



Hosanna!

DEDICATED TO THE CAUSE OF BEATIFICATION OF MOTHER MARIE OF THE CONCEPTION
ADELE DE BATZ DE TRENQUELLEON

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Extraordinary Lay Apostle

It would be difficult to discover a person living in the world more completely dedicated to souls than Mother Marie of the Conception before she entered the convent. Already as a teen-ager, Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon threw herself into the apostolate with extraordinary zest. In fact, she stands out as a marvelous example of the truest of apostolates; namely, that of a person who does good spontaneously in his own surroundings, who seeks out personal contacts with individuals and with groups in order to aid them. A true apostle does not wait to be called upon to help—of his own initiative he does good right and left, he is ever available for any soul needing aid, ever going out of his way to help others. His activity arises from an interior flame of love for souls.

Such an apostle was Adèle from girlhood until she left the world at the age of twenty-seven in order to inaugurate the Institute of the Daughters of Mary. Many pages would be required for tracing the multitudinous apostolic deeds that she accomplished during those fifteen years. We shall here mention some of them in order to show the wide scope of her activities.

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MOTHER MARIE OF THE CONCEPTION
(Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon)
1789 - 1823
Foundress of the Institute
of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate

Favors Bestowed upon Clients of Mother Marie of the Conception

In Texas four favors have been obtained in matters concerning the sale and renting of houses through the intercession of Mother Marie of the Conception. We publish accounts of these "real estate" favors in the hope that other friends of Mother Marie will confide in her for their needs, no matter how material they may be.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 23, 1960

After we had started building our new home in Nov. 1959, we put our old house up for sale. Several families looked at it and tried to buy it, but something always happened at the last minute to prevent their buying it. When our new home was finished in March 1960, we continued advertising our old home for sale. During the summer 22 different times we drove four miles over to the house to show it to prospective customers, only to have them fail to show up. We continued our prayers to the Blessed Mother and so did our relatives.

We signed a contract with a real estate firm in October but they did not seem able to sell it all that month. During the first week of November we started praying to Mother Marie and two weeks later our house was sold. We signed the final papers on Nov. 21, the feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mrs. D. H.

San Antonio, Texas, March 25, 1961

The first of December we put our house up for sale because my husband was retiring from the service. Until March 2nd, we had only three people come to look at the house, when it was suggested that we ask Mother Marie to help us.

On March 4, we were given a check to hold the house and on March 8 the final papers were signed—only six days after we had begun praying to Mother Marie.

Mrs. T. K.

Temple, Texas, April 23, 1961

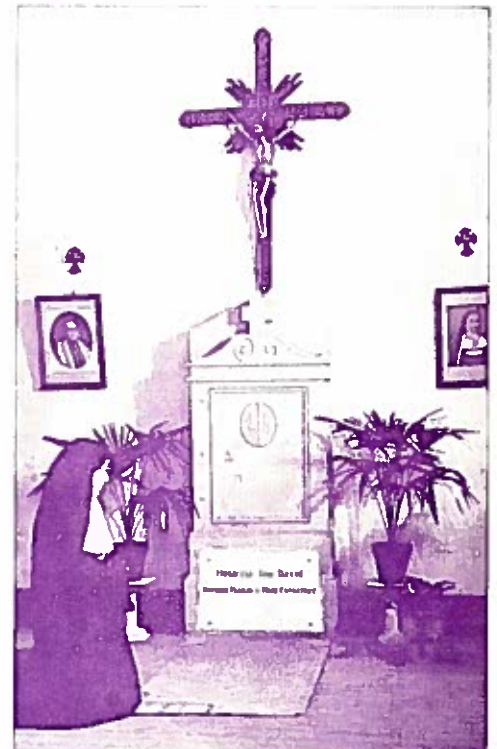
When forced to leave my home in San Antonio because of my position in another city, I was trying to rent my house that I had to leave. I was concerned because of my distance from San Antonio. Before I left, someone told me that others had obtained similar favors through the intercession of

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Who Was Mother Marie of the Conception?

One hundred and fifty years ago, that is in 1812, Mother Marie of the Conception seems not yet to have made a definite choice for convent life. Only two years later was her choice determinedly set in the religious vocation. In 1816, together with Father Cham-inade, she founded the Daughters of Mary, spending the rest of her life as Superior General of the Institute.

She had in the meantime been living in the Château de Trenquelléon whose silhouette appears in the masthead of this bulletin. In 1789, just before the outbreak of the French Revolution, she had been born there under the name of Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon. Because her parents were both of the nobility, the family had to leave the country for exile. In 1802, they returned to the château where Adèle soon began the exceptionally zealous lay apostolate that is the subject of another column of HOSANNA!



Tomb of Mother Marie of the Conception in Agen, France. On the marble plaque are read her last words, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" which have inspired the title of this bulletin.



CHATEAU DE TRENQUELLEON. The private chapel of the Baron de Batz de Trenquelléon, where his daughter, the future Mother Marie of the Conception, spent many hours in prayer. Here she discovered her vocation and received the grace to follow it. Here Father Chaminade said Mass on his occasional visits to the chateau.

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Her own home, the Château de Trenquelléon, became a school. Not only did she look after the spiritual advancement of her little sister Désirée and of her cousins Elisa and Clara, but she taught the poorer children of the neighborhood.

A descendant of barons, counts and marquises, she overlooked her noble ancestry in her love for the needy and the poor. The lowly families of the countryside and of the town surrounding her parish church were accustomed to her visits. An expectant mother, a sick person, a poor household—all had claims upon her time and budget. If an article of clothing was needed, she would not hesitate to devote her odd moments to sewing it. A poor boy wanted to enter the seminary. Not only did she help defray his expenses, but she made his vestments when he approached the priesthood.

A broad outlet for Adèle's zeal was found in an "Association" for girls that she helped start when she was fifteen and that she directed until she entered convent. Once she met Father Chaminade, the various groups of her wide-spread Association became Societies affiliated to the one in Bordeaux. The groups of apostles forming this Association depended upon her for guidance. She early became a most prolific letter-writer, filling her pages with spiritual and apostolic preoccupations. She also traveled to every group, organized retreats for them and effectively lived her calling of leader of other apostles.

Truly, Adèle stands out as one of the most ardent and saintly lay apostles of France after the French Revolution.

Favors Bestowed

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Mother Marie of the Conception and my family decided to pray through her intercession for the renting of our house. Four days after we left for our new home, a man travelled to see us in order to make arrangements to rent the duplex.

We are now praying through her that we may be able to acquire the three and one-half lots across the street in view of having three more duplexes built on them. J.V.

The man who wrote the above letter began to uphold his prayers by contributing 10% of the rent obtained from his house to the burse named after Mother Marie of the Conception and raised as a memorial to Bro. Norbert Kramer, S.M., who had when alive confided his cure from cancer to her mediation in heaven. The following letter shows that he has continued to receive favors through the Foundress:

Temple, Texas, Nov. 14, 1961

Mother Marie and Bro. Norbert have done it again. We have two good tenants and prospects are growing for more land and more units. Thank you so much for your help. J. V.

We add another favor obtained in the town of France where Mother Marie of the Conception spent the last twelve years of her life.

Agen, France

In April 1958, Mlle. A. Fonvielle, a teacher at Institution Ste. Foy in Agen, suffered from a glandular inflammation which, after several weeks, changed into an abscess. An operation was deemed necessary. Mademoiselle Fonvielle asked the Daughters of Mary for a relic of Mother de Trenquelléon and began a novena in union with the Sisters at Ste. Foy. On the second day of the novena, the abscess opened without an operation. There was immediate relief, and, since no recurrence took place, a second novena was made in thanksgiving.

January 10

Early in the morning of January 10, 1828, Mother Marie of the Conception died in her convent at Agen, France. Every year her friends honor the memory of her saintly death by praying for miracles through her intercession.

We again ask the readers of HOSANNA! to join the many friends of Mother Marie in a triduum of prayers on January 8-10. When favors are received through her, please do not fail to inform the editor of HOSANNA!

Burse Reaches \$1,500

The burse named after Mother Marie of the Conception and raised as a memorial to Bro. Norbert Kramer, S.M., has attained the sum of \$1,500, thanks to one hundred and ten offerings, large and small. Friends of Mother Marie can send their contributions to HOSANNA! The revenue from the burse is reserved to the education of a candidate of the Society of Mary.

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CHATEAU DE TRENQUELLEON. In this salon, the family of the Baron de Batz de Trenquelléon gathered for all of its festivities. The sumptuous tapestries were a wedding gift from his wife's uncle, the Bishop of Montpellier. Mother Marie of the Conception saw this charming salon only once after leaving home. It was on her way with Father Chaminade to start the convent at Condom.

News of Foundress's Cause

The first process of the Diocesan Commission for Mother Marie's Cause of Beatification has just been completed in Agen, France. Mother Madeleine de Pazzi, a Daughter of Mary, is a member of the commission which has made an exhaustive study of the authenticity of the Foundress's writings.

PRAYER

FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF MOTHER MARIE OF THE CONCEPTION

Our Father Hail Mary Glory
Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

O God, who gave to Mother Marie of the Conception an apostolic soul alive with filial piety toward Mary and who has willed that this missionary and Marian spirit be perpetuated in an Institute founded by her, grant us the miraculous favors that we solicit through her intercession, should it enter Your designs that she be beatified by the Church, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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