



Elizabeth Bergeron speaks to us...

Autumn 2016

Elizabeth, woman of mercy

In the *bull of indiction of the extraordinary Jubilee of mercy*, Pope Francis invites the Christian people to rediscover the works of mercy both corporal and spiritual.

Reflecting on the life of Venerable Elizabeth Bergeron and rereading the testimonies of her contemporaries, it is interesting to note how **she opened her heart to the miseries of those near her**, how **she practiced works of mercy**. In order to demonstrate it, here are the testimonies of a few witnesses of the diocesan process documenting the life and virtues of the Servant of God (14 February to 25 May 1977).



Corporal works of mercy

Giving food and drink to those who hunger and thirst



Testimony of Claudia Rocheleau, s.j.s.h. (Sister Sainte-Cécile) : *“Mother Foundress was a friend of the poor. She was even a gentle protector of the beggars of that time; she wanted them to be well served. One day a sister who had been harsh with one of those men who came every day, Mother St. Joseph was upset and said, “The Lord is also represented in these unfortunate person.”*

Welcoming strangers

Testimony of Alice Lapierre, s.j.s.h. (Sister Marie-du-Bon-Conseil) : *“March 19, 1933, Louise Presseau, a very poor young girl, appeared at our Juniorate and asked to be admitted as a boarder by charity. After consultation, Mother St. Joseph said, “It is St. Joseph who sent her to us; send for this child and accept her for the love of God. ” She came for two years free of charge.”*

Assisting the sick

Testimony of Jeanne Sylvestre, s.j.s.h. (Sister Saint-Sylvestre) : *“She was sensitive to the suffering of others. When Mother Foundress saw a sick or embarrassed sister, she asked what was wrong. The hearts opened without resistance. Mother St. Joseph was a model of kindness, gentleness and sympathy. She has always shown a predilection for the sick under her care when she could.”*



Spiritual work of mercy

Teaching the ignorant

Testimony of M. Armand Bail, Priest : *"In Salem, Massachusetts, she has pity and compassion for the religious ignorance of the grown young men and young women in the Protestant Catholic environment; at age 15, 16, 17, 18, they have not yet made their first communion. She organizes catechetical instruction course for them and has the pleasure of seeing them accepted by the priest at the Holy Table."*

Warning sinners

Testimony of Sister Marie-Yvonne Victorine Loiselle, a.p.s. : *"her love of her neighbor inspired her to pray for sinners. (...) If she knows that a sick parent of a Sister refuses to reconcile with God, she obtains the Superior's permission to visit the parent."*

Forgiving offenses

Testimony of Jeannette Rajotte, s.j.s.h. (Sister Marie-de-la-Trinité) : *"Although still young, Elizabeth knew how to forgive, for example to her younger brothers who could exploit her natural tendency to anger and vivacity, a tendency she managed to overcome in the end. She also forgave those who annoyed the sisters at the time of the foundation, who dispensed humiliating mockery."*

Praying for the living and the dead

Testimony of Father André Léonard Guay, o.m.i. : *"We recognize her charity to the troubled religious, discouraged novices and postulants or those instructed to withdraw: Mother St. Joseph called them, consoled, encouraged, also interceded for them with the authorities. "Charity also for the souls in purgatory, the closest and most anxious neighbor, fraternal charity of the first magnitude."*

Patiently enduring annoying people

Testimony of Catherine Farmer, s.j.s.h. (Sister du Sacré-Cœur-de-Jésus) : *"An elderly Sister, sick and who had an uncontrollable temper was appointed to take care of Mother St. Joseph in her later years. The conduct of this sister had changed so much that the sisters wondered what Mother St. Joseph could have done to transform her so ...»"*

The Jubilee of mercy is rapidly advancing and will end on November 20, feast of Christ the King. In the example of Venerable Elizabeth Bergeron, and by making ours the insistence of Pope Francis, let us multiply the gestures of mercy towards our destitute brothers and sisters. Yes, the Lord Jesus is present in them. (Mt 25, 40).

Noëlla Poudrette, s.j.s.h.

Favors obtained

Elizabeth Bergeron is good to many people; she is a woman who comforts, who is close. Dear friends of Elizabeth, we are committed with you to pray her. You are the promoters of her cause with us. **ALL favors obtained through her intercession are important to advance her cause of beatification. They must be known and preserved.** We emphasize the need to inform us by adding the name, address and telephone number of the person who obtained a favor. In addition, by publishing the stories of the obtained favors in the newsletter, we want to give thanks with you. This publication also reveals that Elizabeth meets diversified demands.

Gratitude to the Venerable Elizabeth Bergeron

Relief : I am living some hard times, but I found some comfort in prayer. That makes me feel good. I would like to mention that on the night of February 3 to 4, 2016, I was very ill; I awoke, I prayed Mother Elizabeth and I felt my pain leaving. Do not think that I am fooling myself, or that I am a little crazy! Thank you again
C. B. L..., Victoriaville, QC

House sold : I would like to humbly thank Mother St. Joseph for everything she did for me. I asked her to help me sell my house and in three weeks the house was sold. I continue to ask her to guide me and to make sure that I always become a better person. she gives me the strength to go through hardships and gives me faith so that I may continue my journey.
M.-H. B Contrecœur, QC

Christian life found : Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! You prayed for my family, as my wife seemed to have lost faith. Jesus won: We found our Christian life as a couple. Thank you Jesus, Mary and Mother Elizabeth Bergeron for her intercession.
F. N..., Irlande

House sold : A friend sent me the prayer of Venerable Elizabeth Bergeron, whom I still pray to. The sale of my house was completed; I did not receive the desired price, but at least I do not have two houses to maintain. Thank you again!
S. L.-D..., Campbellton, N.B.

Family support: Grateful for the constant help of Mother St. Joseph to our family, we constantly pray and we feel her comforting presence throughout our daily lives.
R. É. V..., Sorel-Tracy, QC

Academic success : Sincere thanks to Mother Elizabeth Bergeron for being a guide throughout my university studies and up to my graduation.
S. R..., Drummondville, QC

Relief brought/ sale made : My thanks to Mother St. Joseph for her precious help. My husband was suffering from a strange ankle problem and a surgery was a success. Gratitude also to this good Mother for the sale of the cottage. This transaction really liberates us.
M. P. L..., Salaberry-de- Valleyfield, QC

Recovered health / protection granted: Thank you to Mother Elizabeth for all the favors she has granted me, especially :

✚ a successful surgery one of my friends had in April 2015.

✚ the protection of my family, ensuring the health of each of its member.

I pray so the Venerable Mother will help my family realize their projects and that love, faith and hope will always be present in their lives.
P. L .L..., Laval, QC




House sold : Thanks to Mother Elizabeth Bergeron for the sale of my house last December.
C. A..., Sorel-Tracy, QC

Green light for medical school: Our son Mathieu was accepted at a New York medical school. I thank the Lord. We are so happy with this news received yesterday! I am grateful and thank Mother Elizabeth Bergeron for having interceded on our behalf.
J. G..., Sacramento, Californie

Job won : I am very grateful to Mother Elizabeth Bergeron for her help. My little girl just got a permanent job.
D. D..., Saint-Pie, QC

Recovered health: For several years I have been appealing to Mother St. Joseph every day, but in a special way when life circumstances require a little extra enhancement. Recently, during a minor surgical procedure, her support has been very valuable as much for the time as for the contributors, the availability of people around me, and the success of the operation itself that left no side effects ... etc. Thank you and hats off to you Venerable Elizabeth Bergeron! G. D..., Marieville, QC




Sale / Protection / Good agreement: A few words to express my gratitude to Mother Elizabeth Bergeron, after obtaining her help:

-  Selling the house of my son;
-  protection on the road while traveling;
-  settlement of a conflict between two family members.

I pray every day this good Mother and thank her for all she has done for us!

L G..., Saint-François-Xavier-de-Brompton, QC

Daily help : Thank you to Mother Elizabeth for her constant presence in my life. Here I emphasize the tangible graces she brings me:

-  for the sale of five condominium complex where I live; I prayed hard for two years in order to help these elderly sick persons sell their property;
-  to improve the health of my brother Réal who went through winter with shingles; and his wife who suffered from back and knee pain;
-  to protect the health plan accorded to a close relative.

L. C..., Beloeil, QC

Successful transaction : This message is intended as a thank you to our good Mother St. Joseph who once again listened to our prayer and interceded with the Father so that my daughter and her husband could find a home according to their expectations and at a very low prices also. The house was found as soon as our novena ended. In addition, the seller accepted the first purchase offer and the requested possession date of the house. R. V..., Sorel-Tracy, QC

Condo sold : With great joy I announce that my condo is sold! The tender offer was filed in the week when your letter arrived. Thank you very much for entrusting our distress to the venerable Elizabeth Bergeron. Thanks, thanks, thanks! Hann Su..., Montréal, QC

Moral support : Whenever I am confused and worried, Mother Elizabeth Bergeron is always there to help me. She gives me courage and strength. Thank you for the moral support she provides me and for all the favors received. M. B..., Saint-Hyacinthe, QC

Support received : Thank you for your presence in my life, Mother Saint Joseph. Every evening, I entrust myself to you and I feel strong. I also invoke you for my whole family.

S. F. G..., Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC

Wedding: Mother Elizabeth thank you! The celebration of our wedding went well. It has borne fruit for us and our families. We ask you to continue to be close to us and our families.

D. M. et S.S..., Sorel-Tracy, QC

House sold / accommodation found: We had entrusted the sale of our house to the Venerable Elizabeth Bergeron and everything went as desired. Great is our joy! Following this transaction, we have taken steps to find comfortable accommodation. We found a perfect place beyond our expectations. Very grateful. C. G..., Sorel-Tracy, QC

Good news : Today, July 27, I have good news. My brother sold his house. He is released from his financial obligations and he can turn the page on an unhealthy relationship. Thank you for your prayers and for Mother Bergeron who, once again, has granted my request.

F. B..., La Présentation, QC

Encouraging results: Medical examinations were positive. I am very happy and aware that this is, in part, due to medicine and in part to prayers.

I would appreciate receiving support every three months, for a while. I know I can always count on your prayers and on the good Mother Elizabeth Bergeron in trying times. In August, another Mass was sung in honor of our good Mother as I had promised her in my prayers. Thank you, Sister Louise and thanks to your sisters for their prayers to my intentions.

C.B..., Pierreville, QC

A spouse and a job : Thank you Mother Saint Joseph! Thanks to you, my daughter has found not only a spouse with good values but a good job also.

S. B..., Windsor, QC

House sold : Our house is finally sold! Thank you, your community and especially to Mother Elizabeth Bergeron! May the Lord bless you and fill you with blessings !

L. P..., Sherbrooke, QC

Good mother Elizabeth, we trust ...

Friends of the Venerable Elizabeth Bergeron have confidence in her. The nuns pray our Lord for you and with you, through her intercession so that your requests are met.

Be confident! She cannot remain deaf to your requests. In a special way we entrust to her Adam, Carole, Caroline, Christophe, Huguette, Jeannine, Jacinthe, Layla, Madeleine, Stéphane...



We ask Elizabeth to continue to be close to each of you that have confidence in her.



Various Information

To share the favors obtained thru the intercession of Venerable Elizabeth Bergeron, to recommend your intentions, to obtain information, to book a meeting or receive at no charge, by e-mail or regular mail, the "Elizabeth Bergeron speaks to us" bulletin, please contact...

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Mausoleum of the Catholic cemetery of St. Hyacinthe Cathedral

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New opening hours

Monday to Saturday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

Telephone: 450 774-4664

N.B. To meet with a member of our congregation, please make an appointment by contacting the Elizabeth-Bergeron Centre or a member you know. Thank you!

Welcome to all the friends of the Venerable Elizabeth Bergeron



Every semester, a mass is celebrated in the intention of benefactors and friends of the Cause of the Venerable Elizabeth Bergeron. The present publication does not want to anticipate the judgment of the Holy Church; it wants to comply to all its decisions.



Changes: Please note that starting January 1st, 2017, we will issue receipts for donations of \$ 30 and more. Thank you for your understanding.



Available videos

To improve your knowledge of Elizabeth Bergeron, **two videos are available** on our website www.sjsh.org : one relating the life of Elizabeth Bergeron and the other describing her journey since her death. They were realised by Aude Leroux Lévesque and her company Bideshi Film. Good viewing ... N.B. These videos are also available at the mausoleum.

You can also view the video of the transfer of the tomb of Elizabeth Bergeron; this event was experienced on October 30, 2014.

(Duration 60 minutes)



A virtual visit of the Mausoleum is also available on our website.

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