves. A heart-to-heart with her in the Eucharist where she is present, and an attentiveness to her word in *Life of Love* which she wrote upon a divine order. A devotion that leads us to being her instruments so as to be a continuation of her action in our world, so that she may come in us and live another life of love.

The devotion to the third Whiteness, expressed by means of this single trait, *“the Army of Mary will be recognized by*

its fidelity to Rome and to the Pope” has been replaced by fidelity to the new Rome which Heaven designated as being here at Lac-Étchemin, and by obedience to the authorities Marie-Paule appointed.

These few brief reminders help us understand why the Lord said to Marie-Paule that the Army of Mary was not a movement but a Work of God. (cf. *Life of Love* VIII, p. 207) They also show us the big tree produced by the little Army of Mary, the result of the countless and unfathomable sufferings of Marie-Paule who accepted to always accomplish God’s will, whatever the

demands. God had her go through all kinds of purifications, in the same way that He permitted all kinds of trials and obstacles to purify the Work of the Army of Mary, something He continues to do.

We must never forget that the main goal of the Army of Mary is the sanctification of souls. So, it is up to us to always live more and more by the program of the Army of Mary and work at our interior reform, day after day, for it is only by making our spiritual life grow that we will contribute effectively to the building up of the Kingdom of love in our world.

Father Serge Lépine

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EUCCHARISTIC HOUR

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

A Holy Life, A Legacy for Tomorrow

Fifty-one years ago, on August 28, 1971, the Army of Mary was founded. During all this time, it has worked towards seeing that souls develop, are enriched, uplift themselves and finally take flight into the spheres of spirituality.

This accomplished marvelously well what Marie-Paule desired to do for Jesus. She wanted to help Him people “His beautiful heaven” with souls. As Knights, we are among those souls she came to get and upon whom she counts to continue her Work of love. Becoming a Knight of Mary also requires the winning over of souls. We are not victims to the same extent as Marie-Paule, of course, but seeking to remain in a state of grace, and the life of union with God inevitably lead us to this.

This having been said, *Life of Love* then becomes the guide and reference that will motivate us in this, while placing our souls in God’s will. And even if this will is most demanding, it does not matter. “You, follow me,” Jesus had said to Peter. So too does Marie-Paule say to each one of us!

So then, let us follow her, but let us remember that simplicity and humility must be at the center of our undertaking. We must also remember that “the knowledge, the eloquence and the labor of the entire world could not effect the conversion of a single soul, did not the sufferings and prayers of someone call down the necessary grace.” (Review, *The Army of Mary*, vol. I, p. 53)

Essentially, the Knights of Mary are called to a lofty spiritual life while never losing sight of the ideal of its foundation. This includes our Mass, our spiritual reading and our rosaries. They keep our faith alive and assure the continuity of the Work in time and our progression to God. That, basically, is the role Marie-Paule gave to all her members.

God has exercised a divine choice in our favor. Now, we must question ourselves, not on this choice, but really on what God expects of us. We said “yes”; and we know that this answer means nothing if it is not supported by a constant effort. In reality, God expects us to become faithful and constant representatives of Marie-Paule and her spirit.

Thus, responding to the mission of the Army of Mary is responding to the ideal contained in *Life of Love*. That ideal is the one of having a profoundly religious soul, that of being filled with a desire for God, of seeking Him within our lives. However, this inevitably requires that we change our hearts, or practice interior reform. Without this, God cannot do anything in our soul or in that of others. Interior reform is that part of the battle which is left to each one of us. It makes it possible for there to be an openness of heart which is so necessary to the equilibrium of our soul.

Moreover, Marie-Paule wrote in this regard: “The world today resembles a storm-covered sky, or a volcano at the point of erupting. Everything seems to be in a state of crisis. And yet there are souls that live each day in peace, in joy and in hope. Why?... Because in their hearts they possess Love, a true Love which can restore and redress what is undone. These souls have understood that, before setting out to change the world, they must first work a change within themselves.” (Id., p. 23)

This interior reform is nothing if, in the depths of our being, we refuse the detachments that come with it. “To banish self,” Marie-Paule told us, “means to accept the events which grind us down; it is to consent to decrease, to humble ourselves so that Christ may live in us. It is to live a life of love, when all too often one receives in return scorn; it is to smile while the heart weeps; it is to give ourselves, again and again, with no return of recognition...” (Id., p. 24)

Is that all? Of course not! Marie-Paule called our attention to the events sent by God. The more a soul sanctifies itself, the more it must be attentive to them. These events can even become determining ones for its sanctification and in its mission in relation to souls. “The way of perfection,” Marie-Paule told us, “will always be the ‘narrow gate’ about which the Lord speaks in the Gospel... Moreover, we must constantly be attentive to the ‘signs of the times’, attentive to the providential events which mark our lives.” (*Manual of the Family of the Sons and Daughters of Mary*, p. 6)

Dear members of the Army of Mary, this is a spiritual legacy in favor of future generations. To have a profoundly religious soul, to live of love, to practise interior reform, to accept every kind of detachment and be attentive to providential events are all a part of the essential elements to live the ideal of the Army of Mary. This legacy depends in part on our attitude in accepting this ideal which, we must remember, remains, within the Marian Work, the keystone of our spiritual edifice. Although that part belongs to us, it nevertheless serves as a support in the building up of the Work of the Co-Redemption of which the Terrestrial Kingdom will be its fulfillment.

How can we transform the world if we do not transform ourselves, if we do not acquire any merits to help God’s cause? As we read *Life of Love*, we quickly understood the impact a soul can have on its surroundings. It is our turn now to participate in the Army of Mary in an authentic way by accomplishing on ourselves this personal transformation, the merits of which will benefit the regeneration of the world.

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