



Elizabeth Bergeron speaks to us...

Spring 2025

Elizabeth Bergeron, pilgrim of Hope!

In this Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis has invited us to become pilgrims of Hope in our world.



Therefore, I feel called to seek and to find traces of Hope in the life of our Venerable Foundress, Elizabeth Bergeron (*Mother St. Joseph*). Of course, Elizabeth is a pilgrim of Hope. I have looked through the life of our foundress to discover the fruits that a heart anchored in Hope gives. Here are some fruits: patience, humility, joy, courage, audacity, gratitude, trust, serenity and letting go give meaning to the word: "Hope".

For Elizabeth, audacity and courage gave wings to Hope. When she presented herself for the first time at Bishop Moreau's house, the turn of this visit was not a success, far from it! This is what you can read in the book of Yvon Langlois, *Élisabeth, parfum d'étoile* [Élisabeth, a Scent of Star], on pages 53 to 55. Despite everything, she dared to ask for a second meeting with the bishop of St. Hyacinthe, Monsignor Moreau. Her perseverance gave the bishop the opportunity to tell her about a project of which he dreamed. He invites her to pray to the Holy Spirit with him. It was then that she became the "cornerstone" of a community of teaching sisters; she who did not have the necessary education. On her third visit, she said: "Your Grace, here I am. If you believe that I can respond to your goals despite my ignorance and my incompetencies, I am at your disposal." In September 1877, her humble and grateful heart gave birth to a community of women teachers. "Obedience based on humility is what keeps religious life fervent and makes those who practice it happy," says Elizabeth.

The three theological virtues, Faith, Hope and Charity, walk hand in hand and the life of our Sister Elizabeth is all impregnated with them. Her journey as a pilgrim of Hope began at the age of 8, when she asked the parish priest to live her first communion. Audacious Elizabeth! Then, at the age of 14, when she knocked on the door of a first religious community before leaving for the United States, she was advised to follow her family, she was too young. When she returned to Quebec, objections were raised. Among other things, her health was too fragile to live this or that religious lifestyle. This is probably why one day she encouraged her sisters by telling them: "Talk to God about it and He will arrange everything." Her hope led her to trust in the goodness of God. He is the One who arranges everything in his own time. A Faith that takes the path of patience is a Faith on the move and this is called Hope.

What can I say about her grateful heart! It opens a door to Hope. "Oh! Let us love God! He has so much solicitude for us! Let us prove our gratitude to Him by doing His will." This other word with which she encourages a novice: "My little sister, in our religious life, you will encounter obstacles, sorrows, annoyances; do not be discouraged. Arm yourself with the shield of Faith, go to the Blessed Sacrament

and entrust all this to Him and you will leave Him, happy with your visit. She continues: "The Eucharist is the most effective stimulus that allows us to face all difficulties." These words are still relevant today, regardless of our profession or our vocation.

Her free heart opens in the face of illness and death, she dares to say: *"Tomorrow is the feast of our good Father St. Joseph, may he come and fetch me, if God wants it."* Even though she was eager to go and see God, she did not die on March 19, but on April 29, 1936, and it was testified that she abandoned herself to God and that she was serene in the face of death. To note, this year we celebrate the 89th anniversary of her new birth in the heart of God, this God of our Hope.

In the face of the political, economic, social and personal situations we are experiencing today, our dear Mother Elizabeth invites us to this message of Hope: *"Let us pray together... May the Holy Spirit shed light on the situation and inspire the solution. I am going to pray for the light to come out. »*

Sister Diane Beauregard, S.J.S.H.

Gratitude to the Venerable Elizabeth Bergeron

Job found: Mother St. Joseph once again demonstrated her powerful intercession to me. A few days after my request, my son was called in for a job interview and since then, he has been called to work. He is on call and he works part-time; he must remain available but he is in a workplace where there are regular job opportunities. Thank you to everyone who prayed with me.

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

Thanks for everything... Thank you to Mother Elizabeth for all the protection she gives me and to the people I entrust to her. Little Charly is back home and has resumed her activities at the specialized centre. As far as I am concerned, I had surgery for thyroid and skin cancer on Wednesday, October 16th. I received very good care at the CHUM. I am currently recovering... I have no more pain. Thank you to the Sisters who join me in my prayers and to Venerable Mother Elizabeth for all the special attention she gives to my family.

P. L..., Laval, QC

Successful candidate: I thank God and Venerable Elizabeth Bergeron because throughout the process, they have been there. Following the interview I participated in and the test I took, my application was selected by IFRA. I also thank them for giving me the opportunity to finish my three months of work. I am now asking Elizabeth for help in finding a new one.

O. N..., Madagascar

Job found: I come to share with you the help given by Mother Elizabeth to my brother J. M. who graduated in 2007 but had never found a permanent job. In September 2024, he told me that he had been called for an interview. Before we could get there, I sent him Mother Elizabeth's prayer and asked him to pray to her by making a novena with me. After those nine days, he showed up for the interview and got the job. He was called to work that same month of September and was permanently hired. He is happy to share this news to make Mother Elizabeth known and the help she gave him.

V. M..., Lesotho

Thanksgiving: A big THANK YOU to you for listening to me and asking for these beautiful prayers for me in this time of illness. During all this time, which was difficult for me, I say a heartfelt thank you to my good and wonderful St. Joseph, and for Sister Elizabeth Bergeron as well as for you, dear Sisters of St. Joseph for the favours obtained. Your prayers have eased my concerns about my health, and I have received them every day with gratitude. I am very grateful for that.

L. D..., Saint-Hyacinthe, QC

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). **Another 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 favours 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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