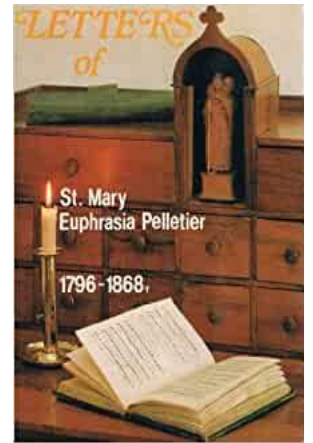


## 6<sup>th</sup> Week

### MY BELOVED DAUGHTERS,

#### **“Be humble and Be the first to Forgive”**

St. Mary Euphrasia has the interior virtue of Jesus in forgiving the betraying one whom he loved much. She has an extraordinary grace with regard to this great virtue. She labored in an attitude of forgiveness, firm in her belief that Jesus the Good Shepherd witnessed for her. She was bravely silent where any human hardly finds to practice it, when situations are misunderstood and misjudged.



She moved with humility in the midst of an ocean of tears, gaining an incredible gift of forgiveness. She won the crown at last in the sense of that the work entrusted to her was completed and consummated.

In her letter 355,

**“ I desire only His glory and Salvation of souls, but its quite possible that while wishing to do good, I could make mistakes.”**

She was so quick to forgive the mistakes of others because she recognized it in herself as well.

Continuation a few other statements in the same letter;

**“When we forgive someone, do not make them feel it.”**

**“Let gratitude to God enable you to forgive”**

**“Be absolutely fair in your dealings: forgive without any hint of resentment.”**

Instead of harsh reply to Vicar General who misjudged her badly, in the letter 429,

**“ I cannot find words to convey to you the depths of sorrow into which it has plunged me. God alone is the only One who is aware of what I have received since you have laid it down, that it kept be secret, and yet your excellent judgement cannot ,but know that I cannot keep such a matter secret. This is the very reason for my writing this letter for you today- to beg you to allow me to break the seal on this ‘secret’.”**

**“I would much rather be the accused than the accuser.”** In the letter 432

In the letter 420, she wrote,

**“At this moment, when my heart has been deeply wounded by the whole thing which has taken place, I keep no bitterness in my heat about it, know have I feelings of bitterness about what you mentioned concerning the evil things Monsieur Darcimoles has said about me. I bless God for that and I ask Him to bless that dear holy Minister”**

In the same letter, she ended up writing,

**“... that I was very hurt, but all is forgiven....”**

In the letter 421,

**“.....oh my daughter, how my heart is wounded, Fiat! I forgive everyone.”**

She continually shared her pain in the same letter,’

**“...I am confused because of that, humiliated, annihilated! Oh, much more than by the insults or affronts of our enemies, I, myself, have sinned so much, but the love our Mother the Church has for her children is beyond all description.”**

In the letter 429, she wrote to Monsieuer Chalandon Vica General at Metz:

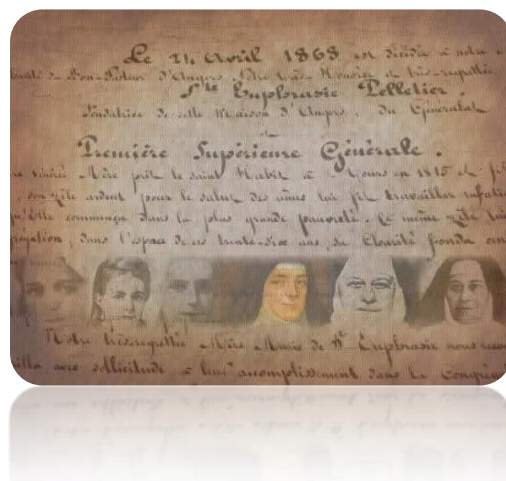
**“...it is quite clear that the evil situation is going to become beyond repair or remedy, unless the Congregation agrees to put, in the place of the Superior General, somebody less unworthy and less blameworthy than myself; even in Rome there is dissatisfaction. O God, death seems to me less bitter than such a thought; ...”**

Once again in her letter 435, she addressed Monsieur Chalandon Vica General at Metz:

**“...I will be eternally grateful to him but he too scolds me; for what? For the delay I made in founding the houses of Italy.....he blames my shy and backward ways, telling me that they could be a source of harm for the congregation. It is a father who speaks thus to me, you are also a father, Monsieur but see how embarrassed I am! ..... Accept my deep gratitude and the assurance of my profound respect with which I beg to remain.....”**

### Questions for reflection and sharing :

- **“Forgive without any hint of resentment” How do these words of St. M.Euphrasia challenge me whenever I’m called to forgive?**



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