



Elizabeth Bergeron speaks to us...

Autumn 2017

Centenary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima

The apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima designate the six Marian apparitions of the Virgin Mary as they would have occurred in Fatima, a small village in the center of Portugal, six times between May 13 and October 13, 1917 to three children shepherds. On the occasion of the centenary of the apparitions, Pope Francis will go to Fatima for the canonization of two visionaries of the Virgin Mary, Francis and Jacinta Marto.



We are taking advantage of this event to look at how Elizabeth Bergeron, Mother Saint-Joseph, has always given Mary a great place in her life.

The place of Mary in the life of Elizabeth Bergeron

Before entering the community

Born at The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on May 25, 1851 (a month devoted to Mary) in a profoundly Christian home, Elizabeth learned very early to know and love her Mother in Heaven. At the time of family prayer, she gradually learns to answer the rosary.

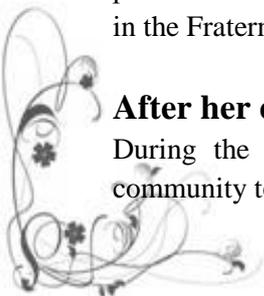
No wonder that at the age of eight, when she longs to receive the Bread of the Eucharist, Elizabeth relies on Mary to solve the thorny problem of her admission to the First Communion, despite her young age. Her fervent supplications at the altar of the Blessed Virgin are heard. I knew that the Blessed Virgin would answer me, she declares to her relatives, when the priest allows her to go to catechism.

This perseverance in prayer, this faith in the intercession of Mary will never leave her. When she was 14 years old, she accompanies her family to Brunswick, New England, her fervor does not diminish. When the work day is over, Elizabeth retires to her room to talk to her Mother in Heaven, to venerate her image and to entrust her with her desire for religious life.

Her return back to The Presentation takes place in the spring of 1870. On the occasion of the Immaculate Conception, while Elizabeth has just finished a fervent novena, her spiritual advisor authorizes her to ask for her admission to the Adorers of the Precious-Blood. But the state of her health will force her to return to her parents' home who recently moved to St. Hyacinthe. She then asks for her admission as Dominican Tertiary in the Fraternity of Our Lady of the Rosary.

After her entry

During the founding of the community Bishop Louis-Zephirin Moreau will recommend to the new community to have a tender and filial devotion for the Blessed Virgin.



On July 25, 1918, with the Sisters of the community, Elizabeth pronounced the act of consecration of herself to Jesus Christ, by the hands of Mary, according to the formula advocated by St. Louis Marie de Montfort. This consecration will be renewed the last day of her earthly life, April 29, 1936.

She fervently celebrates each of the Marian feasts and the first Saturday of the month. What a joy for her to invent an original decor each month of May and October. When her religious family is rewarded with important favors, Mother Foundress proposes to sing the *Magnificat*.

Witnesses speak out

Throughout her life, Elizabeth Bergeron reserves to Mary of Nazareth, an important place. During the trial of the cause of beatification and canonization, in St. Hyacinthe, in 1977, more than one witness insists on this fact.

How often, every day, we saw her with a rosary in her hand. "Pray the Blessed Virgin," she told us. While working, she recited by heart the Office of the Blessed Virgin.

Lucienne Ballard, s.j.s.h.

Her devotion to the Blessed Virgin was remarkable. She had a true cult of love and trust in Mary.

Alice Bourassa, s.j.s.h.

She loved the feasts of the Blessed Virgin and celebrated them with love. She had the devotion of the first Saturday of the month, and of the months of May and October.

Clarisse Bergeron, s.j.s.h.

Conclusion

This woman from our region prayed a great deal to the Blessed Virgin and she always gave her an immense tenderness. The attachment to St. Joseph, her patron, has not prevented her from giving to the Queen of hearts, the place granted by the Church, that is to say, the first after that of Jesus.

Her love of the rosary, her joy in celebrating the feasts dedicated to Mary, her fidelity to the commitments she made when she joined various Marian brotherhoods, and her apostolic zeal for sisters and students tell us a lot about her Marian fervor. Elizabeth has always lived in communion with the Mother of the Church. May it inspire and support our own devotion to the Virgin Mary.



Recognition to Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron

House rented / healing: Venerable Mother Elizabeth Bergeron, to you all my gratitude for these favors obtained: the healing of my sister; my daughter's health; renting my home.

M. G ..., Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC

Various Favors Granted Through Mother Elizabeth Bergeron: In December 2015, she helped my spouse who had nosebleed problems. In January 2016 she helped me find a new job when the company closed. Then she helped me with my breast cancer exams, surgery and treatments from February 2016 to 2017. She continues to help me get back to work. I thank her. When I talk about her, I like to describe her as smiling goodness.

G. G ..., St Hyacinthe, QC

Successful treatment: I have the pleasure and happiness to tell you that my son Michel is much better. He must return to work soon. He had severe arrhythmia. On June 20, at the hospital, the cardiologist proposed him an anesthesia, with heart shock treatments, to regularize the heart beats. It was successful. He came out the next day and everything is fine. Thank you for your prayers, thanks to our great friend Elizabeth: her heart and her spirit are with us in hope. May she become blessed, and why not holy? L. B, Becancour, QC

Accompaniment received: Thank you venerable Elizabeth Bergeron for accompanying us throughout these difficult months that we have just lived. You were there every time there was a decision to make by putting the necessary resources on our way.
Mr. L. and N. D. Sorel Tracy, QC

A good sale for house: Mother Elizabeth plays us tricks sometimes. I begged her to help L. L. sell her condo because she will have an apartment in the seniors residence on July 10th. It's her grand-daughter who decided to rent her grandma's condo. L. is very happy because she will save taxes and this money will be used to help her grand-daughter who is a teacher. Isn't this wonderful? Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
L. C, Beloeil, QC

Support provided: Thank you to Mother Elizabeth for giving me courage and support when I have worries. Whenever I pray, she gives me strength.
M. B, Saint-Hyacinthe, QC

Successful birth: Thursday, July 27, my daughter Marie-Claude who is pregnant will be brought to give birth in Ste-Justine. I would like the community to pray that everything goes smoothly and that my first granddaughter, who will be named Angelique, is born in a peaceful climate, with calm and serenity. The request was made at the tomb of Mother Elizabeth. Result: a small jaundice but everything went well.
F. G ..., St. Anne-de-Sorel, QC

Good news: Last week we met a pulmonary fibroma specialist; she was very happy because my husband had a tachycardia and it had not progressed. He responds well to the medication and is very brave. He never complains. So, his lung disease has stabilized and he can now work. The specialist told us, "You can go back to Texas." We will see him again in October. I told you that my husband did not work and was bored at home. A true miracle, his boss gives him many customers to meet and he sells a lot; he is so happy in what he does. I believe that my prayers to Mother Elizabeth every night have been answered. D. G ..., Quebec, QC

Housing for my son: My son Anthony has found a home that fits his budget and is in the right area. He has completed his application to the landlord and he is waiting for news. Other good news ... he signed his lease tonight. He has the apartment he wanted and guess what? He will move in front of the site of Sister Bergeron's grave on Girouard Street. I think she brought him to her area to have an eye on him ... THANK YOU! I put the future of my son in her hands and I trust her
F. B, La Présentation, QC

Purchase made: Mr. Santerre was employed at the mausoleum and he dreamed of having a farm (land). He was ready to borrow to acquire it. He saw the people who came to visit Elizabeth. He said to himself, "I have nothing to lose; I will go and make my request. He says his request was granted because of his trust. He found the dream farmhouse. He can acquire it without borrowing. He will even have a job here. Since then, he has been fulfilled in all the steps he had to take before leaving. He thanked our venerable Elizabeth Bergeron for this great favor. During his visit to the shrine to give thanks, he said he was impressed by the look of Elizabeth not knowing what qualifier to give. He waved goodbye with his hand as he left.
J.M, Santerre, Laforce, QC

Healing: I write a few words to express my gratitude to you because my grandson, at his birth, had a lot of eczema, so much that his parents were discouraged because the doctors could not cure him. One of my friends handed me the relic of Mother St. Joseph, and with them we began to make her a novena; we had confidence that she would answer us. His eczema began to disappear and now he seems perfectly cured.
O. O, Warwick, PQ

Various requests answered: The operation of my cataracts is successful. The renewal of my driving license went well. Thanks to Mother St. Joseph, my daughter did not get a ticket even though she made a mistake; I took her medal out of my purse while the police was talking to my daughter. My little girl had her baby on September 10th; the delivery went very well and the little baby's health is fine. She has had eclampsia after the delivery which is very rare, fortunately she is doing quite well thanks to Mother St. Joseph. Thank you very much, my sisters, who pray with us every day.
Y. B, Mont-Saint-Gregoire, QC

Good mother Elizabeth, 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, Georges and Laurent (3 children), Agathe, Juliette, and Stéphane.



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 Elisabeth 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 Elisabeth Bergeron speaks to us bulletin, please address your requests to

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Opening hours

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Saturday between: 9am - 16pm Sunday: Closed

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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**

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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