

堂區通訊 Parish Newsletter

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從臉書粉絲專頁:加拿大愛民頓瑪利亞進教之佑天主堂

一個真實故事,效愛聖母,也是榮耀上帝的行為!

有一個六歲的基督教男孩,時常聽見他天主教的夥伴念誦『聖母經』,他非常喜歡這個禱詞,於是也模仿他的朋友,甚至把它記在腦海中,並且每天反覆誦念。

「媽咪,你聽,這禱詞多美啊!」有一天,男孩這樣告訴他的母親。

「不許再念了,那是天主教迷信的禱告!」母親回答說,「天主教崇拜偶像,把瑪利亞當作神!然而,瑪利亞衹不過是一般的婦女。過來,這本聖經給你,你好好的閱讀。聖經告訴我們的一切,都 是我們能做,而且必須做的。」



從那天起,小男孩就不在繼續念「萬福瑪利亞」了,他用了很多的時間閱讀聖經。有一天,當他閱 讀《福音》時,他看見一段天使向瑪利亞報喜的經文,男孩充滿了喜悅,他跑去告訴他的母親, 說:「媽咪,我在聖經裡找到了『聖母經』的禱詞」聖經上說,「萬福瑪利亞,妳充滿聖寵,主與 你同在。妳在女人中是蒙祝福的(註1);為什你說那是迷信的禱告呢?」

--- (註1)《聖經和合版》<路加福音1:28,42>----蒙大恩的女子,我問你安,主和你同在了! Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, Blessed art thou amongst women. 小男孩又在聖經的一些地方找到了證明,那是伊利沙伯向瑪利亞問安時所說的話。(註2: 路加福音41-45) 和瑪利亞在『尊主頌』中的預言:「從今以後,萬代要稱我有福」(路加福音1:48)

之後,男孩不再跟媽媽談論這件事,他又開始像以前一樣誦念『聖母經』,而且他用這些令人陶醉的經文 禱告,向我們救主耶穌的母親說話時,感到愉快滿足。當男孩十四歲時,有天他聽見他的家人在討論瑪利 亞。每個人都說,瑪利亞只是個女人,如同其他女人一樣。

男孩聽見他們錯誤的推理,再也無法忍受,義憤填胸,打斷他們的言論說:「瑪利亞不像亞當的其他孩子受罪所玷污。而且!天使說她『充滿了恩寵,且在女人中是蒙祝福的!』瑪利亞既是耶穌基督的母親,更是天主的母親。再也無任何受造物能比她還尊貴。」男孩繼續說:「《福音》記載說:『萬代都將稱她有福』,而你們卻嘗試著輕蔑她、忽視她!你們的態度,不是你們所宣揚的《福音》和《聖經》的精神,所建立的基督徒信仰。」

男孩如此深刻的演說,好幾次令他的母親悲傷地呼喊:「喔,我的天啊!我真害怕我的孩子,將來有一天加入天主教,教皇的宗教啊!」果然,過了不久,他開始認真的研究『基督新教』和『天主教』的道理, 男孩發現了真理並且改宗天主教,後來還成為一個非常熱心的使徒。在他改宗之後的某段時間,他遇見他 已經結婚的姊姊,憤慨難當地責難他:「你知道的,我很愛我的小孩。如果他們當中有誰想要成為天主教 徒,我遲早會用利劍刺穿他的心,免得他改宗信仰了教皇的宗教!」她姊姊的怒氣和情緒猛烈的如同保羅 相信耶穌之前。然而,她姊姊改變了她的意願。這是發生在她的兒子生了很嚴重的病,連醫生也放棄治癒的希望。

當她的弟弟趕到,並深情的對姊姊說:「我親愛的姊姊,你當然希望你的孩子被治癒。那好,現在照我吩咐去做。跟著我,讓我們一起祈禱,念一遍『聖母經』,然後祈求上帝,如果你的孩子恢復健康,你要好好地研究天主教的教義,這樣你會知道天主教是唯一真正的宗教。你將會接納它,不管任何犧牲。」他姊姊一開始有點不情願,但她仍希望她的兒子康復。她接受他弟弟的提議,和他誦念了一遍『聖母經』。隔天,她的兒子完全康復了。這位母親履行了她的承諾,她研讀了天主教的教義。在經過很長的準備之後,她和她的家人都一起受洗了,並感謝她的弟弟為她成了使徒。

這個故事,是在講道時一個神父說的:「弟兄們,這個男孩,現在成了天主教徒,並且使他的姊姊改變了 信仰,來到天主教會。他把他的一生也完全奉獻給了天主。他現在是一個神父,而這個神父現在正在向你 們說話。」「我感謝聖母,使我成為今日的我。你們也是,我親愛的弟兄們,也要完全的奉獻給聖母,並 且千萬別讓一天白白的過去,而沒有誦念這美麗的禱詞——『聖母經』和你們的玫瑰經。求她啟迪新教徒 的心,就是那些與我們建立在磐石(彼得)之上真正的基督教會分離的弟兄姊妹。這樣,那地獄之門為他們將 永不得勝。」

聖母經

萬福瑪利亞,妳充滿聖寵,主與妳同在。 妳在婦女中受讚頌,妳的親子耶穌同受讚頌。 天主聖母瑪利亞,求妳現在和我們臨終時, 為我們罪人祈求天主。阿們。

From the Facebook fan page: Mary Help of Christians Chinese Catholic Parish, Edmonton

The "Hail Mary" of a Protestant is powerful! -- (A True Story)

A little six-year-old Protestant boy had often heard his Catholic companion reciting the prayer 'Hail Mary.' He liked it so much that he copied it, memorized it and would recite it every day. 'Look, Mummy, what a beautiful prayer,' he said to his mother one day. 'Never again say it,' answered the mother.' it is a superstitious prayer of Catholics who adore idols and think Mary a goddess. After all, she is a woman like any other. Come on, take this Bible and read it. It contains everything that we are bound to do and have to do.'

From that day on the little boy discontinued his daily 'Hail Mary' and gave himself more time to reading the Bible instead. One day, while reading the Gospel, he came across the passage about the Annunciation of the Angel to Our Lady. Full of joy, the little boy ran to his mother and said: 'Mummy, I have found the 'Hail Mary' in the Bible which says: 'Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou amongst women. 'Why do you call it a superstitious prayer?'

On another occasion he found that beautiful Salutation of St. Elizabeth to The Virgin Mary and the wonderful canticle. MAGNIFICAT in which Mary foretold that 'the generations would call her blessed.' He said no more about it to his mother but started to recite the 'Hail Mary' every day as before. He felt pleasure in addressing those charming words to the Mother of Jesus, our Savior.

When he was fourteen, he one day heard a discussion on Our Lady among the members of his family. Every one said that Mary was a common woman like any other woman. The boy, after listening to their erroneous reasoning, could not bear it any longer, and full of indignation, he interrupted them, saying: 'Mary is not like any other children of Adam, stained with sin. No! The Angel called her FULL OF GRACE AND BLESSED AMONGST WOMEN. Mary is the Mother of Jesus Christ and consequently Mother of God. There is no higher dignity to which a creature can be raised.

The Gospel says that the generations will proclaim her blessed and you are trying to despise her and look down on her. Your spirit is not the Spirit of the Gospel or of the Bible which you proclaim to be the foundation of the Christian religion.' So deep was the impression which the boy's talk had made that his mother many times cried out sorrowfully: 'Oh my God! I fear that this son of mine will one day join the Catholic religion, the religion of Popes!' And indeed, not very long afterwards, having made a serious study of both Protestantism and Catholicism, the boy found the latter to be the only true religion and embraced it and became one of its most ardent apostles.

Sometime after his conversion, he met his married sister who rebuked his and said indignantly: 'You little know how much I love my children. Should any one of them desire to become a Catholic, I would sooner pierce his heart with a dagger than allow him to embrace the religion of the Popes!' Her anger and temper were as furious as those of St. Paul before his conversion. However, she would change her ways, just as St. Paul did on his way to Damascus.

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It so happened that one of her sons fell dangerously ill and the doctors gave up hope of recovery. Her brother then approached her and spoke to her affectionately, saying: 'My dear sister, you naturally wish to have your child cured. Very well, then, do what I ask you to do. Follow me, let us pray one 'Hail Mary' and promise God that, if your son recovers his health, you would seriously study the Catholic doctrine, and should you come to the conclusion that Catholicism is the only true religion, you would embrace it no matter what the sacrifices may be.'

His sister was somewhat reluctant at the beginning but as she wished for her son's recovery. She accepted her brother's proposal and recited the 'Hail Mary' together with him. The next day her son was completely cured! The mother fulfilled her promise and she studied the Catholic doctrine. After long preparation she received Baptism together with her family, thanking her brother for being an apostle to her.

The story was related during a sermon given by the Rev. Father Tuckwell. 'Brethren, he went on and said, 'the boy who became a Catholic and converted his sister to Catholicism dedicated his whole life to the service of God. He is the priest who is speaking to you now!'

'What I am I owe to Our Lady. You, too, my dear brethren, be entirely dedicated also to Our Lady and never let a day pass without saying the beautiful prayer, 'Hail Mary' and your Rosary. Ask her to enlighten the minds of Protestants who are separated from the true Church of Christ founded on the Rock (Peter) and against whom the gates of hell shall never prevail.'

The Hail Mary Prayer

Hail Mary,

full of Grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

彌撒時間:	Mass Schedule:
星期六下午四時卅分 (粤語)	Saturday 4:30 p.m. (Cantonese)
星期日上午九時卅分 (英語)	Sunday 9:30 a.m. (English)
上午十一時 (粵語)	11:00 a.m. (Cantonese)
下午二時卅分 (國語)	2:30 p.m. (Mandarin)
平日彌撒: 星期一、星期三及星期五上午十一時	Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 11:00 a.m. (Cantonese)
星期二及星期四下午五時卅分	Tuesday & Thursday 5:30 p.m. (Cantonese)
彌撒後明供聖體半小時與聖體降福	After mass: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for ½ an hour and Benediction
每月首星期五:	First Friday of every month:
上午十時至十一時 明供聖體及聖體降福	10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
上午十一時 耶穌聖心彌撒	11:00 a.m. Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Cantonese)

神領聖體經文

如不可能領聖體,可隨時真誠唸神領聖體經:「耶穌,願我以聖母的純潔與謙虛, 及以聖人的精神與熱忱,神領聖體。」

愛民頓總教區教務署有關「愛民頓聖若瑟大殿建立百週年慶典」通諭

愛民頓總教區教務署於本月十三日向各堂區發出電郵,敦促各堂區將此「愛民頓聖若瑟大 殿建立百週年慶典」消息刊載於本周的堂區通訊內,通諭全體教友:

「愛民頓聖若瑟大殿建立百週年慶典」是一個「美麗的信仰之旅」、一個在醞釀慶祝的百 年盛事。

愛民頓總教區將在 2014 年舉行紀念主教座堂「聖若瑟大殿」建立 100 週年慶典。總主教誠 意邀請全體教區神父和有緣與共同行這百年之旅的每一位教友參加這個具有里程碑意義的 慶祝活動。

以下是慶祝活動的詳情:

一月三十日(星期四)剛巧正是「聖若瑟大殿」奠基一百年的日子。當日,總主教 Richard Smith 將偕同總教區的代表們於下午七時舉行感恩祭,在感恩祭禮儀之中,會祝福新造的馬 賽克聖體聖像。之後,在聖堂的O'Leary Hall 備有茶點招待全體出席的教友。

二月一日(星期六)下午七時在主教座堂「聖若瑟大殿」舉行聚會,共聚重溫「聖若瑟大殿」從1923年開始建造乃至1963年落成祝聖的過程。屆時,總主教 Richard Smith、聖若瑟堂區的歷任主任司鐸、該堂區教友以及其他人仕會將大殿內諸如從教堂頂的大鐘,以至大殿內的彩色繪圖玻璃等等形貌裝置,向與會的教友闡述其特色及含義。總主教誠意邀請教友參加這個逾越時光的靈性之旅活動,從而對「聖若瑟大殿」加深瞭解和連系。聚會結束之後,在聖堂的O'Leary Hall 備有茶點招待。

Prayer for the Spiritual Communion

If it is impossible to receive Holy Communion physically, we can receive spiritual communion with this prayer: "Jesus, may we receive you with the purity and humility of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and with the spirit and fervor of the saints."

100th Anniversary Celebration of St. Joseph's Basilica, Edmonton

It's a Beautiful Faith Journey - A Story 100 years in the making

St. Joseph's Basilica parish will mark its 100th anniversary in 2014! Each of us has been part of the journey over the past 100 years, and we are all invited to join in the celebration of this milestone.

Thursday, Jan. 30, 2014:

The date marks exactly 100 years since the parish of St. Joseph was founded. Celebrate together with Archbishop Richard Smith and representatives of the Archdiocese, beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. including the blessing of the Blessed Sacrament Mosaic and followed by a reception in O'Leary Hall.

Saturday, Feb. 1, 2014:

Relive the journey of the Basilica itself, from the start of construction in 1923 through its consecration in 1963. Archbishop Smith, Parishioners, former Rectors and others will reflect on the features of the Basilica and the meaning they hold for them - from the Cathedral bells to the stained glass windows. Join in this moving, spiritual journey through time and develop a greater understanding and connection with St. Joseph's Basilica, beginning at 7:00 p.m. followed by a reception in O'Leary Hall.

主日彌撒揭獻 Sunday Collections 一月十一及十二日 January 11 & 12

主日彌撒捐獻 Sunday Collection	\$2,917	.15
堂區還款基金 Loan Repayment	\$1,175	.00
聖堂維修 Building Fund	\$ 230	.00
特別捐獻 Special Offering	\$90	.00
2014年月曆捐獻 2014 Calendar	\$ 63	.00