

## Favors privileged by the Church: a cure

Here are the requirements for a cure  
to be considered as miraculous:

- ☞ One must have prayed a single future saint.
- ☞ We must have medical evidence that the disease was incurable and medical evidence of healing.
- ☞ Healing must be complete and permanent.

If you think you are in the presence  
of a miraculous cure:

- ☞ Send us a short account of what you have observed.
- ☞ Give us the name, surname and postal address of the person concerned.
- ☞ Enclose the medical file provided by the doctor, with the patient's permission.
- ☞ Please forward to the Elisabeth Bergeron Centre.

### Elisabeth-Bergeron Centre

To communicate with us

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### Visits to Elisabeth Bergeron's tomb

Mausoleum in the Catholic Cemetery  
of de Saint-Hyacinthe Cathedral

1075, Girouard East Street, Saint-Hyacinthe

Telephone: 450 774-4664

#### Opening Hours

Monday to Saturday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Sunday: closed

Thank you for your cooperation!

VENERABLE

*Elisabeth Bergeron*

*invites you*



*God purposely chose what the world considers  
nonsense in order to shame the wise,  
and he chose what the world considers weak  
in order to shame the powerful.* 1 Co 1,27

## Snippets of history

Born on May 25, 1851, in the village of La Presentation, Elisabeth Bergeron was baptized on the same day. With exceptional fervor for her age, she did her "first communion" in the spring of 1859. Influenced by a very Christian family, she easily opened her heart to the love of Jesus and of the poor: at fourteen she asked to join the Sisters of Charity of St. Hyacinthe. Refused because of her young age, she must resign herself to follow her parents who, during that same year of 1865, must leave for the USA in order to solve financial problems.

Back in Quebec, five years later, Elizabeth made several attempts to join religious communities, always dealing with rejection, but without giving up her dream.

What a surprise for her when Bishop Louis-Zéphirin Moreau asked her to establish a community of teaching sisters. Despite her limited education, she accepts with humility and abandonment to Providence.



On September 12, 1877, the Sisters of St. Joseph Institute is founded in the village of La Providence. The community will soon thrive; Elisabeth Bergeron will remain its breath until the end of her life. All agree that her goodness, gentleness, serenity, and above all, the transparency of the supernatural, of the union with God and the dynamism of charity is worthy of recognition.

She passed away on April 29, 1936. They are many who come to touch her coffin and ask for healing. "They say: She is a saint."

## The recognition of the heroic virtues The most important step to beatification

Observing that the reputation for holiness of its foundress was continuously growing, the congregation decided to introduce in Rome the cause for her beatification. The process is long, it must go through several steps, one of the first being the exhumation of her mortal remains on October 9, 1968.

A complete report containing all the aspects of the life of Elizabeth Bergeron and her reputation for holiness is then presented to the "Congregation for the Causes of Saints". It is this Congregation composed of cardinals, theologians, consultants, who are in charge of studying the life and virtues of a potential candidate to holiness. After careful consideration of the evidence, they present their opinion to the Pope: Elizabeth Bergeron, foundress of the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Hyacinth, has practiced all the virtues in a heroic way.

His Holiness Pope John Paul II, to whom belongs the final decision, promulgated the decree on the heroic virtues and declared Elizabeth Bergeron venerable on January 12, 1996, proposing her to our veneration.

Let us thank God for the completion of this important step in the Cause of Elizabeth Bergeron and ask him to bring his servant on the path to beatification by the evidence of her own intervention, that is to say, by a miracle.

### Favors obtained

At least a thousand requests are made annually to the Venerable Elizabeth Bergeron; they come from different countries via email, letter, telephone or a visit to her tomb. An important way to contribute to her cause for beatification is to contact us whenever you receive a favor through her intercession. Since 1968, when her Cause was first introduced in Rome, we have preciousely kept them. They are of several types.

Your name, your postal address and phone number are important. If we need more information, we will contact you.