



# Elizabeth Bergeron speaks to us...

Spring 2019

Witness of bold faith, of soothing presence, of active charity  
Elizabeth Bergeron, an inspiring model for today's world.

## Where does Elizabeth's faith come from?

Her faith was drawn from her family, from her mother's heart, who taught her the catechism, who taught her to love the things of God, and from the heart of her father who brought her to the fields, where she loved the smell of cut hay, those fields that also told her the name of God. Faith is first of all a wonder, a fruit of the heart rather than of reason.

Having fallen into good soil, Elizabeth's faith turns out to be bold at the young age of 8: she dares to break the rules, of obedience as well as prudence, to receive Jesus in the Eucharist! Somewhat like the great Teresa of Avila who fled, to meet martyrdom.

At age 15, she became a catechist in American territory where the Bergeron family moved for a time, seeking more profitable jobs than those on their farms.

For a long time she had been thinking of devoting herself to God in religious life. After a first refusal at the Sisters of Charity, she makes short stays with The Sisters of Mercy, The Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, the Sisters of the Precious Blood, but no one accepts her.

*The day Elizabeth abandons her personal projects,  
God will give her an undoubtable sign.*

This sign comes by Bishop Louis-Zephirin Moreau who asks her to establish a community of religious teachers. To her, who cannot write! She is dismayed! It is in prayer, at the base of the crucifix, that she will discern the will of God expressed by her bishop: she accepts it in surrender and trust. From that moment on, peace and serenity settle and grow in her. A joyous certainty invades her, which will inhabit her until her death.

More and more, her faith will take root in the present moment, the sacrament of the divine on her beyond her own evidences. She must give up her dreams of contemplative life to establish an active community, go towards the unknown of this foundation by "bringing nothing" as "girls of the providence", to be subjected to the mockery of the population and the clergy, to be relieved from her duties, to serve in the least of tasks and especially to endure!

Accept this endurance without glory for all those years of which we know almost nothing (somewhat like the life of Saint Joseph), of which we have kept only some hesitant signatures, all those years that we summarize by the words: kindness, service, prayer, humility, good advice, encouragement and joy.

## **Soothing presence**

Mother Saint-Joseph, except for the decade preceding the end of her life, will be a member of the "General Council". When the superior visits the schools in the parishes, she accompanies him and meets the children. This good mother is very interested in them, she recommends to the Sisters to be good and understanding, insisting: "It is necessary that the children like school, otherwise, they will not succeed"!

Everywhere, Elizabeth appeases situations: she does not tolerate criticism, neither between the Sisters, nor towards persons outside the community. She prevents storms when she says: the truth does not suppress charity, if someone has done wrong, there is no need to publish it without good reason.

Elizabeth's heart is in perfect accord with Jesus' heart. This makes her bold and necessarily active, not only for the children, but also the sick, the poor, the missionaries, the priests. The whole life of Elizabeth was one of active charity. Sister Suzanne Gloutnez, sjsh

## **Recognition to Venerable Elizabeth Bergeron**

**Sale of a dairy farm :** I would like to express my gratitude to Mother Saint-Joseph for the favor she has given me. I asked her to help us sell our dairy farm. It is with joy that we had an offer of purchase sometime after it was put up for sale. The offer has been accepted on our terms. The transaction was quickly concluded. Mother Elizabeth is a lady of great kindness and unshakeable faith; she is an inspiration to all. Every day, I thank her for being in my life, she brings me a lot.

L. L. G ..., Cleveland, QC

**Quick response:** After a period of rehabilitation in a care facility, my sister-in-law Fleurette (96) returns home. On Friday, October 19th, I go to visit her. She finds that she can no longer live without help. We call the same hostel she had enjoyed to reserve a place for her. A dead end situation happens. She must wait for a place to become available. Actions will be taken to move her to another place in the meantime. Arriving at LJA, I wrote this request: "Elizabeth, take care of Fleurette". On Monday, October 22, she receives a call informing her that a place has been vacated. What joy! Thank you Elizabeth for this favor.

G. S ..., Saint-Hyacinthe, QC

**Happy move:** We were hoping that our 91-year-old father would move to Hôtel-Dieu in St. Hyacinthe. Not only did we get a room for him on October 3rd, but we have a deep joy to see, at each visit, the reception of the staff, their professionalism, and their sincere empathy. All of the people we meet: nurses, auxiliary nurses, personal and general caregivers, occupational therapists, volunteers, meet the needs of our dad at all levels before they are asked. And for a fraction of the price (38%) of what the private home required where our father was unhappy and neglected. Now he is part of the chapel choir, participates in some of the many activities offered, wakes up to his surroundings. It's like a new birth. With all my heart, thank you to Mother Saint-Joseph!

Family D ..., Saint-Dominique, QC,

**In the process of healing:** I come to say thank you to Sister Elizabeth and to all the sisters who prayed for my little daughter Kim. She has not relapsed from her debilitating illness since I asked you to pray for her. She is currently fine. We are always very worried about her. She still has Sister Elizabeth's relic on her. I ask you to continue to pray for her healing and I thank you for it.

C. F ..., Saint-Hyacinthe, QC

**Data found:** Thanks to a request made to Sister Elizabeth Bergeron, I come to tell you that my daughter has miraculously found all her data in relation to her email ... Her friend, an internet professional was wordless because he was sure that it was irretrievable. F. B ..., La Presentation, QC

**Improved Health:** I found a home that suited my needs. I agreed to leave my studio to move to a Residence.  
D. D ..., Sorel-Tracy, QC

**Peace found:** I would like to thank you for your prayerful support. God intervened in all the situations in which you had the great kindness to support me, by your prayers and that God in his love has solved, I am infinitely grateful to you. My neighbor Gerard behaves really better and lets me live my life without pursuing me as he did before. In addition, from time to time, he contributes to the fuel costs of the car when I take him and his girlfriend shopping by car. Thank you with all my heart.

L. L ..., France

**A place in a CHSLD:** My brother-in-law Rénauld Quirion was hospitalized in Saint-Jean. He could not return to the Saint-Césaire Residence where the care given was no longer appropriate. There was little hope for the family to be relocated to the CHSLD where they had been registered for a few years. I urged Elizabeth Bergeron to take care of this situation for the better. I prayed to her every day. My sister Denise received a call from the hospital announcing that he had a place at CHSLD Gertrude-Lafrance where he was registered. Thanks to Elizabeth Bergeron for taking care of him and his family by finding the right place for him!

M.-C. D ..., Saint-Hyacinthe, QC

**Health found again:** I give you, with much gratitude, a small gift. In September, I made a request to Sister Elizabeth, to help Gilbert get through the operation and all the implications of his prostate cancer and kindness to keep my Gilbert in your thoughts so that he heals and lives happily. The health of my Gilbert is good and we are lucky to be able to continue our journey together.

R. D ..., St. Thérèse, QC

**Successful meeting:** Thank you, dear Sisters, for the prayers. I met the management at my job. Despite the great stress that I experienced, everything ended well. Thanks again and again M. C ..., Granby, QC

**Financial Assistance:** I received financial assistance as requested. Thank you, Mother Elizabeth.

J.-M. B ..., Montreal East, QC

**Request granted:** I prayed to God and I made a novena to Venerable Elizabeth Bergeron in June-July 2018 to ask for her favor: "That my daughter Voninavalona, married in December 2017, has a baby". She had been treated by a gynecologist before and she was not pregnant yet. I was in Canada and I visited Sister S. and Sister N .. We went to Elizabeth Bergeron's Tomb together. I prayed a lot for my daughter there and continued the novena in Terrebonne in Canada and in Madagascar, my distant country. Currently, my daughter is pregnant and I am really happy. I thank with all my heart the Good Lord and Elizabeth Bergeron who answered my prayers. Lord, with Elizabeth Bergeron, you answered us. Great thanks!

V. M. J. R ..., Madagascar

**Avoidance of water damage:** I want to thank our dear Mother Elizabeth for her constant protection. Last Tuesday, in the afternoon, I was at Jardins d'Aurélié with Jean. Meanwhile, at the condo, there was water damage in front of my house. Our dear Mother Elizabeth allowed neighbors to pass by at this time. They had the vigilance to put protections so that the water does not enter my home. And, there was no water damage at my home .... It's a superhuman event. Thank you, thank you, thank you to my love of Mother Elizabeth. With all my gratitude.

L. C ..., Beloeil,

## Good mother Elizabeth, we trust...

Venerable Elizabeth Bergeron's friends have confidence in her. The Sisters pray our Lord 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, A. and D., 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](http://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 **moving of Elizabeth Bergeron's tomb**. This event was celebrated on October 30, 2014. (Duration 60 minutes) **New video** : Celebrating the unveiling of Elizabeth Bergeron's painting at Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, June 27th 2018. (duration 50 minutes). A **virtual tour of the mausoleum** is also available on our website. **Good viewing...**

### 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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in the section « Elizabeth-Bergeron »

#### Mausoleum of the Catholic cemetery of St. Hyacinthe Cathedral

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#### Opening hours

Monday to Friday between: 8:30am - 16:30pm  
Saturday between: 9am - 16pm Sunday: Closed

**450 774-4664**

**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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