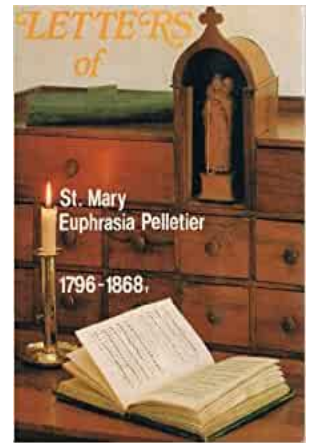


4th Week:

MY BELOVED DAUGHTERS,

“Surrender to loving God with perfect submission”

Almost all the letters of St. Mary Euphrasia written to her sisters revealed her deeper submission to God Himself. The power of God was at work in her life in a mysterious hidden way, sanctifying herself, accepting her whole life as a pleasing offering to God. The letters are a strong message for a new awakening in the world of Spirit.



The whole life of St. M. Euphrasia was entirely submitted to God Himself until her last breath on earth. Many of her letters witnessed: in the letter 485, once she wrote,

“...My child, I'm going to talk to “heart to heart with you. In spite of my unworthiness, the Lord wishes to make use of the most base instrument in order to achieve His designs. We are struck with admiration and caught up in love”

Without a breath, she depended on the mercy of God for everything: in letter 156,

“Ah! If God were not supporting the work, we would have succumbed long ago.”

In her letter 53, she said,

“I have neither anxiety nor fear because this work is not human but of God Himself. Everything depends on how HE bless it.”

In letter 406, she gives some wonderful advice,

“Do the work solidly in the Spirit of God which ought to be the hallmark of everything in our holy vacation.”

It's hard to imagine how she accepted all bitter pains, submitting everything humanly to God's hands though. In the letter 370, she said,

“ What shall I tell you about ourselves; crosses, sorrows, deaths, dying patients, expenses, delay in our works, in a word, Martyrdom upon Martyrdom. Oh! Sweet Will of God, I love you,”

In the letter 368, she said;

“Oh, how much we are going to pray for our foundations, for works that are so holy. Victims are necessary for that, oh my God take us. “

Once she addressed to Sr. Sophie Lavoye, the Superior of Metz, in the letter 461, she said,
“Keep yourself as you have been always done, in a state and great dependence and submission: that is the Spirit of God and Spirit of our Holy Institution.”

In her letter 462, she expressed her heart,

“ The Graces and Crosses, the former are always the more plentiful, but the latter are keen and sharp: They are always good for the soul.”

Questions for reflection and sharing :

- *What does it mean when we say submitting our wills to the leader is submitting to God Himself?*



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