



# Figures in the Work



## Cardinal Maurice Roy, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada (born on January 25, 1905 – passed away on October 24, 1985)

The Lord, who described Cardinal Maurice Roy as a “GREAT SAINT” (*Life of Love* X, p. 108), declared to Marie-Paule on September 16, 1977: “YOU CAN THANK THE CARDINAL...” She indicated: “I ‘know’ then that we will not be stopped in our work in the Army of Mary because the Cardinal lets things take their course.” (*Id.*, XIV, p. 287) Here is a brief portrait of this man of the Church who played a providential role regarding the Army of Mary.

Born in Quebec City on January 25, 1905, he was ordained a priest on June 12, 1927. After having taught theology at the Grand Seminary of Quebec, he began a rich career in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1939, where he worked his way up the ladder (to General Chaplain and Ordinary in 1946). After the war, in 1945, he was appointed Superior of the Grand Seminary in Quebec before becoming Bishop of Trois-Rivières (1946) and then Archbishop of Quebec (1947), Primate of the Church in Canada (1956) and Cardinal (1965). In Rome, he was President of the Council for the Laity, of the Pontifical Commission for Justice and Peace, and the Pontifical Committee for the Family.

The first time the Cardinal was mentioned in *Life of Love* was in a dream which Sister Marie-Stella had, in May 1968, in which she recounted having seen “in the heavens the three persons of the Blessed Trinity and the Blessed Virgin”, whereas “on earth, or in space”, “Marie-Paule, majestic as a queen,” was leading a procession in which the first identified person was Cardinal Maurice Roy. (*Id.* II, pp. 611-612)

On August 28, 1971, the Army of Mary was founded and Cardinal Roy would grant it the status of a Pious Association on March 10, 1975. Having barely been launched, the Work had to face a fierce battle waged against it by religious authorities, including Bishop Lionel Audet, an Auxiliary Bishop of Quebec, whom the Lord designated as “THE ENEMY NO. 1 OF THE ARMY OF MARY”. (*Id.*, VIII, p. 427) In June 1973, while the Cardinal was in Rome, the Lord revealed to Marie-Paule that intruders had carried away documents from the offices of His Eminence, and He added: “THUS, THE CARDINAL IS LEFT WITH NO SECRET THAT IS NOT KNOWN TO THE SPIRITUAL MAFIA OF THE DIOCESE.” (*Id.*, p. 433) In 1974, upon a request from Heaven, Marie-Paule had to come to the defence of the Cardinal through “positive writings demonstrating the worth of a man of God whom human malice was striving to

destroy.” (*Vie d’Amour*, Appendice II, p. 83)

Surrounded by adversaries of the Army of Mary who worked hard to destroy this Work in so many ways and especially through calumnies, Cardinal Roy had the great merit of always seeking the truth. On many occasions over the years, he questioned Marie-Paule whose clear answers, with supporting proof, greatly surprised him, and at the end of each meeting, he blessed her. He also questioned her collaborators, always manifesting a paternal and clear-sighted attitude.

In March 1981, under pressure, he wrote to Father Philippe Roy, asking that the sale of *Life of Love* be stopped, but shortly thereafter, he received him at the Archbishop’s House with Father Denis Laprise and Raoul Auclair. After having questioned them, he asked that the books continue to be sold, but without advertising this in our paper. Father Philippe reported the Cardinal’s sadness at the time of that meeting. (*Cf. id.*, p. 158.)

On April 4, 1981, Archbishop Louis-Albert Vachon succeeded Cardinal Roy who, because of age, had resigned from his position as Archbishop of Quebec. Archbishop Vachon delegated Cardinal Roy “to watch over the Army of Mary and its associated Works”. (*Id.*, I, p. 42) Thus, the directors of the Work continued to meet with him and inform him until he fell ill in 1983.

On October 24, 1985, he passed away at the General Hospital in Quebec City at the age of 80. Mother Paul-Marie paid him homage in the paper *Le Royaume* in which she quoted Pope John Paul II who described Cardinal Roy as a “Pastor of utter tact and gentleness”. (*Id.* II, p. 83)

The final words go to Father Philippe who, on October 25, 1981, wrote a letter to Archbishop Vachon in which he paid homage to Cardinal Roy.

“May I be permitted to express the deep gratitude we owe this man of God for the great goodness, the apostolic zeal and the understanding he always showed us in the course of those years. We are well aware that his task as first Pastor of the diocese obliged him to share, along with us, the anguish and persecution which the Army of Mary aroused. But by his prudence and his desire not to raise any obstacle to the designs of Providence, he permitted the Work to develop in accordance with the plans of the Lord and His divine Mother.” (*Id.* I, p. 190)

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