

3rd Week:

MY VERY BELOVED DEAR DAUGHTERS,

“ ... divine are the branches you spread abroad....”

Her great desire to embrace the whole world,
her eagerness for the conversion of sinners
and the salvation of souls,

her tender compassionate service to the sick and suffering,
her concern and respect for the marginalized and the downtrodden radiated
a rainbow colored in her entire life.

This significance of the letters highlighted how she loved to work day and night for God.

Sr. M. Euphrasia dreamt her daughters should be strong enough to reach out to the world, looking for lost sheep. In letter 609,

“Oh, the beautiful tree of the Good Shepherd, how divine are the branches you spread abroad! The lost sheep exhausted from its wanderings, regain new life in your shade. You my Dearly loved ones, you who are the roots of that scared tree, be all goodness, all strength.”

In response to the letter of sisters in Grenoble, in her letter 55, she wrote,

“Dedicate yourselves to God and to our great work without any concern for what people may say or think...Be humble in your dealings with others and keep our rules...”

In her letter to Sr. Sophie, the superior of Mietz, SME wrote to her of getting through some obstacles and being less hampered in the future. She say,

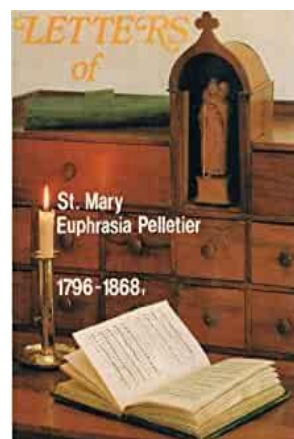
“This work is not our own, but the work of God, so whatever man say or do or think, they can do nothing unless we give room for it make them by being unfaithful. This seems to say that no matter the opposition or difficulty face because of others, the work will continue because its God”

One of the St. M. Euphrasia’s strategies seems to be,

“Say yes and figure the rest out later.”

Her every beat of the heart was to open shelter for souls, no matter how bitter the experience was. In letter 393 she says,

“ The graces we receive are numberless. The favors and hope for the future are also great. I feel we would be very guilty if we refused foundations. Oh! isn’t it better to put up with troubles for a few years. Later on we will improve and build up the former foundations.”



In letter 355, when writing to Vicar General in Mety, she said,

"I desire only His glory and Salvation of souls, but it is quite possible that, while wishing to do good, I could make mistakes."

In her letter 225, she wrote as,

"The Generalate demands a global outlook."

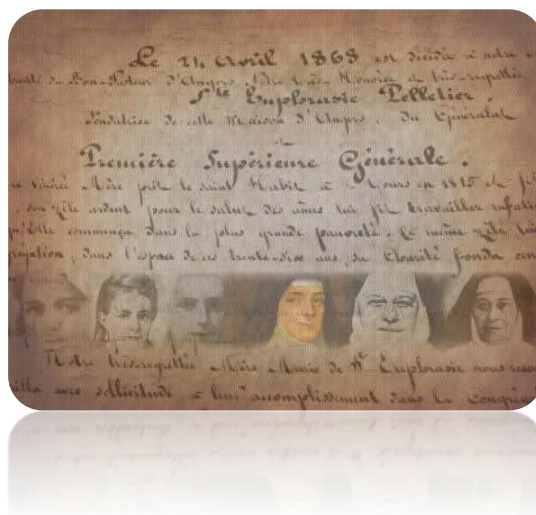
Her vision was favored by God, where we all are connected to other 72 countries with Shepherd Houses in the world.

"Cultivate the vineyard the Lord has committed into your care."

She said in her letter 175.

Questions for reflection and sharing :

1. *Do I commit myself to work for lost sheep in my area?*
2. *Will Saint Mary Euphrasia feels happy and satisfy about my committed life?*



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