

Elisabeth Bergeron Speaks to us...



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Our Souvenirs

September 12th remains a day of celebration for the Community of the Sisters of St-Joseph of St-Hyacinthe in Brazil, in Canada, and in Lesotho.

At the Mother House this day is very special because next year at this date we will have moved to the “Jardins d’Aurélié”.

So, at the beginning of the Eucharist, **Sister Ghislaine Salvail** resumed how Elisabeth Bergeron succeeded in achieving the vocation she desired after searching for a community where she could spend her life with God in His love. However, God’s views are impenetrable.

- ❖ When her parents immigrated to the United States, Elisabeth asked to be admitted with the Grey Nuns of Saint Hyacinthe, but she was refused because of her age; she was only fourteen years of age.
- ❖ When her parents returned to La Présentation, in 1870, she asked the Sisters of the Precious Blood to be accepted in their group. She was allowed to enter the Order but three months later, Mother Catherine-Aurélié asked her to return to her family under the pretext of her fragile health.
- ❖ Some days later some Sisters of Misericordia visited the Bergeron family. They were on a tour demanding donations for the needy. Noticing Elisabeth’s sadness, they invited her to join the postulants of their group. But Elisabeth quickly realized that God was not calling her there.
- ❖ The family moved to Saint Hyacinthe. Elisabeth learned that there existed a Christian Order of Saint Dominique. She was admitted without hesitation and she took the vow of virginity.
- ❖ From the family home, Elisabeth could see the Mother House of the Sisters of the Presentation. God might he waiting for her there? But, another deception; she was not accepted probably because of her lack of education.
- ❖ Her course of action is well-known to us. Thanks to her unsuccessful attempts Providence reserved her as foundress for us. Let us be thankful and celebrate the 136th year of the foundation of our beautiful community.

The following is a poem composed by **Sister Monique Rajotte** for the circumstance...

**Once upon a time... so started most of our stories during our childhood.
Once upon a time... 136 years ago... a man, the good Bishop Louis Zéphirin Moreau,
Entrusted to a woman of invincible courage, an evangelical mission!
She accepted to open for us a long road that is still not terminated.
Desiring to do the will of God, she remained abandoned and serene, confident in God who never failed her.**

**What abnegation, faith, forgetfulness of herself!
What audaciousness in crossing the unknown! What love for the new community!**

**What vigilance! What praying presence!
It is with admiration, thankfulness, and reconciliation
That we wish to underline in all simplicity 136 years of happy souvenirs!**

**Yes, there was a time, a soul, a heart, a woman
whose souvenir will never be forgotten!**

Song: « Good Souvenirs »

The good souvenirs from time past are memories to celebrate,
They are from yesterday, the words, the heart... We warmly rewrite them.
If today, they are precious, tomorrow they will be marvellous.
136 years is happiness that we owe to our Founders!

The good souvenirs from time past are vivacious joys to call to mind;
Their mildness should not be forgotten; these tender and happy moments
Should never be erased from memory.
136 years is happiness, sunshine and so many flowers.

The good souvenirs from time past are engraved in our history.
With tenderness they will remind us of our wonderful youth.
And if we must turn the page, we will take a look at our wonderful heritage.
In the green gardens of Aurélie, Faith is calling us!

M. Rajotte

Gratitude to Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron

Employment Found: I wish to thank Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron for a favor obtained. My demand had been made on September 30, 2012. My son-in-law found a good job. My daughter and her family are very happy. Thanks! K. By. Email

Wish Granted: Thanks for your prayers. My wish was granted: I found a peaceful place big enough to welcome my children. Thanks once more! By Email

Serenity Maintained: My mother has great confidence in Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron and her wishes, like ours, have been granted. She had been admitted for a short time, in a secure residence where she could get suitable health care for her age. She might move again to a government public centre where care is less expensive and more appropriate. For the moment, she adapts very well because the personnel is very attentive.

M. H...- B...pour A. C...-H..., Drummondville, QC

House Sale: Many thanks to Mother Elisabeth Bergeron, for a favor obtained. My house was sold. In return I have come to visit her and pray by her tomb. L. P..., Saint-Hyacinthe, QC

Thanksgiving: Thank you, Elisabeth, for the sale of a duplex in Montréal. C. C... by Email

Health Improved / Car Sold: In January 2013, my mother experienced an infarct and other health problems. I asked Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron to look after her. Also, I had a small automobile for sale and asked for her help in selling this car. I feel much better now that these requests have been granted.
I. M..., Sept-Îles, QC

Green Light for a Stage: My son undertook a stage in civil engineering for this summer. Very thankful!
C. N..., Drummondville, QC

Health maintained: We had planned to spend the winter in Florida, but before leaving I was diagnosed with a problem of osteoporosis. I was not insured if I had a fracture outside of Québec. As usual I confided this problem to Mother St-Joseph. She faithfully took care of me and we had an excellent winter without any mishap. I have an extreme confidence in this Venerable Mother. I often thank her and ask her to care for my loved ones.
L. R..., Châteauguay, QC

Relief Brought: Thanks to Mother Saint-Joseph, my right eye is better. I thank her for all the favors granted.
Y. N..., Mont-Saint-Grégoire, QC

House Sold: I am happy to let you know that my brother and I went to see the notary on May 31st for the sale of our condo. It was on the second day of our novena when somebody offered to buy the condo. My mother and I were amazed by this miracle because we had been so desperate. Thanks to Mother Elisabeth Bergeron, I am now able to pay my debts. Thank you! Thank you !
D. N..., Montréal, QC

Constant Support: I thank Mother Saint-Joseph for her constant support :

- ❖ Thanks for protecting my health.
- ❖ Thanks for helping my brother and my sister-in-law take care of their daughter who is blind.
- ❖ Thanks for the sale of my neighbors' condo during the winter of 2013.

L. C..., Beloeil, QC

Important Affair: Thanks to Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron for helping us to take a difficult decision and to choose what seemed to be the best solution.
L. P....Canton-de-Hatley, QC

Relief Brought: After a fall on a ceramic floor, I suffered a fracture to my nose and my arm. Instantly I called Elisabeth Bergeron and, thanks to her, I am getting better. I continue to talk to her every day. My confidence is great.
R. G..., Lasalle, QC

Sale of Condo: We heard about Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron from a good friend of ours. She gave us a medal of her and we buried it. We prayed to her everyday with confidence. Today my husband and I render homage to her. The sale of our condo happened rapidly: fifteen days later. Many thanks!
Claire L..., -L..., et G. L..., Laval, QC

Relations Established Anew: After two long years of waiting, the conflict which existed since the separation of our son with his wife, was finally solved. Without doubt, it was our prayers to Mother Saint-Joseph that brought the good judge to bring to a close these records. We are very grateful for this solution.
P.L..., Granby, QC

Open Door : What joy! My son was accepted in the police force in May 2013. Today I come to thank Venerable Elisabeth by coming to pray at her tomb.

M.D..., Sorel-Tracy, QC

Protection: After Sunday Mass on the way home, an automobile hit us while we were turning in our driveway. It was terrible, but our good Mother Saint Joseph protected us even if our car was a total wreck. I had to spend some time at the hospital. My husband was also shaken up but his heart was all right. God protected both of us. This is a testimony to God's goodness and we are thankful. I always wear my medal and I have no fractures or perforations on my lungs according to the x-rays. C. T..., Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC

Problems Solved: Many thanks for Mother Elisabeth's prayers and intercessions. We had asked her to solve some legal proceedings after a fire. At the time a person close to us had passed away. We were suffering, but we thank her for solving the succession. L.G.G. by Email

Employment Found: I came to pray at Mother Saint Joseph's tomb for my husband who had lost his job. Two days later a hopeless offer became available for him. I am very thankful. N. B..., Drummondville, QC

House Sold: My grandson wanted to sell his house. I prayed Mother Elisabeth Bergeron to grant his desire. The house was sold within three months. Very thankful! M. D..., Drummondville, QC

Everyday help: Thanksgiving time has arrived. When events don't turn out well, we call on Mother Saint-Joseph; I see that she is a mother who looks after those who call on her:

- ❖ The little children are cared for. Thanks!
- ❖ My health is not so good (arthritis) but I am lucky to be at home.

L.T..., Coaticook, QC

House Sold / Lodging Found: I thank Mother Saint-Joseph for the sale of a house; I also thank her for having found lodging for my grandson. I am very thankful for her protection for every member of the family. M. D...-F..., Saint-Charles-sur-Richelieu, QC

Pain Disappeared: Thanks, Mother Elisabeth Bergeron, for having liberated me of the pain in my hips. That had made me suffer for many years. In the spring of 2013, I had asked you to heal me. My prayer was not in vain. Today, I can walk without pain. S. B..., Sorel-Tracy, QC

Do you Remember...

... Excavated from our cemetery in October 1968, the mortal remains of Mother Foundress were brought to the Mother House and were placed in the room next to the chapel.

... The following year, under the direction of Sister Lucienne Ballard, the Elisabeth-Bergeron Centre began its activities to promote the cause of beatification and canonization of Mother Saint-Joseph.

... In September 1981, thanks to the initiative of Sister Delphine Robert, the first bulletin « Elisabeth Bergeron Speaks to us » appeared. The article was entitled: « *Like a Veil Moving in the Wind* ».

... In 1996, Jean-Paul II signed the decree attesting that Elisabeth Bergeron had practised the Christian and religious virtues in a heroic way. He discerned the title "Venerable" to her.

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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