

# Elisabeth Bergeron Speaks to us...



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## An Organized Departure

### Projecting A Great Change

Without doubt, many subscribers to our bulletin “Elisabeth Speaks to us” have learned through the newspaper or the Internet, about the great news. In fact, at our Mother House we are getting ready to move out and to put the Mother House up for sale.

Many souvenirs and patrimonial objects might have to be abandoned when we enter in our new dwelling place called «Aurélié’s Gardens» (Les Jardins d’Aurélié). On arriving on Dessauls Street, in June 2014, we will be living with fourteen Sisters of the Precious Blood. Actually, it will be on the property of these cloistered Sisters, behind their monastery on Girouard Street West, that the Sisters of Saint-Joseph of Saint-Hyacinthe will be re-located.

We note that the forty-eight Sisters who presently occupy Notre-Dame Residence are in a wing of the Mother House built in 1946. At first it was to house the Normal School and later it became a pavilion of Saint Joseph High School. However, almost ten years ago, at the time of the demolition of the Bergeron Residence, these premises were completely restored to welcome the Sisters.

### Reasons for This Departure

You can surely guess why this departure took place... Around 1977, hundreds of Sisters were active in many parishes, but the decline began gradually as there was no replacement. Since the number of students was diminishing and the Sisters were getting on in age, something had to change. Immobility was not possible. In 2010, a committee was organized. Finally the Group Fotar proposed the construction of lodging accommodations adapted to the Sisters’ condition. Presently, the crane is already in place.

### Reminder

No doubt you remember that after returning from the United States (Salem, MA), our foundress, Elisabeth Bergeron, was admitted at the monastery of the Sisters of the Precious Blood on March 16, 1871.

Happy and loved by her companions, she began her initiation to the religious life in that house. Meditative prayer was one of her preferences and she was attracted to it. All was peace and gentleness for the young postulant. But, on the first of July, the superior and foundress, Mother Catherine Aurélie of the Precious Blood (Aurélie Caouette), who was convinced that Elisabeth did not have the health needed to live such an austere life, announced to her:

*“My daughter, my Sisters and I have prayed and God’s will was manifested in your case; your place is not here. God has indicated it is elsewhere. Pray a lot to know where. Continue practising virtue and you will again live some happy days.”*

Who would have thought that Elisabeth Bergeron’s daughters would tread on the same soil that their foundress had stepped on during her walks in the fresh air? God’s ways are often unexpected. We know that very well...

## A Historic Day

We dwell at 805, Raymond Street since September 1889. The following is what is conserved in our community Annals:

*On the morning of September 3, 1889, our chaplain (Alexis-Xiste Bernard) celebrated the last mass in our house on Saint-Hyacinthe Street (today a hospice). He consumed the hosts and left the tabernacle empty. (...). An hour later, with the help of some men, he removed successively the altar, the railing, the Stations of the Cross. (...). An emptiness seemed to dig into our hearts. Yet, it was only the prelude to a greater move.*

*One by one the rooms became deserted, and all the furniture was transported to our new convent.*

*To commemorate the last dinner we had in that house, our venerated Father Founder gave the «Deo Gratias». After the meal we went to the deserted chapel to recite the prayer in honor of Saint Joseph: “Allégresses et Douleurs” (Joys and Sorrows). We were overcome with emotion....*

*(...) Then with a last glance on this house so rich in souvenirs, we crossed the threshold two by two and left «Noah’s Ark». That was the name given to this building. We went directly towards the land of our new home.*



## Gratitude Towards Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron

**Various Favors:** I sold my house. My uneasiness caused by dystrophy disappeared little by little and since the death of a family member, my daughter speaks to me. With the Lord everything is possible. Elisabeth knew it also!  
D. P..., Cowansville, QC

**Happy Birth:** Lately, my daughter gave birth, by caesarean section, to a beautiful little girl in good health. I thank Mother Elisabeth whom I pray every day and I thank God.  
A happy grandmother. (Anonymous)

**Successful Relocation:** A very grateful thank you to Mother Elisabeth Bergeron for her precious help in many circumstances during the year 2012. We had to move to a residence for elderly people. The residence was out of the city and the move had to be done rapidly. Mother Bergeron directed us in a week only in spite of all the inconveniences that a move can cause. We are very grateful to her.  
D. B. T..., Sherbrooke, QC

**Happy Meeting:** Gratitude to Mother Elisabeth Bergeron! I prayed so my daughter could meet someone with good moral values. My prayers were answered.  
G. G..., Victoriaville, QC

**A Successful Trip:** I thank Elisabeth Bergeron who supported me all along my wonderful trip. At 81 years of age, I was afraid of being sick, but everything went well. Thank you, good Mother! The relic that I wore made me feel secure and sustained my confidence and my prayer.  
T. C..., Acton Vale, QC

**Financial Aid:** I want to thank Mother Elisabeth Bergeron for her intercession following my confident prayer. I have just received financial aid, and furthermore, my health is maintained. I hope with all my heart that she will be beatified as soon as possible!  
J.-M. B..., Saint-Léonard (Mtl) QC

**Employment Obtained:** Dean Cournoyer, 19 years of age, had terminated his studies, but could not find work. He lives at Sturbridge, Mass, with his parents. He is their only child. After waiting for eight months, he was discouraged and stayed in his room all the time. The family was worried. His mother, my niece, called me and asked for prayers. I answered: "I will send you two pictures of Mother Saint-Joseph with a prayer on the back, in English. Recite it every day for your son. I will do the same". I added three medals and invited them to put one under Dean's mattress with confidence. A short time later, the son found a partial time job which he greatly enjoyed. A few months later he announced to his parents that he had been offered the same job at full-time. What good news! Thanks to God and to Mother Saint-Joseph's intercession!  
R. É..., s.j.s.h. (aunt) Saint-Hyacinthe, QC

**New Dwelling:** My daughter has finally been able to find a new dwelling and to rent her old apartment. That will allow her to move sooner. Thanks to Mother Saint-Joseph!  
É. V..., Lorette, MB

**Building Sold:** Once again, we needed prayers to succeed in selling our commercial property. We continue to pray so Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron will soon be beatified.  
M. & M. P..., Sherbrooke, QC

**House Sold:** I thank Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron who has heard my request. I demanded a buyer for my granddaughter's house. Well, the sale took place! J. S..., Saint-Sébastien, QC

**A Satisfied Mother:** My son, Jocelyn, had 20 apartments (new condos) to rent. During his project, I prayed Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron all the time and she answered in her manner. Presently, only one apartment remains empty. I thank her for everything and I continue to pray to her every day. H.-B. M..., Saint-Liboire, QC

**Better Health:** During the month of January 2013, my mother suffered a heart attack and many other health problems. Therefore I asked Mother Elisabeth to take care of my mother and help her to heal. This request was granted. What a relief! Thanks and thanks again! Email message

**Green Light for project PMP:** My wife and I have often visited Mother Elisabeth Bergeron's community. I am Marcel Messier's eldest son, therefore of Mother Bergeron's lineage and I am domiciled in Vermont, United States. I have recently passed a difficult exam in view of a project relative to the control of professional management. This certification was advantageous for my employment. Having asked Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron to guide me in this exam, today I express my profound gratitude to her. D. & C. Messier, Williston, VT

**House Purchased:** Some time ago, I requested help from above so as to obtain at a reasonable price the house that we liked. Now, we are satisfied because we have obtained what we requested. I greatly wish that Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron will soon receive the title of «saint». L. J..., Boucherville, QC

## Good Mother We Have Confidence

Mother Elisabeth has accompanied me for more than four years, after I had picked up a picture of her in Saint Matthew's Church in Montreal. I recite the prayer every day since this happy moment. Today, I ask her to heal my friend, Bouali, who has been blind for thirty years. May he be able to see again the beauty of creation and to guide his hands in his work. Thanks for praying for this favor...L.

A little girl from the United States suffers from a cancerous tumor of the adrenal gland. She is very weak. Please pray with me to obtain her healing. C.

I am sad and worried about my grandson. His mother does not want to have him baptized. You, Mother, thanked God for your baptism; please intercede. X.

I often ask for help for my family, but now it is for me. I have had intense pain in my leg and groin during the last two months. I would like to recover my health so I can look after my father. Mother Elisabeth, I have great confidence in you. F.

I beg you to come to Carole's help. She is an only child and alcoholic. Her mother is deeply hurt by her daughter's condition. X.

Côme is waiting for a liver transplant. Thanks for praying for him. M.

Mother Elisabeth, give me the strength, the courage, the faith and the hope to defeat my cancer. May the next exam give a good result. Help my wife and my children. S.

I recommend my daughter who must appear in court. Y.

## Did You know That...

- ◆ The crane, now installed on the construction site of «*Les jardins d'Aurélie*» is used to manipulate heavy materiel and must be higher than the four stories of the building?
- ◆ The Health Group Sedna, a private corporation in partnership with the public sector, offers care to a diversified clientele, notably lodging and nursing care?
- ◆ The dossier of the Mother House has been entrusted to the firm CBRE, a company specialized in the sale of this type of institutional building?
- ◆ Our Mother-House had been blessed by Bishop Louis-Zéphirin Moreau, on September 12, 1889 in the twelfth year of the foundation of the Sisters of Saint-Joseph of Saint-Hyacinthe?



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