

Elisabeth Bergeron Speaks to us...



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Elisabeth Bergeron and the country Patrimony (following)

In 1960, the Sisters of Saint Joseph will be teaching in seventy-seven schools in Quebec. *Instructing children both boys and girls in the elementary schools...never a boarding school for young people* is written in our constitution. Without saying that it was perfection and performance everywhere, we can say that there was much devotedness and love for the children. It was ordinarily with good will that commissioners who would hire the Sisters, often without knowing them!

The institute founded by Elisabeth Bergeron was a desire to answer to a need in society as well as the beginning of the West in Canada, especially in Manitoba. About fifteen public schools were founded for the francophone population and six Residential Schools were in charge of the Indian children.

Also, in answer to needs elsewhere in the world, the creation of apostolic fields in Lesotho, Senegal, Tchad and Haiti were created.

Here, in Saint-Hyacinthe, a Junior High School, a Normal School, and a Senior High School were founded. The Senior High School became officially a lay Corporation in 2001 after sixty years of existence, with 1397 students. The program of pedagogy became the originality of the school: "it became the option of the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint-Joseph by giving the priority to the young people without any regard towards their school performance" or the words of the actual director, Mrs. Simone Leblanc, in the journal of Saint-Hyacinthe, a few weeks ago.

November 2013... The Sisters are getting old and their number is diminishing. There are 134 here at the Mother House, in a big building, too big and too heavy to administer. We had to put it on sale.

Elisabeth Bergeron's task will not terminate with our departure from Raymond Avenue. It is incarnated in the patrimony of Quebec. All the students who passed in our schools... "bore fruit, a fruit that remains". But, especially, Elisabeth Bergeron's memory which is still very much alive.

It is convenient to end this statement by coming back to her. We left it when the community was expanding. In as much as this woman seemed fragile when searching for her place while confronting all sorts of contradictions, she had been for the growing community the rock on which all the incertitudes would rest.

Advised, audacious... (land bought, increasing the land of the Mother House), she was often consulted by all the Sisters. She visited the schools. She advised the teachers. (Ex.: « Let your students love school; otherwise they will not learn.»)

Her life was very sober (clothing, meals, residence... a room only at the end of her life). She prayed much, often and for long periods. It is surely in these meetings and her serenity which marked her more and more, especially at the end of her life. She spent only a few years at our infirmary, and passed away on April 29, 1936 at the age of eighty-four years of age and eleven months.



On January 12, 1996, Rome acknowledged her venerability... After serious studies of her life, it was accepted that she had practised all the vertus heroically. When she will be beatified, nothing else will be said, except that the Catholic Church would have recognized a miracle performed through her intercession.

Elisabeth Bergeron is an example of faithfulness to herself and to her dreams as so often said today. She entered wholeheartedly in this great adventure of human life. She has incarnated the strength of the gentle, of the silent people, and the ability of the passionate. She will have helped to build the construction of a practical and loyal city according to the recent expression of Pope François.

Sister Suzanne Gloutnez

November 15 2013

Thanks to Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron

Out of Danger: Thanks for your prayers, they were fruitful: My brother Claude recovers to health normally and is not in danger any more. My mother has received a « cardiac stimulator » and after a difficult year, she is now doing very well and is gaining strength. We are very thankful.

L. B..., Gatineau, QC

Satisfying Results: Thank you very much for the favor I obtained from Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron: good results medically.

R. C..., Sainte-Clotilde, QC

Protection Assured: I want to thank Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron for the protection she assures me and my family since several years.

P. L...-L..., Laval, QC

Permanent Employment: Thanks to Mother Elisabeth Bergeron for obtaining a permanent employment for my son with the advantages and beautiful working conditions.

R. D..., Sorel-Tracy, QC

Baby Healy: Little Thomas, seven years of age, had caught meningitis, a mortal disease for a newborn. I am sure that Mother Elisabeth was present to him because he is strong and beautiful. His parents and grandparents thank God.

H. B..., La Présentation, QC

Multiple Aid: Health/Sustainment/Sale : Thank you, Mother Elisabeth

- ❖ For looking after Aunt A., hospitalized after a fall in August 2013. On her return home on December 24, 2013 she is back to a normal life.
- ❖ For C. who recuperates after a time in hospital. She is back home since February 2014.
- ❖ For my health and my friend's health during 2013-2014. That allows us to help our surroundings.
- ❖ For the sale of my friends' condo in March 2014.
- ❖ For the help given to two of my friends in the renovation of their house.

L. C..., Beloeil, QC

Ailment Disappeared: Since last fall I suffered from digestive problems : stomach upset, very inconvenient spasms, etc. I often invoked Mother Elisabeth Bergeron fervently on this subject and I wore her relic. A few days later, my problems had completely disappeared and never came back. I express all my thanks to Mother Elisabeth and I fulfill my promise of publicizing my healing.

S. R..., Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC

A True Story: In October 2008, during a beautiful voyage in Gaspésie, we rediscovered the beauty of living in the country. On our return, we put our property on sale. Only one visit in a year! Total deception. The following year many visits but no offer to buy in spite of our prayers to Mother Elisabeth Bergeron. In July 2012, we placed our house off the market. My spouse and I decided to live at Acton Vale. Today we realize in 2014, why Mother Elisabeth Bergeron did not intervene on behalf of Jesus for the sale of our property:

- ❖ In June 2010, after hospitalisation at Saint-Hyacinthe, my mother was accepted at the centre for people of reduced mobility. I was happy to visit her every week until her death on May 6, 2013. She was 94 years of age. I could make the trip on foot.
- ❖ My Mother-in-law, aged 104 years and 2 months, had integrated the house of Saint-Amour for older persons on January 3, 2014. She passed away on January 29. During that time, my spouse also had the happiness to see her daily on foot.

We are certain that Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron knew that we needed to be close to our two mothers before the end of their life on earth.

- ❖ I had a total surgery in my knee and I had the chance to go downtown without recourse to an automobile. A very good exercise for the health of a retired person.

«**A big thank you**» Mother Elisabeth for helping us to decide, for our well-being, not to sell our property.

J. F..., Acton Vale, QC

Comfort / Prayer answered: I keep a souvenir very present of my visit to Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron's tomb. Thanks for the favors accorded to my family and myself:

- ❖ My husband, Gilles, passed away last October and Elisabeth Bergeron helped me much during these two years.
- ❖ My daughter-in-law has been seriously ill lately but she quickly returned to her medical courses due to our prayers to Mother Elisabeth.

L. B..., Bécancour, QC

Reimbursement Obtained: I asked Mother Saint-Joseph to help us obtain the sum that a man owed us after going bankrupt. Thanks to this good Mother; we have been paid.

L.T..., Coaticook, QC

Object Found / Constant Healing: I sincerely want to thank Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron for favors obtained:

- ❖ She helped me find my credit card.
- ❖ Even more, she healed me of zona.

I pray to her every day and hope she will soon be blessed!

T. C..., Acton Vale, QC

News From the Elisabeth-Bergeron Centre

As we have already announced, our Mother House has been put on sale. The Sisters will move during the first week of June.

The office of the **Elisabeth-Bergeron Centre** will be situated at the residence « Les Jardins d'Aurélié ». During the next months, we would be happy to welcome your requests and/or acquired favors...

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or by communicating with a Sister that you know.

Be assured that we would have the privilege to legally protect all the information. The Sisters will continue to be united with you by their prayers and by praying Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron for you. As for the follow-up of letters and copies we ask for your indulgence as we will need a time for reorganisation and days of rest and/or holidays. The rhythm for correspondence would be slower during the few weeks following the moving.

In our next bulletin which will appear in the fall, we will speak about the transfer of the coffin and of the new place that will welcome Venerable Elisabeth.

We ask her to be close to each of you who have confidence in her.

Did you know that...

- ❖ Our museum was transferred on April 14, 2014. It will be rebuilt in the lateral chapels of the great chapel of the Seminary of Saint-Hyacinthe. It had been inaugurated on June 10, 1999 at our Mother House at 805, Raymond Avenue.
- ❖ Seconded by the Bureau of Tourism and Congress of Saint-Hyacinthe, people had provided us with 11000 visitors at the Museum. The Elisabeth-Bergeron museum assured a permanent animation.
- ❖ We will conserve with care our precious relics hoping to find them soon in our regional museum of Quebec.



Every semester, a Mass is celebrated to the intentions of benefactors and friends of the cause of Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron. This publication in no way wishes to bias the judgment of Holy Church; it wants to conform in every way with its decision.

To make known favors attributed to the intercession of Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron, to recommend prayer intentions to her, or to receive the Newsletter:

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