

BUILDERS OF THE KINGDOM

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The Kingdom was born in Marie-Paule's Heart. It took root there before manifesting itself in the first bonds woven between her and the souls drawn to her Mystery.

When we read *Life of Love*, we see, in fact, how the radiance emanating from the person of Marie-Paule reached more and more people. At the beginning it was in an informal way at fortuitous encounters or through exchanges of letters or telephone calls. Then, at Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts, Marie-Paule formed a small prayer group with the personnel working in the kitchen. Religious also became attached to her and would come to see her for advice. A short time later, the Marian Group would come into being.

Later, in 1971, Marie-Paule was led to found the Army of Mary without having desired this or organized it. She also began a little review bearing the same name, so as to establish a link between all the persons with a profoundly religious soul who had gathered about her, be they close by or further away.

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People trusted Marie-Paule and they were attracted by her deep spirituality and her great simplicity. Among themselves, they talked about her charisms and her mystical life and they were so happy to regain, under her guidance, an authentic fervor within the Catholic faith. However, no one yet had any idea how far this Army will lead them, nor WHO Marie-Paule really was, this Lady with such deep, penetrating eyes, such encouraging words and such a gentle smile.

The number of faithful would increase, the ceremonies multiply, and pilgrimages too, so that Marie-Paule's influence and radiance would extend beyond the boundaries of her homeland and reach souls in different parts of the world. One such soul, with a heart aflame, was Raoul Auclair who immediately put his talents as a writer and lecturer in the service of the Work, of which, unbeknown to him, he was already the Prophet and Precursor.

In 1979, the publication of *Life of Love* began and it would rapidly become accessible to everyone. The admiration for Marie-Paule was incessantly growing among the members – very much in spite of her! – and in a similar manner, the hateful opposition of her adversaries also intensified.

In 1981, there was the founding of the Family of the Sons and Daughters of Mary which included the religious Communities, and then in 1986, there was the founding of the

Oblate-Patriots, followed by that of the Marialys Institute in 1992, the activities of which have remained more discreet for the time being.

In the meantime, Marc Bosquart, who had also been attracted by the Lady's Light, wrote and published his first books. However, in the first years, they were read by only a small part of the Work's members because of the fierce opposition of the religious authorities. In fact, that situation prompted Marie-Paule to be very cautious concerning the disclosure of the books of him whom she would later call "*the chosen one of the Immaculate*". (*Le Royaume*, no. 149, May-June 2001, p. 7)

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However, for the members, it was becoming increasingly more obvious that Marie-Paule was not an "ordinary" saint, that her mission was indeed very special... And then, a certainty that was increasingly clearer and stronger was rising up in the hearts of the members: the long-awaited Renewal of the world, the Kingdom for which we had been praying for 2,000 years, well, it was through her that it would descend upon Earth!

Prompted by such an upsurge, the Work then began to appear more and more as an autonomous movement, distinct from the Catholic Church. For, in spite of the Work's heroic efforts to be obedient to this Church, the path inspired by Heaven – which it had to follow – would progressively draw it outside the bimillenary walls of this latter, which had become too confining to contain the powerful breath of the Spirit wishing to extend His reign to all peoples.

Obviously, the Work would always advance in the shadow of the cross, this cross upon which Marie-Paule was permanently nailed, whereas she constantly hid her sufferings in order to communicate only joy and hope to the souls that continued to gather around her.

The first definite sign of the universal charism characterizing the Work was the founding of the Community of the Lady of All Peoples in 1999, on the threshold of the third millennium. The promise inherent in this foundation was so enormous, so grand, that it could only be assimilated through one's pure faith in Marie-Paule's incomparable mission.

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As of 2000, the events followed one another at great



speed... Spiri-Maria was built and became the visible sign of the inauguration of a new era. In fact, the chapel allowed the Work to have at its disposal a place of worship that was proper to it and which would gradually display the visual representations of the new faith in the process of developing.

During those same early years of 2000, Heaven would pull Marc Bosquart out of the obscurity in which events had held him for more than twelve years while preparing him for his future mission. Following an invitation to address a group participating in a youth camp, he prepared three conferences which highlighted the “new elements” present in the Work for decades. These new elements which faith led us to sense, Marc had already dealt with them in his first books, but they had to be asserted once again, and publicly, for the Catholic doctrine still current within the Work’s ranks, would gradually have to fade away in the face of the Renewal coming from Heaven. It was necessary to have a Prophet, designated by God, to proclaim them!

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At the center of the new mysteries of the faith, there is the person of Marie-Paule and her incredible ascent all the way to the divine World which, step by step, led us to discover the Mystery of the Quinternity. Given the magnitude and scope of this revelation, it is not surprising that the Catholic Church decided to reject the Work and excommunicate its members in 2007, regardless of the immediate reason for its intervention. However, this was for the greater benefit of this latter, for it was finally free! It is true that, at first, the number of members diminished a little bit, but the Work, for its part, grew!

There then followed the founding of the Church of John, placed under the responsibility of Padre Jean-Pierre, and, a little later, that of Church Royalty in the person of Marc-André I. Then, in 2012, Marie-Paule was recognized as being fully divine and “proclaimed God”. After her death in 2015,

her Mystery began to be introduced within the liturgy and, here we are, almost five years later, living of the intense hope that the Lady’s Love will win the hearts of all the men, all the women and all the children of good will.

The wait, which might seem long, is in reality very short, given the scope of the changes which must be implemented and constitute the foundations of the new faith of the inhabitants of the Kingdom.

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As for you, dear members of the Work, many of you have always been there, faithful, for all these years and from the very beginning, whereas others among you have joined the ranks along the way, firmly determined to build the Kingdom with Marie-Paule.

With each step you took in your faith, with every prayer you recited for the Lady, with every meeting you attended, with every suffering you offered up for her, with every pardon you granted in her name, with every reading you did of her writings... on each of those occasions, you have provided one more little stone for the building up of her Kingdom!

And it is in pure faith in the Lady and in her Mystery that you have done all those things with a view to the Kingdom to come! Without heeding your tiredness, without considering your personal preferences, by overcoming your fears and your uncertainties, you have advanced in the love you have for Marie-Paule, so as to support her, encourage her, thank her, defend her... being convinced of the grandeur of her mission on earth here below.

Well, be thanked, dear members of the Work, always faithful to the Lady and always present! Be thanked on behalf of the growing generations and of all the future generations! And may the Lady grant you the grace of persevering until the end, in order to receive from her the reward you will have greatly deserved.

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Basing ourselves on Father Leander’s article and the rapid historical overview of the Work he presents, it is possible, by adding a few elements to it, to «pull out» from it certain major events which, for the most part, are already commemorated within the Church of John, but which could be even more so in the future.

For the month of May, there was, first of all, the inauguration of Spiri-Maria on **May 13**, 2000, but there is, especially, the “conjunction” of May 30 and 31.

Thus, on **May 30**, there was the founding of the Community of the Lady (1999), and on **May 31** there were, among others, the five final apparitions of the Lady of All Peoples (from 1955 to 1959), the founding of the Family and the Community of the Sons and Daughters of Mary (1981), the crowning of Padre Jean-Pierre and the promulgation of the Dogma of Mary Co-Redemptrix, Mediatrix and Advocate (2007), as well as the solemn declaration whereby the Divinity of Marie-Paule was proclaimed (2012).

Sometimes, **May 30 and 31** were “twinning” for the solemn entries at Spiri-Maria of Marie-Paule as Queen and Sovereign (2008 and 2009), as well as for the sacred anointing of the King Marc-André I (2010).

The same is true for **September 14**, where there is, in particular, the Birth of Marie-Paule (1921) and the solemn declaration of the Divinity of Mary (2014).

Finally, Marie-Paule’s death occurred on another date, that is, **April 25**, 2015.

Since then, besides the commemorative ceremony of April 25, the Tridiums of prayer held at Spiri-Maria in **MAY** and **SEPTEMBER**, have continued until the most recent one of last September 13, 14 and 15, in honor of the Triumph of the Cross.

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