

Homily Notes for October 16: 2020

No Hypocrisy Here

On December 9th, 1990 thousands of North Americans converged on St. Peter's to celebrate the canonization of Marguerite d'Youville (1701–1771), the first Canadian-born saint. Marguerite d'Youville was an 18th century Mother Teresa who dedicated her life and work to the poor, the ill and the destitute. Pope John XXIII called Marguerite d'Youville the “Mother of Universal Charity” at her beatification ceremony in 1959 for the sacrifices she made to alleviate the suffering of the less fortunate.

She is someone in whom faith worked through love as today's Collect beautifully expressed:

God of mercy and compassion who led Saint Marquerite d'Youville to embrace the way of the Cross and to devote her ardent love to assist the needy of her day. Make us bold, like her, we pray so that we may imitate your own compassion and have the strength to persevere to that day you call us to share the joy of the saints.

God of Mercy and Compassion: Obtained an inheritance and destined to live for the praise of his glory. Jews were the first to hope in Christ

Gentiles: Heard the word of truth Gospel of Salvation and then come to believe in Christ:

- Marked
- Promise
- Pledge

Redemption as God's own people

To the praise of his glory: God's glory is the manifestation of his greatness and goodness now revealed in an unprecedented way. Praising God's glory fulfills Israel's reason for existence, namely, to be a priestly people, a nation devoted to proclaiming the praises of God¹

Embrace the way of the Cross and to devote her ardent love to assist the needy of her day.

Grey Nuns in Montreal - Hospital; had been in debt – paid off the debt and then in 1746 hospital burned to ground. Rebuilt in in four years.

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We will live in consistency and integrity – the opposite of hypocrisy:

hypocrisy. We tend to think that hypocrisy (acting, as onstage; wearing a mask) is one type: pretending to be a believer when one is not, pretending to be a disciple when the heart and the

¹ Williamson, P. S. (2009). [*Ephesians*](#) (p. 40). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic.

mind are set on other values. However, under certain circumstances the reverse form of hypocrisy might be the problem: pretending not to be a disciple when in reality one has made a commitment to follow Jesus. When and why would a disciple pretend not to be? Under strong pressure, under persecution, when put in a fear-producing situation. Simon Peter pretended not to be a disciple at the trial of Jesus and denied him three times (22:54–62).²

² Craddock, F. B. (1990). [Luke](#) (p. 160). Louisville, KY: John Knox Press.