

SPIRI-MARIA: A PLACE



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In twenty years, the chapel Spiri-Maria has taken up increasingly greater room in our lives. But, besides the fact that the name Spiri-Maria immediately tells us that the Spirit and Mary have a marked importance in this chapel, what about its origin and its significance?

We must go back a few years in order to find when the name *Spiri-Maria* was used for the first time. It was at the time of the important ceremony of the Lady of All Peoples in 1999, at the Expodrome in Montmagny. (Before that, the “ensemble *Spiri-Maria*” had been “shown” Mother Paul-Marie in 1998.)

Created for the circumstance and made up mainly, as we know, of the statue of the Lady of All Peoples and the representation of the Holy Spirit, we now find this same ensemble in the chapel which bears its name.

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In order to be better able to understand the importance of this ensemble, let us return to the source and read again what Mother Paul-Marie gave us as valuable information on the subject in 1999. She told us: “*The Holy Spirit hovers above the statue with its wings outstretched, ready to take flight wherever He will find ‘living copies of Mary’, in order to accomplish great things ‘in this time which is our time’.*” She went on to say: “*This Marian ensemble is set up for us to admire within the walls of an expodrome. In a stable, ‘Life’ had just been born; in an expodrome, ‘Life’ is reborn, the basis of a renewed Church in which the powerful Love, renewer of the creative Spirit, will raise the world in a blaze of light, justice and love.*” (*Le Royaume*, no. 134, p. 7)

Those prophetic statements by Mother Paul-Marie bring out the fact that the Spirit will have an essential role to play during

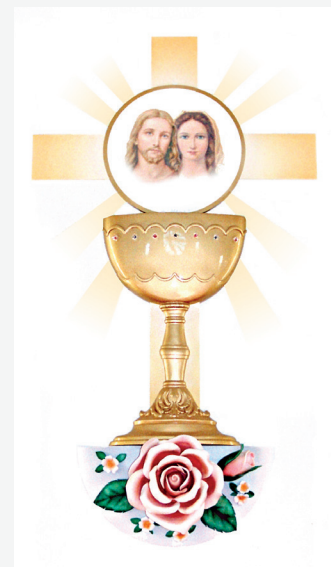
the last millennium of our history. Yes, it will certainly come upon all peoples, as we know, but it will come especially among the men and women who will have put on the traits of Mary, who will live of the spirit of Mary. Besides, what is a Knight of Mary if not a soul wishing to be a living copy of Mary? And that is precisely what we must do. We must let ourselves be transformed in the very image of Mary and, from the moment we will achieve this more and more with a firmly willed resolve and relying on the grace of God, the Spirit will be able to work great things in us, as Marie-Paule confirmed in the wake of Grignon de Montfort.

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Moreover, Mother Paul-Marie’s remarks reveal that this artistic and highly symbolic ensemble, which gave its name to our chapel, is a concrete sign bound in with the renewal of the Church! For we must remember that this ensemble “*Spiri-Maria*” was unveiled on the very day when Life was reborn: “*the basis of a renewed Church in which the powerful Love, renewer of the creative Spirit, will raise the world in a blaze of light, justice and love.*” (*Id.*)

And since that day in 1999, we have been the witnesses and we have seen, little by little, this “basis of the renewed Church” evolve as time went on and in accordance with events, in order to reach the point of being a real Church today, that is, the Church of John which is continuing its development from the very center of the chapel “*Spiri-Maria*”.

In fact, it is from this chapel that the renewal, so important for our world, must spread... “*in this time which is our time*”. And we have this grace – we here and all those who come to this place – of experiencing this renewal which must thrust us ever more towards a new world and a new earth. We must not forget either that this chapel is the expression of the divine will made known to our Mother, “the Lady herself”, who specified every impor-



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tant element in it, so that no soul can remain indifferent when it walks into this blessed place. Why? Because it is in conformity with what God wanted and is the expression of His love for us.

Beyond the purity, grace and beauty of the architecture, beyond the arrangement of the elements which touch and attract the soul, this chapel has seen so many things being accomplished within its walls..., all of which will have a repercussion upon our world and on the path that all of humanity will have to follow. Already, the Eucharistic Sacrifice which is renewed several times a day and the permanent Eucharistic presence make of this chapel a holy place. But there is even more. In fact, it was through an indication Marie-Paule received from On-High that we learned that *"HERE, ON EARTH, AT 'SPIRI-MARIA', IT WILL BE THE HEART OF THE FATHER'S HEART IN THE CHURCH OF JOHN."* Consequently, it is a great grace for us to be able to gather in this place of predilection.

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In the sanctuary of the chapel, we also see the new representation of the Total Eucharist in the Eucharistic symbol installed above the main altar, an important symbol of our renewed faith whereby we acknowledge that, in the Eucharist, *"they are two"*! We can also see, on the left side of the sanctuary, the representation of the worlds which make up the Total Earth, indicating to us the road Marie-Paule herself followed and which she opened up for us.

Let us also think of all the outstanding events which took place in this chapel, among which:

- the crowning of the statue of the Lady of All Peoples,
- the unveiling of the mystery of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the installation of its representation under the altar,
- the unveiling of the mystery of the Father's Heart and the installation of its representation under the Monstrance,
- the enthronement of the Head of the Church of John,

- the official founding of the Church of John,
- the proclamation of the dogma of Mary Co-Redemptrix, Mediatrix and Advocate in the presence of Marie-Paule dressed as the Lady of All Peoples,
- Marie-Paule's solemn entry as the Sovereign of the Earth,
- Marie-Paule's solemn entry in royal attire and wearing a crown, symbolizing the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
- the canonization of Mother Paul-Marie while she "was still living",
- the appointment and the crowning of the Church King who then immediately declared Marie-Paule "Mother of the Kingdom"!

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If there is something each one of us ought to remember in all of this, it is what Mother Paul-Marie said to us one day as she thought of this chapel of adoration which Spiri-Maria is: *"The Eucharistic Jesus is left so alone in His tabernacles. Blest are those who will be able to be present in the 'Spiri-Maria' Chapel. Just as blest will be those men and women who, from their residence, their place of work or during the night will place their souls before the Eucharistic Jesus, uniting themselves to the adorers present before Him. May an arrow of love be directed often at the monstrance, uplifting you in grace and helping you to accept your crosses, by associating them with Jesus' cross, by telling Him how happy you are to be able to share this weight with Him!"*

This is the reason why we thank Heaven for having given us this blessed place on this blest land, which is not only the Heart of the Father's Heart on earth, but also the *"place where we can find again our Mother and each of the persons of the Quinternity"*. ■

