

Élisabeth Bergeron speaks to us...



Spring 2015

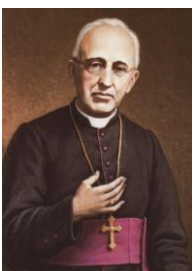
On November 1st, 2014, at the Cathedral, the people of St. Hyacinth came to pay a tribute to the venerable Élisabeth Bergeron. At the beginning of the Eucharist, presided by His Grace François Lapierre, bishop of the diocese, Sister Claudette Robert, Superior general of the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Hyacinth addressed the assembly. Here is an excerpt of her speech...

The Feast of All Saints revives our memory of the saints who have sought throughout their lives, to look more and more like Jesus, the Living, the Risen One!

With both affection and recognition, this afternoon's gathering is a tribute to the venerable Elisabeth Bergeron who throughout her life, was an exemplary witness of the tenderness of God.

It is in thanksgiving that we want to pay tribute to her as the tomb's transfer takes place to the mausoleum of Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of St. Hyacinth, so that all people can continue to come and pray, entrust their requests and thank her for the many favors obtained through her intercession.

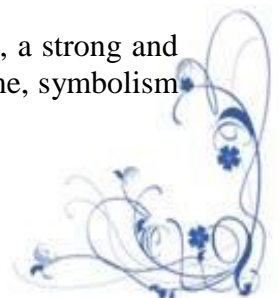
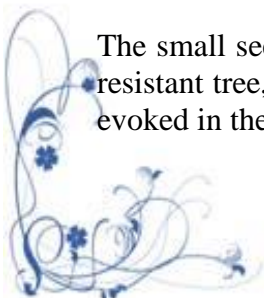
We take this opportunity to remind ourselves of the various stages of the life of the one who founded the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Hyacinth.



It's on September 12, 1877 that Elizabeth Bergeron, at the request of Blessed Louis-Zephirin Moreau founded in St. Hyacinth, a religious community to ensure the training and education of young people in the diocese's rural parishes.

The beginnings were modest, but in a short time, the congregation accepted the requests from parishes outside of the diocese. Then those from Western Canada, from other countries: United States, Lesotho, Brazil and, in order to meet specific needs, in Senegal, Haiti and Chad.

The small seed deposited in the ground with confidence, quickly became a large tree, a strong and resistant tree, carrying the life and the mission of the sisters of St. Joseph through time, symbolism evoked in the entrance procession.



From the birth of Elizabeth Bergeron in Grand Rang de La Presentation on May 25, 1851 until her death on April 29, 1936, important dates mark the history of our Venerated Foundress. The Annals of our congregation keeps a record of these dates and our affection keeps fond memories of these events.

Today, we especially remember that it was in 1968 that the exhumation of the remains of our Venerated Foundress was held.

... And in 1996, Pope John Paul II declared Elisabeth Bergeron, Foundress of the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint. Joseph of St. Hyacinth, Venerable. We continue to pray that one day the Church will recognize the saintliness of her life and her outreach to people who are inspired and ask for favors through her intercession.



The transfer of the tomb of our venerated foundress to the Mausoleum of the Catholic cemetery of St. Hyacinth Cathedral, located at 1075 Girouard Street East. Elisabeth Bergeron will continue to watch over the congregation and all those who come to honor her, to pray, to share with her their joys and sorrows. Her mission of welcoming and listening will continue with us.

Today, in thanksgiving, we gather to celebrate the beautiful and the great deeds that God has realized in the person of Elizabeth Bergeron and to remind us of some outstanding features of her spirituality that continue to inspire us.

Of Mother St. Joseph, we remember the virtues recognized by the Church that marked her life and nourished our spiritual life. Among others, listening and responding to God's call as did Joseph, our patron saint. Despite her lack of education, Elisabeth Bergeron agreed to found a community of religious teachers for the instruction and education of youth. It was an invitation to recognize the work of God in every person and to give thanks. We also, remember her availability, which was humble, confident, simple and joyful, at the service of the sisters of her community. We still remember her silent presence, where in prayer she listened to God in order to entrust to him the needs of the Church, of her sisters, and the needy youth.



Elisabeth Bergeron can be an inspiration to those who seek meaning in their lives and who hunger and thirst for God.

"The mustard seed sown into the fertile soil of the maskoutain land" produced "fruits that remain". Even today, the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph continues: in Canada, in Lesotho, in Brazil and wherever the aura of Elizabeth Bergeron is felt.

Others continue with us to be close to the "small ones", in the same spirit of simplicity, in joy, by a humble and generous service, sensitive to the silence and the appeals of the poorest searching for a meaning to their lives.

For all this together, today we give thanks to God!

Recognition of the Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron

Debt erased: I obtained a big favor. My rent was overdue by a month. Being without money, I entrusted my situation to Mother Elisabeth Bergeron. And now the government curator has contacted me: everything has been settled. J.-M. B..., Pointe-aux-Trembles, QC

Comfort received: Thanks to Mother Elisabeth Bergeron for her moral support. I enclose a small gift to help her cause and the moving of her tomb to a newly constructed mausoleum, following the sale of the mother house. J.-R. H..., Beloeil, QC

House sale: Having obtained the desired favour, I thank the venerable Elisabeth Bergeron. A neighbor introduced me to her, inviting me to trust her to sell my house. On June 5, a buyer showed up, made his offer, and June 20, after praying the good Mother, the sales contract was signed C. V..., St. Léonard, QC

Happy Birth: After a waiting period filled with worry, the baby was able to leave the intensive care unit. We were afraid for his life and the life of the little mother. But a loving family remains united in times of joy and sorrow. Thanks to the cooperation of all, and in the beloved presence of Mother St. Joseph, life has triumphed. We see once again how effective the venerable Mother is!

Good news: Very grateful for the prayers, the lady gave us the medical report of her great granddaughter: "I saw the little one and to my surprise, she is progressing very well. " M.-J. D..., St. Lambert, QC

Successful surgery: I think of Mother Elisabeth every day. On September 22, I had my surgery during which, I held a relic of her in my hand. Everything went well. A miracle for me! Can I please ask for more relics so I can give some to my children and friends R. G..., LaSalle, QC

Job opportunity for a youth: Thanks to Mother Bergeron! Nicolas has returned home and furthermore, he has signed to join the navy. In February, he will do his intensive training and then leave for five years. At the end, if he decides to leave the Navy, he will be 25, his university studies and be entitled to a good job because he was assigned to repair the aircraft on an aircraft carrier. M-L. C..., Boucherville QC

Surprising progress: My granddaughter Layla will be eight years on March 1st. She is doing fine. Medical specialists are saying that her sub-standard weight is a genetic condition inherited from her mother, but it does not prevent the girl from being independent and functional. Progress realized since her premature birth are almost miraculous. The prognosis was grim and now she sees to all her needs and learns easily. I only have gratitude for this gift that God has given us. I thank Mother Elizabeth and all of you who have prayed. M. B..., Longueil QC

Healing: Many thanks to the venerable Elisabeth Bergeron for my healing. C.-E. B ... , QC

Deo gratias: Hospitalized in Sherbrooke, Manon is out of intensive care. Some friends had recommended her to the intercession of the Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron. She is better but requires that we continue to pray for her well-being. S. A. D..., St. Hyacinth, QC

Quick sale: After I brought a relic of Mother St. Joseph in my house, I sold it two days later. Thank you with all my heart to the venerable Elisabeth Bergeron for the obtained favor. M. V..., Saint-Lambert, QC

Sale: House sale within two days. Anonymous

Testimony: Esther and I want to testify of the favor obtained through the intercession of Elizabeth Bergeron. At the beginning of February 2015, I went to see Monique Fontaine to talk about the experiences encountered by some people who entrusted themselves to Elizabeth for the sale of their property within a reasonable time. Monique told me how Elizabeth intervened promptly in such cases. Monique gave me pictures of Elizabeth and two bookmarks to seek grace through her intercession. The same day, I mailed it to Esther's sister and her husband in Montmagny. As for us, we began to pray that same evening (February 10). They received the photo and the bookmark on Friday (February 13). They placed the photo in one of the window of the property that was for sale. Tuesday (February 24), their real estate agent informed them that a bid was on the table and that the potential buyers had a loan approval by the local Credit Union. An agreement was settled between the sellers and buyers and will be notarized in ten days.

Esther and I will continue to pray Elizabeth and to entrust Madeleine and Clement of Montmagny to her, so that she will support them in the choices they have to make in the upcoming months. As for us, Elizabeth became a friend in faith, a woman on whom we can refer to keep our focus on the Gospel. We thank the Lord for the opportunity he is giving us to "feel" at certain times of our lives, that the communion of saints has concrete effects and without any merit on our part. We will thank her in person at her tomb as soon as the weather allows for it. Many thanks to Monique Fontaine for introducing us to Elizabeth! Many thanks to Elizabeth Bergeron for the concern she has for us.

E. L..., Saint-Bruno, QC

Proposed agreement: Many thanks to Mother Elizabeth Bergeron for a proposed agreement regarding a parcel of land.

Y. B..., QC

Healing: Thanks to the Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron for an obtained healing.

C.-E. B..., Saint-Eustache, QC

Healing: Sunday, May 4, 2014, you were kind enough to welcome my wife C.G., my son S. and I to Sister Elizabeth's tomb. My healing process has been granted since. Thank you Sister Elizabeth. Thanks to our Lord Jesus.

I'm from La Prairie and was educated by the SJSH in Ste. Therese School of the Child Jesus in Delson, by Sister St-Alexandre in 1954-1955. Such good memories!

D. St-C..., La Prairie, QC

Life recovery: Many thanks to Mother St. Joseph for my nephew Dominic. Following a medical error, he had respiratory failure and lost all his blood. After two weeks in a coma, he is coming back to life, surprising doctors who consider it as a miracle. He now speaks and eats. We continue our prayers for a full recovery.

S. R. H..., St. Hyacinth, QC

Obtaining a home: Through the intercession of the Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron, Mr. David Messier, son of Mr. Marcel Messier (*Mother Elisabeth's relative*) has found a house he wished for. In addition, he managed to sell his house only a month after moving. Thanksgiving! By e-mail

Buildings sale: Buildings sold within four months, always through the intercession of Mother Elisabeth Bergeron.

Anonym

Happy birth and day care found: After several years of waiting we are now the proud parents of a little boy and lately, we found a place and a great family child care environment for our little ray of sunshine. Thanks to Mother St. Joseph and for favors received.

K.V..., St-Constant, QC

Good mother Elisabeth, we trust ...

Friends of the Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron have confidence in her. The nuns pray our God for you and with you, through her intercession so that your requests are met.

Be confident! she cannot remain deaf to your requests. In a special way we entrust to her Caroline, Christopher, Layla, Mariette, Pauline, Normande...

We ask Elisabeth to continue to be close to each of you
that have confidence in her

Visits to Elisabeth Bergeron's tomb



Good News : The mausoleum, where **the Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron's tomb** was moved, will be open **beginning on May 4, 2015.**

Mausoleum of the Catholic cemetery of St. Hyacinth Cathedral

1075, Girouard Street East, St. Hyacinth (QC) J2S 1R1

Opening hours

Monday to Friday between: 8:30am - 16:30pm

Saturday between: 9am - 16pm

Sunday: Closed

Telephone: 450 774-4664

N.B.: To meet with a member of our congregation, please make an appointment by contacting the Elisabeth-Bergeron Centre or a member you know. Thank you!

>Welcome to all the friends of the Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron



Every semester, a mass is celebrated for the intentions of benefactors and friends of the Cause of the Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron. The present publication does not want to anticipate the judgment of the Holy Church; it wants to comply at all its decisions.

To send favors attributed by the intercession of Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron, to recommend your intentions to her or to receive, free of charge, **by e-mail or mail**, the bulletin "*Elisabeth Bergeron speaks to us*" please contact us at:

Elisabeth-Bergeron Centre

2545, Dessaulles Street, St. Hyacinth, QC, J2S 0K2

Telephone: (450) 768-1800, extension 194 **E-Mail:** ceb@sjsh.org **Web:** www.sjsh.org

Important: Thank you for notifying us when you change your postal address.

At all times, you can read our e-newsletter "*Elisabeth Bergeron speaks to us ...*"
<http://www.sjsh.org/bulletins.html> in the section « Elisabeth-Bergeron Centre »

With the permission of the Ordinary of St. Hyacinth

