

Élisabeth Bergeron speaks to us...

Autumn 2014

On the occasion of the transfer of Venerable Élisabeth Bergeron's tomb, here are the historic events experienced since her death in 1936.

Day of Mourning



On April 29, 1936, victim of a double pneumonia, Mother Saint-Joseph exhaled her last breath at two p.m.. Her mortal remains were exposed in the chapel during three days. The news of her death spread rapidly. People rushed to her coffin where the dear Mother was surrounded with a tender and pious veneration. In her hands people placed objects of piety, such as rosaries and medals which people brought back as precious souvenirs. Spiritual bouquets, mass offerings, and telegrams of condolences arrived rich and numerous.

On May 2nd, in the chapel of the Mother House, Monsignor Joseph-Aldée Desmarais, auxiliary bishop, celebrated the funeral of the foundress of the Sisters of Saint-Joseph of Saint-Hyacinthe, in the presence of the Bishop of the diocese, Monsignor Fabien-Zoël Decelles. At the end of this solemn celebration, more than a hundred automobiles and many religious, students and adults accompanied the coffin to the community cemetery. The coffin was buried on the right side of the tall cross.



Day of Joy



On October 9, 1968, a Wednesday, the day consecrated to Saint Joseph, the mortal remains of Mother Élisabeth Bergeron were brought back to the Mother House! In effect, the authorisation for an exhumation had been granted. At the beginning of the afternoon, the designated persons arrived at the cemetery and surrounded the deep grave as the gravestone inscription had been removed. All eyes were set on the earth that the gravediggers dug up. Soon, a piece of wood from the tomb could be seen and the tomb was entirely uncovered, Thirty-two years underground had not turned it into ashes.

We give thanks for this great deed. The cover was taken off. Two doctors present took out the precious remains which had been conserved much better than was expected and they placed them in a new coffin. Finally, the procession of attendants made their way to the Mother House where her daughters welcomed their foundress with great joy! Welcome, dear Mother Saint-Joseph!

Day of Exultation

On December 21, 1968, an atmosphere of gratitude and happiness floated all through the Mother House where the Sisters of Saint-Joseph arrived from different parishes of Quebec. In the morning a preliminary ceremony took place for a second burial of Mother Élisabeth Bergeron. The mortal remains were brought to the renovated chapel. By the coffin, with piety, the Sisters stayed on guard until Mass. At four o'clock the solemn celebration started presided by Monsignor Albert Sanschagrin, bishop of the diocese of Saint-Hyacinthe.

When the Eucharist ended, the tomb was brought to the room next to the chapel. After the last prayers, the employees of the Funeral Home Lalime descended the coffin in the tomb and then closed it with Canadian granite weighing a thousand and four pounds or six hundred and thirty-five kilograms.

Cf.: *The Annals of the Institute of Sisters of Saint-Joseph*, 1936 and 1968



At the mausoleum-columbarium

Right away from the installation at the Mother House, Venerable Élisabeth's tomb attracted people of all conditions who put all their confidence in her intercession. Since its inauguration in 1969, the Élisabeth-Bergeron Centre has registered 54 237 visitors not counting the persons not inscribed in the register.

On July 15, 2014, was signed the sales contract of our Mother House with the group *Robin*. Since the Sisters now reside at *The Aurélie Gardens*, the tomb will be relocated in a section of the new mausoleum-columbarium of the cemetery of the Cathedral of Saint-Hyacinthe.

Celebration Homage - November 1st 2014

On the occasion of this transfer, the Sisters of Saint-Joseph of Saint-Hyacinthe will pay homage to their foundress in a Mass of Thanksgiving presided by His Excellency Bishop François Lapierre, p.m.é., **on Saturday November 1st, at 14 p.m., at the Cathedral of Saint-Hyacinthe.**

This celebration will unite the Sisters and their associates as well as the parents and friends of the Congregation and all who desired to render homage to this woman who lived among us. **Dear friends of Élisabeth Bergeron, a special invitation is sent to you.**

After mass, **you are invited to come to the basement of the cathedral** where you can share a lunch with the Sisters of St-Joseph. On this memorable day, we would be happy to count you among our guests.

New address

Tomb of Élisabeth Bergeron 1075, rue Girouard Est, Saint-Hyacinthe.

In our next bulletin, we will give you more details about the functioning and the visiting hours...

In the meantime you can contact us

at the **Centre Élisabeth Bergeron** ☎ **450 768-1800, # 194** ✉ **ceb@sjsh.org**

or consult our **Web site** www.sjsh.org (you will find the information as soon as we have it).

Gratitude to Venerable Élisabeth Bergeron

Refund Obtained: I asked Mother Saint-Joseph to help us collect the sum that a man owed us after going bankrupt. Gratitude to this good Mother as we have been reimbursed.

L. T...Coaticook, QC

Health Restored: In autumn 2014, I suffered from digestive problems: heartburn and unpleasant spasms, etc. With fervor I invoked Mother Élisabeth Bergeron and wore her relic. In February I went to pray at her tomb and a few days later, I realized that my problems had gone. Thanks to Mother Élisabeth and I hurry to publish my healing.

S. R..., Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC

Academic Success: Thanks for this favor obtained: my son has just ended his DEC in civil engineering. Now, I hope that he will find an employment. Thanks in advance, Venerable Élisabeth Bergeron!

C. N..., Drummondville, QC

Successful Operation: Mother Saint-Joseph, I want to thank you for my son Stéphane. He had an operation and seems to be quite well at this moment as he will be leaving the hospital on June 23rd. Thanks for your support.

A. O..., Coaticook, QC

Relief Brought: I invoked Mother Saint-Joseph and she relieved me of the pain that worried me. Many thanks!

G. B..., Warwick, QC

Contract Lost / Solution Found: I sold the trailer that we had in the United States and, back in Canada, I spent more time with my family. After having lost a big contract, our company sold four trucks. That allows us to redo things financially. I also notice that there was no loss of jobs as everything was transformed differently. Sometimes it is difficult to take wise decisions without hurting other people. I am sure that good Mother Bergeron and the prayers of her religious help us a lot in this. Much gratitude!

L. G..., -G..., Varennes, QC

Probable Healing: In 2007, I was diagnosed with cancer of the right kidney. The surgeon removed the kidney and discovered three swollen glands. He removed two but the third was too close to the aorta. So chemotherapy treatments started. In four months I received twelve treatments. I always refused to be told about predicting the time I could live, but being a nurse, I knew that my chances to survive a long time were slim. By coincidence, I found a picture of Mother Saint-Joseph that I had been given many years ago.

Six years passed, seven years, and it was the beginning of October. My doctor called me "**My miracle woman**". I am sure that Mother Saint-Joseph has interceded for me and that I can pray to her for many more years. May my witness stimulate the confidence in venerable Élisabeth Bergeron!

C. B..., Rimouski, QC

Cancer Disappearance / Healed of Alcohol: Operated for cancer in 2011, I have had no recede since that time even without radio or chemotherapy. A real miracle from Élisabeth Bergeron. She certainly has asked heaven to help me! After six months of abstinence, R. is present to the A.A. assemblies four times per week. God is good for us!

T. M..., L..., Montréal, QC

After a period of doubting, today we wish to thank Mother Saint-Joseph for all her kindness. Better delays and conditions were concluded during the sale.

A.C..., & H. H..., Pont-Rouge, QC

Successful Surgery: I come to thank Mother Saint-Joseph for the help she gave to Noémie, 9 years of age. She underwent surgery for peritonitis with complication. The surgery took place at Saint-Justine and the convalescence lasted from March 13 to April 5th. Thanks, Mother Saint-Joseph; I see you are still at work today. A happy grandmother! D. G..., Saint-Hyacinthe, QC

House Sale: My husband and I prayed Mother Élisabeth Bergeron every day, asking her to ensure the sale of our house in the best conditions without delay. We had placed a relic under the rug at the exterior of our house. On March 19th, feast of Saint-Joseph, we received a promise for sale.

Object Found: Good Mother Élisabeth Bergeron, I come to thank you for having found my earring. It was of a great value for me: my granddaughters of seventeen and eleven years of age had given them to me. I affirm that I pray to you every night and I also ask my granddaughters to pray.

T. C..., Acton-Vale, QC

Car Sale: I am very grateful because I had asked to sell my car and my demand was granted. I would like to receive relics, medals, and pictures of Mother Élisabeth Bergeron to share with our children.

D. C..., Laval, QC

Problems solved: Gratitude to Venerable Élisabeth Bergeron for her intercession to the Lord. I had asked her to settle a dispute with the government while we were in mourning. A father had lent a great sum of money to his son to open up a commerce. After this, the commerce declared failure. Another ordeal: the son died in an automobile accident. The government then demanded a big amount from the father believing that he was the administrator of the commerce with his son. After fervent prayers to Venerable Élisabeth Bergeron, the father found the document proving that his son was the sole administrator of the commerce. The father did not have to pay the sum asked. What an important favor! Now, we confide to Mother Elisabeth the recovery of the money already given by his son.

R. B..., Victoriaville, QC

Return to Work: I come to thank Mother Élisabeth Bergeron for the favor she has granted me. My daughter Caroline had quit her job in 2012. Following the family situation, she decided later to go back to her job. So, she called up her patron who gave a green light to her demand a week later. I am very grateful to Venerable Mother. Praise and thanks with all my heart!

F. G...-L..., Victoriaville, QC

Exam Successful: My grandson passed an exam in electricity and succeeded at 100%. He still has about five or six months with exams to write and all will be finished. Thanks!

M. F. Saint-Hugues, QC

Health Restored: Venerable Élisabeth Bergeron has answered my prayer when I suffered of a cardiac problem. I was afraid of the scanner but everything was a success.

Also, I thank her for my son's surgery of the vertebral column. It was a real success. I have much confidence in Mother Elisabeth! I often talk to her about my problems. She renews my courage. Very grateful!

L.O..., Verdun, QC

Relief Brought: I want to thank Venerable Élisabeth Bergeron for having answered my prayer. In fact, my brother's sufferings were lessened and I could accompany him at the moment of his death. At seventy-six years of age, he went to God.

C.P..., Saint-Anne-des-Lacs, QC

House Sold: I will never know to what degree of influence Élisabeth Bergeron had in relationship with the sale of my house... I had asked one of my daughters to place discretely, somewhere in my house, a relic of Mother Saint-Joseph hoping that the sale be done as rapidly as possible. Well, the next day with the meeting of a real estate agent, a purchaser presented himself. He made an offer that I accepted even if the amount was not what I hoped for, but it avoided many problems. In our region there are hundreds of houses for sale, and the delay is about four to eight months; even more. I thought of placing the project in the hands of your founder because since I read her biography I have a particular devotion to her. I am sure that I am not the only one to tell you that Mother Saint-Joseph is an excellent “spokesperson” for those who make the impossible become possible. Many thanks!
Y. É..., Sorel-Tracy, QC

Permanent Employment: Thanks to Mother Élisabeth Bergeron for obtaining a permanent job for my son with the advantages and good working conditions.
R. D..., Sorel-Tracy, QC

Good Mother Élisabeth, We Have Confidence...

Venerable Élisabeth Bergeron’s friends have confidence in her. The Sisters pray our God for you and with you by her intercession, so your demands may be answered. Confidence! She will not remain deaf to your demands. In a special way, to her we confide Benjamin, Carole, Christophe, Layla, Martin, Nicole...

**We ask Élisabeth to continue being close to each of you
who have confidence in her.**



Every semester, a mass is celebrated to the intentions of benefactors and friends of the cause of Venerable Elisabeth Bergeron. The present publication does not want to condemn the judgment of Holy Church. It desires to conform in all of its decisions.

To send favors attributed to the intercession of Venerable Élisabeth Bergeron, to recommend intentions to her, or to freely receive an Email or a bulletin *Elisabeth Bergeron Speaks to us*, write to ...

Élisabeth-Bergeron Centre

2545, rue Dessaulles, Saint-Hyacinthe, QC, J2S 0K2

Telephone: (450) 768-1800, post 194 **Email:** ceb@sjsh.org **Web Site:** www.sjsh.org

Important: Thank you for letting us know your change of postal address.

**At all times you can read our electronic bulletin
“Elisabeth Speaks to us...” <http://www.sjsh.org/bulletins.html>
in the section “Élisabeth-Bergeron Centre”**

With the permission of the Ordinary of Saint-Hyacinthe

