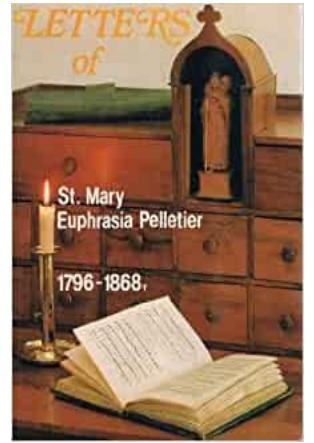


5th Week:

MY BELOVED DAUGHTERS,

“I hold you so lovingly to my heart”

St. Mary. Euphrasia’s love for God proves the sincere love for all those whom she loved. Her holiness shines out in the way she holds each sister personally in her heart and mind. Her interiority and activity constantly enrich and reinforce each sister in her fold.



The more divine love takes root in the depth of her heart, she radiates such tenderness, trust, happiness, joy, assurance and peace: She longs to see smiles in the faces of her daughters.

St. M. Euphrasia loved her sisters so much as she never felt tired of addressing them even the midst of loaded of work. She valued and appreciated each sister as a gift of God.

In 455 letter, she wrote;

“..my dear daughters, you have dried my tears by your devotedness. Your union and closeness to all bring me joy.... In a word you are a source of infinite consolation to me.”

As a reply to a sister’s letter, in her letter 452, she answered,

“...My poor child, you did not cause me any suffering: be really at peace, love God in the midst of your struggles.”

In the letter 453,

“Let us never lose sight of our last hour. In the midst of suffering, I’m consoled my beloved daughter, because you are better.”

She kept her trust in sisters: she shared her inner feelings as a little child to the mother.

In letter 487, she wrote,

“My well beloved and faithful daughter, how much I’m in need of opening my heart to you. I am unworthy of so many graces....”

In the letter 523,

“I see you are hurt and I cannot rejoice: you see how much I love you. Believe that my observations are only for your good: that is a secret between us. Therefore, be in peace.”

517, to Sr. John of the Cross, the superior at Nany

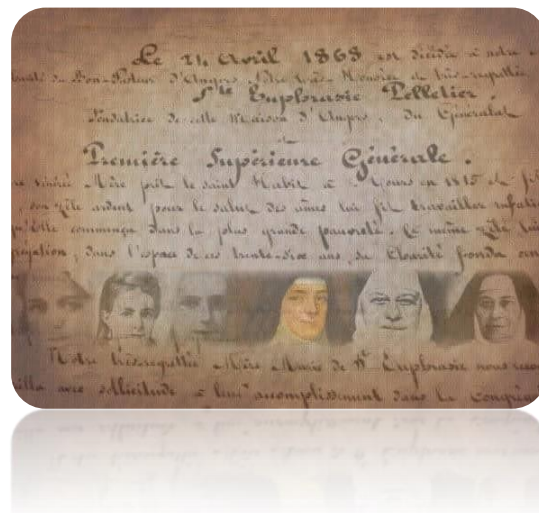
"Your obedience, my faithful daughter, has given me new life. Oh yes, I entrust the entire kingdom to you with full confidence"

In the letter 514,

"You understand my dear daughters, that when I see your devotedness, my joy is ten times greater than if I had the greatest treasure."

Questions for reflection and sharing :

- As a leader to my community, as sister in-charge of the children, a leader to my staff and children, how much do I value each person entrusted to me?*



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