



Elizabeth Bergeron speaks to us...

Spring 2020

The different faces of Elizabeth Bergeron

For over twenty-five years, Sister Suzanne Gloutnez has provided us with several writings on the life of Elizabeth Bergeron. Today, after taking a look at photos of our foundress at different ages, she shares with us what she read about her endearing physiognomy.



Elizabeth is 27 years old, she has just made her perpetual vows, she is the sole living foundress of the four original founders. She prayed extensively, she chose the will of God, expressed by Mgr Moreau. It seems that the little girl from Le Grand Rang is amazed: she, the foundress of teaching sisters! She is dismayed by the turn of events. What did the good Lord do? We feel surprise, a little concern, confidence, as in a child who is not sure what is coming, but who is not afraid. Her smile is held back, but Elizabeth is inundated with inner joy, the joy of God's presence.

Elizabeth Bergeron must be about forty years old. She has more confidence in herself. Peace and serenity slowly settle in her. Her clasped hands suggest that she is praying ... for her daughters, for her children, in the Schools. In a way, she realizes her dream of a contemplative life. She is carrying her entire community at the feet of the Lord. A community that is rapidly growing. We have already changed houses twice. We live "in the shadow of the cathedral" now, in a big home.



Finally, a real smile! And glasses! She created the model for her daughters! Elizabeth is completely fulfilled. Self-confident because she is confident in God. Pure goodness! "Heaven has designs on you," Mother Catherine Aurélie du Precieux-Sang had told her. They are becoming fulfilled: little children have bread to eat. She also likes to visit them in the Schools and to tell them about the good Lord. She said to the sisters, "Children must love school, otherwise they will not succeed. Elizabeth bore fruit by her surrendering to the liberating grace of God. Elizabeth is an example of how God guides those who entrust their lives to him.



An aging Elizabeth ... What still stands out is her smile. More than ever, she appears without artifice. Her gaze is direct. She is holding her rosary, as if to say that is all I have to do now. However, no, she has never stopped working: helping with gardening, sewing, caring for the sick. Except for the last ten years of her life, she will be a member of the "General Council" where she provides good advice. She is consulted before all important decisions. She is the one who will say, when we talk about refusing applicants because there is a lack of space: but, we must expand! We will build the annex in 1929.

Elizabeth at the end of her life... One of the twelve theologians who voted during her "trial" prior to the declaration of venerability said of Elizabeth, and I quote: "It is in a crescendo of spiritual maturity, fueled by lively faith and a joyful hope, that her life of harshness and hard work deeply moulded her spirit to the point that in all her action, she had no goal but the glory of God and the good of souls." From this, shot out an unshakable serenity in the choices, big or small, day after day, in a simple, persevering and kind behavior. With all the perplexities now disappeared, her life manifests the riches of the theological and cardinal virtues ... Elizabeth Bergeron appears as a model by her full availability to the will and the plans of God.



Sister Suzanne Gloutnez, s.j.s.h.

Recognition to the Venerable Elizabeth Bergeron

A great miracle : On August 11, my husband (72) had a lung transplant at the CHUM; if not, he would have already died. It's the first time that they performed a lung transplant at his age. It's a great miracle because many die. He's really lucky. He has to recover because he is very emaciated. I always believed, I never gave up on him, I always encouraged him. I thank the donor every day. He remained in the hospital from June 23 to August 30. I thank Mother Elizabeth who was always present. I invoked her every night. She protected me. I felt that the strength came from above. It was a difficult period but with her help, everything went well. It's a second life for him and me. We put our house up for sale. We do not have children we have time on our hands. Once at home, I will take care of everything, but Mother Elizabeth continues to help me. I would like to publish this great miracle.

D. G..., Québec

Answered prayer : Last night, I promised the amount included if my grandson was offered a better-paying job. I have just received the good news that my prayers have been answered. They were answered the next day. As always, thank you Mother Saint-Joseph.

C.M..., Shelburne, VT

Job found : Thank you my son has found work. Hopefully it will go well. Thank you!

R. S..., Shipshaw

Business success : I pray to Mother Saint Joseph every night to help my children in their business. She answers me well. I trust her. I also entrust her with my boyfriend and his children.

P. L..., Granby

« Thank you Elizabeth » : People have sold a house, a condominium and/or a parcel of land by putting their trust in the venerable Elizabeth Bergeron. They sent a word of recognition to the Elizabeth-Bergeron Center for the publication of their favor obtained.

L.C..., Beloeil, M.-P..., Drummondville, S. C. P..., Gatineau, M. L..., Rougemont

Healing and Testimony : I live in Germany. In 2017, a friend from Canada sent me Sister Elizabeth Bergeron's medals because I couldn't sell a big house. In March 2017, my 21-year-old boy was in a state of crisis at the mental hospital and his diagnosis was quite hopeless; he had very disproportionate fears. He stayed away from his home until summer. Reading the explanations and the prayers that come with the medals, in September I decided to give one of the medals to my son; he put it in his wallet. Since that time, he has gradually taken incredible steps, starting with the finding of a job, first as a volunteer. Then he began studies which he successfully pursues, which we never would have dared to ask. This weekend, I helped him with his move to a student residence. This experience cured me of my fears for him. He is in an exceptionally social and kind student community. I asked him if he still carries the medal with him and he "confessed" to me that he has not found it since he changed his wallet a few weeks ago. I offered to continue to thank Elizabeth Bergeron regularly for her intercession, even after the loss of the medal so as not to forget the benefits received.

Testimony : By watching the videos on your community site, I am once again certain that my son F.'s state of health is a grace received by the intercession of Elizabeth Bergeron. The doctor allowed him to stop taking his medication and he is getting better. He was surprised after four weeks without medication. Even if we are never sure that there will be no further relapses, all the benefits already received are already a miracle for us. The way of this miracle is, in my opinion, the writing of Elizabeth Bergeron. Without great gestures, with simplicity, she helps to progress and heal little by little with steps accessible to all. The murmur of a light breath similar to the Spirit of the Lord. The Lord is discreet and he does not impose himself. Elizabeth shows us her way and, perhaps, the Church authorities will not find the miracle that is required to declare her holy.

In conclusion ... Having found a job, having good relationships with those around him (he has found close friends and he is practicing being close to others), for me this is a way of healing that is in the way of your dear Founding Sister. Thank you for continuing to pray for us and our family. F. M.-L..., Allemagne

Good news : The harmonious departure of our son for a family-type residence. P. L..., Sorel-Tracy

Happy birth : Good Mother, please take my daughter Maryline under your wing. She will give birth shortly and that worries me because of her age. It's her second child delivery in 20 months. Thank you! you have all my confidence. A few days later ... My grandson was born today. Everything seems to be going very well for the mother as well as her son. I was very worried. Thank you for accompanying me. P. M..., Saint-Hyacinthe

She can walk : I am worried about my youngest granddaughter who is 17 months old now. It still cannot walk. Thank you for your attention to all my requests, you do me good. Thank you for being there for me. (January 25). I'm here to inform you that my granddaughter has taken a few small steps this week. She has stood up a few times; I believe it is on the right path.

Together, let us continue to pray Sister Elizabeth Bergeron. (February 7) My granddaughter is finally walking and we are all very happy. (February 16) I wanted to thank you. P. M..., Saint-Hyacinthe

Good Mother Elizabeth, we trust...

Venerable Elizabeth Bergeron's friends have confidence in her. The Sisters pray our Lord for you and with you, so that by her intercession, your requests may be answered. Confidence! She will not remain deaf to your requests.

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

Various information



Available videos

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. You can watch the video of **the moving of Elizabeth Bergeron's tomb** (October 30, 2014). **Other 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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**Welcome to all the friends
of the Venerable Elizabeth Bergeron**

To discover

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.

On January 12 and April 29, 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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