

# Clizabeth Bergeron speaks to us...

## Autumn 2018

## A meeting at the Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica

On June 27, 2018, the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Hyacinthe from Brazil, Lesotho and St. Hyacinthe came together to celebrate a historic moment for the Congregation. Some people associated to their charism were also part of the event.

Mr. Pierre Lussier, artist-painter from Quebec City, made a beautiful painting illustrating Elizabeth Bergeron, foundress of the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Hyacinthe also called Mother St. Joseph. The canvas occupies an alcove above a door overlooking the Très-Saint-Sacrement Chapel.

Sister Louise Millette, Vice-Postulator, welcomes us to the chapel of the Immaculate Conception and invites us to commence the celebration. The main event of this meeting was the discovery of this painting that was blessed by Canon Claude Lamoureux and to hear the painter, Mr. Pierre Lussier, tell us about his work. Let's listen to him...

« I did not know your Foundress. You told me about her and I admit that I was impressed by this woman, her smiling face deeply inspired me. Thank you for helping me to know her! She became a friend, an inspirer by her great openness to the will of God.

When I start a new painting, I pray to all the painters who are already in heaven to help me in each new achievement.



The key to reading this canvas is horizontality and verticality. The lines converge on the cross that Mother St. Joseph carries; it is she who is in the center. The smiling and joyful face of Mother St. Joseph make us want to praise God through her. The whole picture represents her mission. As a landscape painter, nature is very important in my paintings. You will find the great yellow-gold elm, rural lands, the Yamaska River, birds and flowers. The sky, which is all-encompassing, is the element that speaks of the great goodness of God. Long before us, nature was the cradle of faith.

I painted the second house of your foundation in the left corner. Mother St. Joseph is in the center with a boy and a girl who are very close to her. Her right hand presents Saint Joseph and the Child Jesus whose eyes are closed and express that they are listening to the will of God. There is, on the right of the canvas, a sister and a girl. Another sister was needed because Mother St. Joseph acted in community. This sister represents each one of you.

Today, I told you about what I did to create this painting that represents your foundress. I like to listen to people who look at it and make me discover new realities. It's rewarding for me. I will stop here and listen to you. It's your turn to speak... »

**Information:** To relive this celebration, a video has been prepared. You will soon be able to view it on our website <u>www.sjsh.org</u>. Bookmarks are available upon request.

Sister Diane Beauregard, s.j.s.h.

# Recognition to Venerable Elizabeth Bergeron

**Successful intervention:** Words cannot express my gratitude to Mother St. Joseph for all the help we have received from her. My husband had been having heart problems for a while. Last February, he was operated for three bypasses and is recovering very well. Mother St. Joseph not only looked after my husband's recovery but also my safety as I traveled to the hospital in snowstorms. A huge thank you. Thank you Mother St. Joseph for all you do for us. A new stage of our life begins as we are 73 and 74 years old. It's amazing. N. S.-J..., St-Constant, QC

**Good result**: On a cold evening last March, our heating system stopped working. I promised Mother Elizabeth Bergeron to make a donation if it was repaired the same evening. Fortunately, the heat returned as soon as one of the electronic components was replaced. Thank you Mother Elizabeth! D. M..., Vermont, USA

**Appropriate care:** Following my diagnosis of stage 3 ovarian cancer, my father-in-law came to ask for help from Sister Bergeron and brought me her photo, her medal and a relic. I had an emergency operation that removed a huge tumor. I would like to thank Sister Bergeron, my father-in-law, my family and my friends for protecting me during this ordeal. My courage and hope have returned.

N. P..., Montréal, QC

**Successful intervention:** Last Sunday, on my way back from the grocery store, I had a lot of blood in my urine. I went to the hospital. The next day, I had a medical procedure. They kept me in the hospital. I had probes; there was blood in my urine. On Tuesday, I was transferred from the hospital to another to be operated on by an urologist the next day. While doing the exam with the camera, they removed a  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch tumor by scraping it. It was nothing serious. 20 minutes only in the operating room. All has been well. I left the hospital on Thursday. I did not have much pain. I was able to return to work on Monday. I have to take iron pills for 3 months. Thank you to Mother Elizabeth. I really called her several times a day and she answered me. D. G..., Québec, QC

**Success:** I asked for prayers in 2017 for my anorexic granddaughter. She has consulted a good psychologist and she is fine. Mother Elizabeth led her on the right path. She completed her nutrition course at the University of Ottawa. This helps her. Thank you for your good prayers. I have a lot of faith in Mother Elizabeth Bergeron (*Mother St. Joseph*). J. M. H. L..., Victoriaville, QC

**Successful treatment:** Good news! J.-P., my brother-in-law, is back home without any adverse effects. On Monday at the Heart Institute, he was given two stents to unclog his 99% blocked artery. According to his cardiologist, he is doing very well; he told JP that he was very lucky. Well, I think our prayers have borne fruit. I thank Mother St. Joseph and the sisters who have been kind enough to include us in their prayers. Already he is back home to the relief of my sister M. and the whole family. R. V..., Sorel-Tracy, QC

**Prayers answered:** A poor lady asked us for prayers through the intercession of the venerable Elizabeth Bergeron, in order to obtain free transportation of room furniture which was offered to her. Our foundress probably remembers experiencing extreme poverty during the founding of our community. Very little time passes and our prayers are answered. With great happiness, C. now has furniture that she likes. Great gratitude to Mother Elizabeth! S.N.P..., Saint-Hyacinthe, QC

Successful operation: Thank you for your good prayers. Our son was operated on for prostate cancer. He was very worried and so were we. This is not the first time we have asked for Sister Elizabeth and not the last. Thank you! M.B.P..., Sherbrooke, QC

**Good result:** I wrote to you some time ago to ask to pray with me. Our prayers have not been in vain because I have good news. The scan I had in late July said that the nodules I have in my lungs have not changed. I will have another in two years, if God gives me life because we know that only He is the master. I want to say a very sincere thank you to Mother Elizabeth Bergeron for this favor and I continue to pray. S.B.G..., Warwick, QC

## Good mother Clizabeth, we trust...

Venerable Elizabeth Bergeron's friends have confidence in her. The Sisters pray our God for you and with you by her intercession, so your requests may be answered. Confidence! She will not remain deaf to your requests. In a special way, to her we entrust Caroline and her family, Adam, Madeleine, Marie-Claude, Réjeanne and Stephan.



We ask Elizabeth to continue to be close To each of you who put your trust in her.

# Various information



#### Videos available

To get to know Elizabeth Bergeron, three videos are available on our website www.sjsh.org: a story about Elizabeth Bergeron's life, another about her journey since her death and Elizabeth Bergeron opens her heart. They were made by Aude Leroux Lévesque and her company Bideshi Film. Good viewing ... N.B. These videos are also available at the mausoleum.

You can watch the video of the **transfer of Elizabeth Bergeron's tomb**. This event was celebrated on October 30, 2014. (*Duration 60 minutes*)

A virtual tour of the mausoleum is also available on our website.

### Communications

To communicate the favors granted by the Venerable Elizabeth Bergeron's intercession, to recommend her your intentions, to obtain information, to make appointments or to receive, free of charge, by e-mail or by mail, the Elizabeth Bergeron speaks to us bulletin, please address your requests to

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Welcome to all the friends of the Venerable Elizabeth Bergeron

#### News

A painting of Elizabeth Bergeron, created by the artist Pierre Lussier, is on display in Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré in the lower basilica at the entrance of the Très-Saint-Sacrement Chapel.

Hoping to see you there.

Each semester, a Mass is celebrated for the intentions of the Benefactors and Friends of the Cause of Venerable Elizabeth Bergeron. The present publication does not wish to prevent the judgment of the Holy Church; it wishes to conform in all its decisions.

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