

You Are Blessed Grain!

Dear Friend,

For several days now, it is in prayer that we have been thinking of writing this first letter to you, being so happy to do it. However, what theme should we deal with in this first contact?... It seems that we have so very many beautiful things to share in our love for Mother Paul-Marie and for the Work, in an ideal burning like a flame in our loving hearts. Fortunately, our exchanges are just beginning!... So, is there a better way than to ask Mother Paul-Marie to inspire us with what she wants to tell you?

In September 2009, you were not very old. So, it is unlikely that you will remember one of the wonderful days of prayer which then took place at Spiri-Maria and in which what Marie-Paule said about you was reported to us. Oh yes, about you! Did she know you? In a certain way, she did, but if we say “about you”, this is mainly because she talked about children. And children also means adolescent girls, like you.

So, during the ceremony, it was explained to us that Mother Paul-Marie considered all the children in the Marian Work to be “blessed grain”. What a beautiful image! Therefore, you are a blessed grain sown by God in the “field” of the Immaculate. Not just an ordinary grain, but a “blessed” grain! And under the Immaculate’s care, your grain is expected to germinate and progressively become a wonderful ear of wheat.

However, what must you do so that this grain will germinate, grow and gradually be transformed into an ear; that it becomes beautiful, strong, pointing straight up to heaven; that it matures well, knowing that it will be harvested some day to live again in God? This is what we will try to teach you in our letters.

For the moment, we remind you that, like the sun is essential to a grain of wheat, so too prayer is an essential element to make the “blessed grain” in your soul grow and become stronger. Thus, in the coming month, we urge you to “water” your “blessed grain” every day by saying a few “Hail Marys” on your own. Perhaps you are already saying the rosary with your family when your father or your mother says it’s time to do so? But here, we are suggesting that you add two or three “Aves” to your usual prayers as a personal initiative, overcoming the feeling that you don’t feel like doing so. The young girl who prays learns to become an ear that is beautiful, strong, hardy and healthy, and begins to learn too to truly like to pray. She even ends up by feeling a need for it. But – and this is an important truth – you are the only one who can decide to become a hardy ear of wheat. Your parents are still helping you, but you have reached an age when, more and more, you will have to make good

choices, in a personal responsibility, for the life and good health of the blessed grain deposited in your soul.

This invitation being made to you, is similar to a special appeal from the Lady of All Peoples which concerns you more particularly. Here is what she said: “Everyone must pray, and pray more. Pray against corruption.... I do not yet see those legions of young boys and young girls. Why is no beginning being made? Why is my call disregarded?.... And this is why I come; to arouse....” Thus, the beautiful Lady wants to arouse your generosity. Do you want to be among the young girls whom she hopes to see rising up in legions, like a field of wheat swaying in the wind? Together, let us offer her the consolation of our love.

For the ceremony of September 2009 mentioned at the beginning, a few Sisters, Daughters of Mary, had spent many hours braiding real dried ears of wheat in the form of a heart, adding coloured ribbons to them. They were really beautiful! The young boys and girls who attended the ceremony had carried those ears up to the front in procession, and, at the end of the day, they were able to collect them and keep them as a souvenir. Moreover, perhaps your parents still have this and could show it to you. The purpose of this hand-crafted arrangement of ears of wheat was to remind us that we are a “blessed grain” loved so very much by the Lady.

Our monthly letters will also be a reminder of this. Before closing, we want to introduce you to a friend who will help us teach you all the great and important things you must take into consideration if you want your ear of wheat to produce much fruit in sanctity. Her name is Mathilda and she is an adolescent who, like you, belongs to the Immaculate. You will see that she is much like you. We hope that both of you will have the joy, some day, of offering a beautiful ripe, golden ear to Marie-Paule. We leave you for now, eagerly looking forward to our next meeting.

The Daughters of Mary