

The seventh volume of *Life of Love* extends over a shorter period than the previous ones, that is, from September 14, 1970, to June 17, 1971. However, Marie-Paule, continuing to be in the *"celestial phase"* (p. 284), shared so many purifications, graces and lights with us, as she drew us along the path of divinization, the final outcome of the Creator's project for all men. However, this is a path of great purification leading to the total obliteration of one's "self".

And yet, even if she was afflicted with sufferings that consumed her, Marie-Paule declared that she was happy, "divinely happy!" In spirit, she was incessantly prostrate before God, adoring Him. And, little by little, her true nature and the attributes that were hers from all eternity were revealed to us.

Finally, in spite of the constant diabolical attacks, the Work of the "Sons and Daughters of Mary" would develop rapidly in a "Eucharistic context", the harbinger of

VICTORY.

TOWARDS TOTAL OBLITERATION

We may remember that, at the beginning of 1970, Ma-

rie-Paule had been subjected to attacks several times which gave her the impression of "living her death", and this was the work of the devils. A short time after she "saw" herself walking on the tail of a huge serpent, the Lord would tell her: "THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING FOR YOU, MY CHILD; SOON YOU WILL CRUSH ITS HEAD." (p. 358)

Thus, it is not surprising if diabolical forces relentlessly attacked her. In September and October, she experienced severe pains, and this would be the case throughout the year every time an apostolic voyage was planned, but the Lord would always restore her health at the very last moment.

Thus, throughout almost the entire month of October, she found herself at the utmost limit of her strength, beset by crushing physical torments; it felt as though needles or darts were going through every organ, every bone in her body, when she was not experiencing cardiac fatigue or very sharp pains in her organism which would only tolerate a very light milk-based blanc-mange. It was in such a condition that she would respond to the multiple requests for help and spiritual support, always with the same full attention. However one day, the Lord would impose "... SILENCE. THE SOULS OF THE GROUP HAVE RECEIVED WHAT IS DUE THEM. 'LIFE OF LOVE' SHOULD SUFFICE FOR THEM. THEY ARE GENEROUSLY PROVIDED FOR." (p. 119) A beneficial silence, filled with the "omnipresence" of God in her. (p. 101)

During that period, a sublime grace was granted her. She received a card from her son André, which represented the Madonna and the Lord said to her: "THAT IS YOU, THERE." (p. 102) She "recognized" therein her spiritual being, and this time, she accepted "quite simply" that the Lord's words uttered in 1958, be realized: "YOU WILL BE ANOTHER MARY." She also understood that the sentence given by the Lord on September 8, 1970: "YOUR SOUL IS OF AN IMMACULATE WHITE," meant that "there occurred [in her] at the same time the birth of the very spirit of Mary, a new and immaculate conception." (pp. 102-103) She felt so very little and wretched, but bowed

before the power and greatness of God, for "heaven and earth merge for this Work of love, whilst the world seems to be rushing to its ruin." (pp. 105-106)

However, it did not take long before she was again beset by doubts concerning the Work and especially this "role of Mary" which she had just finally acknowledged. A terrible suffering took hold of her and a great weakness laid her low; she felt herself being set aflame by a giant purification that seemed to want to cause all the pores of her skin to burst, from head to toe. From then on, she no longer wanted to write about her health, but the Lord said to her: "YOU WILL STILL HAVE TO DO SO, FOR EVERYONE MUST KNOW WHAT TOTAL OBLITERATION IS...", that is to say, "a fire... that consumes EVERYTHING [so that] nothing of the human remains, [then] everything in the being has been divinized." (p. 133) The process had just begun in her, but Marie-Paule was already in a position to understand what the Savior had suffered and why it was truly "a God [who] was crucified." (Id.)

In the terrible night she was going through, Marie-Paule asked heaven to dispel her doubts. She received an answer through the sentence she read at random in the book, *The Lady of All Peoples: "This is why the Lady of All Peoples has been compelled to come NOW in these present times. For she is the Immaculate Conception, and, as a consequence of this, is Co-Redemptrix, Mediatrix and Advocate." (p. 134) Thus, everything was linked, was confirmed!*

Through the intermediacy of Sister Marie-Stella, His "messenger", God would reassure Marie-Paule again and illustrate further her role:

"MARIE-PAULE [IS] THE QUEEN MOTHER OF THE EARTH." (p. 188)

"I AM ALWAYS WITH HER... HER WORK IS MINE." (p. 250)
"MARIE-PAULE IS MY MOTHER. I HAVE ENTRUSTED TO HER
ALL THE SOULS OF THE ENTIRE WORLD..." (p. 280)
"MY GRACE WILL BEAR HER UP RIGHT TO THE END, RIGHT

TO THE VICTORY OVER SATAN." (p. 311)

"THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL PERFECT THE WORK." (p. 392)

What great graces! What immeasurable sufferings! In March 1971, Marie-Paule experienced a new form of suffering. She "saw" millions of souls that would betray, become indifferent,

withdraw, as well as millions that would be lost, and her heart, this "heart full of God" hurt atrociously. "My heart is there, naked, placed ON the thorax..., receiving the blows that are renewed... the keenest of pain, never before felt" (p. 371); pain which would cause death if it were prolonged, she wrote.

And one day, she would be able to conclude: "Thus does the last phase of total obliteration come to an end." (p. 373)

EUCHARISTIC PHASE, PHASE OF ADORATION

As a consequence, Marie-Paule could now receive an incredible grace, this "divine gift to humanity". On Wednesday of Holy Week, as she was again being roughly treated by the devil and was undergoing an unimaginable moral torment, she "saw" her person "gradually dwindling... until... all there [was] to be seen [was] a grain of sand... and the little grain of sand ascends

very rapidly and lodges itself in the host of the Consecration just as the words, 'This is my Body, this is my Blood', are being pronounced." She would then "learn" that "from now on, these words... will symbolize both the Work of the Redemption accomplished by the Redemption accomplished by the Co-Redemption accomplished by the Co-Redemptrix." (pp. 384-385)

She was filled with an inexpressible peace... and this was followed by doubts and a battle, "a veritable DUEL between heaven and hell and [she was] caught in the middle." Then she "saw" herself crushing the serpent's head, a startling sight that was almost real! Father Victor, having been consulted, reassured her "with the very eloquence of the Holy Spirit," she said, and the faithful Sisters would also give her support.

This "Eucharistic" grace which Marie-Paule had just received reminded her of the words the Lord said on

November 22, 1970, the feast of Christ the King: "WE HAVE ENTERED UPON THAT EUCHARISTIC PHASE, THE PHASE OF ADORATION." And, she noted, gratified, that the Lord used the word "WE", clearly indicating that "Heaven is with us on this journey... towards victory." (p. 178)

Eucharist, adoration, victory, three realities which are henceforth inextricably bound together. Volumes VI and VII are "Eucharistic". In fact, the sixth volume contains the biographies of two Sisters Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, living at Mont Thabor, a center of perpetual adoration located in Quebec City. That is where the annual pilgrimage of the "Marian and Eucharistic Group" would be held on June 10, the day of the feast of the Blessed Sacrament. (p. 492)

Marie-Paule liked to go to this chapel, either in person or in thought, in order to adore in silence. Fathers Victor and Denis did too. One day, she would tell Father Denis, whose ascent was arduous and filled with pitfalls, that the seven hours of adoration he spent at Mont Thabor in one single day had done more for his being victorious over self-detachment than all his concerted efforts of the two previous weeks. She would add: "The real place of the priest, of the one consecrated to God, is truly in the temple of God, where he may draw, in full measure, upon grace in order then to be able to dispense it to the

souls he encounters." (p. 324)

So it was that, in spite of the gust of calumnies striking her and the Fathers, blowing all the way to the Bishop's House, despite the diabolical storms that left her little respite, the word "VICTORY" would often sing in her heart; she "saw" it written everywhere in the heavens and on earth. "Yes," she said, "1971 will see us entering an era of victory. There will be struggles, but there will be VICTORY" (p. 233) through Mary, "the last anchor of salvation" for humanity.

THE WORK OF THE "SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF MARY"

During the nine months covered by this volume, the Marian Group, "a real mystical breeding ground", broadened its scope. The Fathers profited from the spiritual life of the lay people and vice versa – there are so many edifying exam-

ples of this! –, for, in God's eyes, they were all SOULS, devotedly in His service, humble and simple souls, entirely detached from themselves, able to grasp all the message and depth of the Work.

The blessing as a "Son of Mary", a "baptism" received by Fathers Denis and Victor (p. 115), now extended to include lay persons so that the receptions multiplied as the months went by. This would be "a new rite", adopted one day when newborn infants are baptized, making of them "Sons or Daughters of Mary", Marie-Paule wrote. (p. 421) This blessing was the bearer of beneficial effects, as is testified to by many testimonials, but it was always the end result of a painful "birthing" for her ("the weight of the Father's graces"). (p. 288) To help her in this, the Holy Spirit would appear in her kitchen one day, hovering in the form of a beautiful Dove, and it would return later to come to rest this time



Marie-Paule in the early 1970s.

on Marie-Paule's heart, remaining there for several days, before finally leaving its indelible mark on it.

God was leading her in His own way and Marie-Paule followed Him step by step. He said to her: "SOON YOU WILL LIVE THE CELESTIAL LIFE," (p. 398) and the trips made for the purpose of Marian receptions were, for her, its beginnings. She obeyed the order to write to the ecclesiastical authority in the diocese, Bishop Audet, in order to present the first volume of Life of Love to him, for "it was time".

Finally, as the Marian Group was about to hold its annual meeting, Marie-Paule heard several times: "GO, NOW; TEACH EVERYWHERE. GO, SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS." (p. 487) And, "YOU ARE PRECISELY THIS GROUP OF APOSTLES OF THE LATTER TIMES." (p. 495) "THIS IS THE END OF THE HIDDEN LIFE." "GOD THE FATHER IS STANDING." (p. 503) And Marie-Paule "received" His orders; there were countless orders, affecting as much the spiritual level as the political, social and family levels, and others, and she "saw" them being written in every direction upon the terrestrial globe which they covered.

She "knew" that it was the time for action, for the battle, for victory. "Yes, a new world has already been born." (p. 500) But there will be so much to do...

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