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## Mother Marie of the Conception a Descendant of King St. Louis

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Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon, who became Mother Marie of the Conception as Foundress of the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate, was of pure noble blood. Her father inherited the title of Baron from his father, while his mother was a daughter of the Count de Malide. Adèle's mother, the Baroness de Batz de Trenquelléon, was a daughter of the Count de Peyronnencq de La Roque de St. Chamarand and of the Baroness de Tournoël whose father in turn was the Marquis de Naucaze.

The most illustrious of this impressive ancestory was in Adèle's maternal grandfather's family. The Count de Peyronnencq de La Roque de St. Chamarand followed the career that many generations of his forefathers had pursued as high officers in the armies of successive kings of France. Documents bearing the royal signatures that testify to this status are still preserved in the Château de Trenquel-lêon.

If we trace Adèle's ancestors in this De Peyronnencq genealogy, we find that seven generations earlier, her great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandmother was Françoise de Bourbon-Malause who died in 1616. To be a Bourbon meant being of royal French blood. The Malause branch of the Bourbon family descended from Robert de France, the sixth son of King Saint Louis IX.

Thus, if we go back many generations from Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon's 18th Century to Saint Louis's 13th Century, we discover that she is a direct descendant of this great king and saint. Let us beg of him to intercede for the beatification of his descendant.

# Burse in Honor of Mother Marie of the Conception

Some months before he died, Brother Norbert Kramer, S.M., helped inaugurate a burse for the education of candidates to the Society of Mary. It was named after Mother Marie of the Conception to whom he had confided his hopes for recovery from cancer. As a gesture in her honor bolstering the many prayers being said for his cure, he promised that, if he would live, he would work for the completion of this burse.

When Brother Norbert died shortly after effecting a substantial contribution, it was decided to dedicate the burse as a memorial to him. It seems fitting that he should be thus officially associated with her. The burse now bears he title of Mother Marie of the Conception (Brother Norbert Kramer Memorial).

Contributions in excess of \$1000 (one-fifth of the total amount) have to date been given, representing fifty individual offerings. Friends of Mother Marie of the Conception and of Brother Norbert may send their contribu-

## Brother Norbert Kramer and Mother Marie of the Conception

Readers of the last three issues of HOSANNA! were requested to pray for the miraculous cure from cancer of Brother Norbert Kramer. His struggle with that dread disease lasted three years less one month. In the end, it was victorious. Brother Norbert died in Belleville, Illinois, on Dec. 29, 1959. In a very true manner, however, cancer was not victorious over him. It became an occasion for him to face death soaring aloft in a peaceful flowering of faith.

As novena after novena were being made for his recovery through the intercession of Mother Marie of the Conception, it became more and more apparent that he and she were being closely linked together in a matter of supernatural importance.

Never before had prayers for her intercession been said by so many persons. At least two thousand made novenas assiduously in at least seven countries of both America and Europe. Nothing so far had brought Mother Marie of the Conception to the notice of such widely dispersed persons as these prayers for Brother Norbert. If Providence did not permit his cure, God made use of his illness to make her known far and wide. And, after the example of his smiling loyalty to her, many of his friends have turned toward her in their own needs. This issue of HOSANNA! echoes their confidence through the recital of some of the favors obtained from her intercessory power with God.

Numerous were the times when the prayer for her Beatification was recited at Brother Norbert's bedside during his last month on earth. While his final hour-long agony sadly advanced, it was said three times, giving Heaven, so to say, a final opportunity to show forth its miraculous power over nature.

Although the earnestly sought miracle was not obtained, all who followed Brother Norbert during his sickness felt that something equally splendid was being effected. In the face of death, he radiated an eager love for Heaven, a great peaceful strength of soul. "We have never had a patient like Brother Norbert!" exclaimed an elderly Sister at the hospital where he expired. His eloquent example of simple yet steadfast faith, coupled with most unpretentious humility, were an answer to the countless prayers sent up for Mother Marie's intercession.

She must have left this world much as Brother Norbert did. A zestful optimist herself, her very last words, "Hosanna to the Son of David!", radiated an atmosphere similar to the one that persons visiting Brother Norbert encountered.

May others imitate him in his confident turning to Mother Marie of the Conception! Should they not obtain the temporal favors they request, they can be certain that they will receive faith and peaceful resignation



MOTHER MARIE OF THE CONCEPTION (Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon) 1789 - 1828

### Requests for Mother Marie Intercession Granted

Friends of Mother Marie of the Conception will find encouragement for their confidence in her by the following accounts of favors obtained after prayers through her intercession. Five of these nine favors were obtained in the United States, three in France and one in Corsica.

Covina, Calif., Feb. 16, 1960 There is a Hungarian refugee family here that are Catholics but were brought from Europe by the Methodist Church of Covina. We have been trying to help them too. Then have had a very rough time making ends meet, with sickness and learning our language. The father has been out of work, the last time since September. I put his cause (getting another job) into the hands of Mother Marie of the Conception and said that if he would get work by the first of the month (February), I would know that it would be through her intercession. On Saturday night, Jan. 31, his wife stopped by to tell me that he had work in the steel mill in Fontana, a few miles away. She was so happy, said she knew we had been praying for him, so she wanted us to know first. He has been there two weeks now and makes more than he ever has, I believe. So that is one favor I believe Mother Marie of the Conception helped us get.

Agen, France

Sister M. Isabel, a Daughter of Mary Immaculate at Agen, had a serious fall and hurt her knee. The meniscus was broken. As treatments proved useless, the surgeon advised an operation. However, confident in the power of intercession of Mother Foundress, Mother Marie of the Conception, Sister Isabel refused it energetically. She applied a picture of the Servant of God to her affected knee and prayed in union with the community. A few days later, Sister Isabel could walk and kneel without effort and without pain, to the great astonishment of all, the doctor included.

M. M. de P.

Mt. St. Scholastica, Atchison, Kansas Mother Maric of the Conception helped me pray for the relief of severe head troubles, especially from mastoid pains and eye affliction, for which I am perpetually grateful. Now all pain and worry has passed.

I will continue to pray and make sacrifices for the beatification of Mother Marie.

A child of Mary

France

In the course of an important affair, a more or less intentional but tenacious opposition appeared, risking to compromise the final success of the matter.

After persevering and confident prayers to the Servant of God, this opposition ceased and the work took its course again, giving hope for a successful outcome.

Sister X

Ajaccio, Corsica

It is with pleasure and gratitude that I am coming to point out that I have obtained a

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CHATEAU DE TRENQUELLEON, FRANCE. On June 10, 1789, Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon was born in this lofty room of the 18thcentury chateau that is shown in the drawing of the title of this bulletin. Just above the candles standing on the fireplace are two small frames, the one at the left containing hair of the Foundress, the other having a minature portrait of her painted during her lifetime by one of her relatives. This portrait is reproduced on page one of HOSANNA!

grace by the intercession of the Servant of God, Mother Marie of the Conception.

Somerset, Texas, Feb. 24, 1960

I want to express my gratitude to Mother Adèle for her presence at my side during my illness, to tell me not to worry, that I was going to be all right,

I will pray more fervently for her Beatification and for other sick people to experience the same happiness of such kind words.

> Mrs. G. Poe France

Much fatigued by long years of work in teaching, I had to stop completely. Rest, care, treatments - everything was useless. My condition soon became worse, and one Sunday of August 1957 I felt a beginning of paralysis in my lower members. Worried and feeling very bad, I asked for Extreme Unction and promised Mother Marie of the Conception, whom I prayed to already for a long time with confidence, that I would publish my cure if she would obtain it for me from the kindness of God. About two hours after receiving Extreme Unction, without having taken any remedy nor having undergone any treatment, I could walk. My legs had become normal again.

Out of prudence, the doctor sent me for fifteen days to the hospital. The cure was certain and, after two years, it still lasts to-day.

S. V.

Pemberville, Ohio, May 9, 1960

The enclosed is an offering of Thanksgiving for many favors received through the intercession of Mother Marie of the Conception.

### Named after Foundress

The very first institution of any kind named after Mother Marie of the Conception was erected recently in Barcelona, Spain. Named Colegio Adela de Trenquelleon by the Daughters of Mary, it is a college and technical school. A large stone statue of the Foundress rises above the entrance.

#### In Our Mailbox . . .

Atchison, Kansas, Nov. 29, 1959 Yes, I will join in making these novenas. Mother Marie of the Conception is always before me, as I have given her a little corner on my stand, and the Holy Water bottle reminds her daily that we have confidence in her prayers.

The age of miracles is not past, so let us hope and trust.

Sister M. B.

Herman, Mo., Dec. 18, 1959

Some time ago, I got your letter asking me to join in the novenas for Brother Norbert's recovery. I began at once. Daily I offered up the Mass, Holy Communion and at least one Franciscan Crown. All the indulgences I gained I offered up to the Poor Souls with the intention that they pray for the canonization of Mother Marie through a miracle worked through her intercession.

F. M.

I pray to her daily and, although I cannot report any miracles, I am grateful for the many small favors I have received.

Presently, I am praying that the twins (age nine now) will not contact the mumps, as they are to be confirmed this Sunday.

Mrs. J. G.

Bonnot's Mill, Mo., July 25, 1960
On June 24, my brother was injured while working for the railroad. He was operating a tractor mower used to cut weeds along the railroad. He lost control of it in some way—he really does not know what happened. It turned over, pinning him beneath the mower guard-bar. He had five broken ribs, one in two places, a broken shoulder, a punctured lung and bruises over most of the body.

The puncture in the lung caused his system to fill with air and fluid, making breathing difficult. They had to make an incision in both his side and chest in order to insert a tube. They also had one through the nostrils to the stomach in order to suction out the air and fluids. Then, when the doctor thought that he was getting that under control, my brother went into delirium. It seemed for a while that he would die from exhaustion, as none of the injections or drugs would calm him. He just would not go to sleep. They finally gave him large doses of anesthetic. After a couple of doses, he quieted down and began to sleep.

He is improving nicely now. I wanted to let you know that I started a novena to Mother Marie for his recovery when he took the turn for the worse and promised that I would inform you if granted this favor. The Sisters at the Hospital had given up hope one night. They had him anionted before they made the incisions. I will continue to say the prayers for Mother Marie's Beatification and ask her help in other favors.