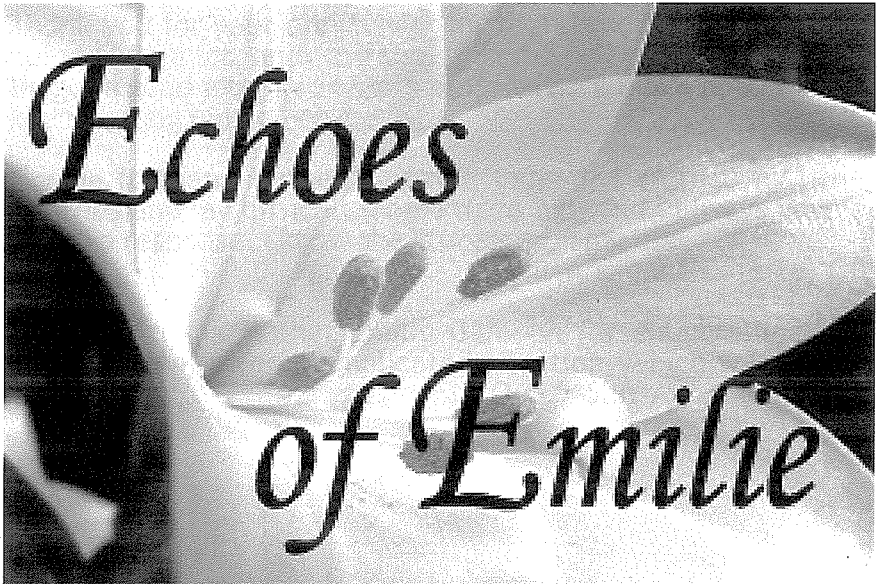




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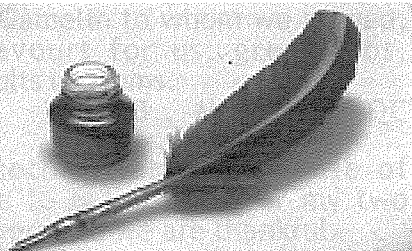
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*News from the  
Office of the Cause  
Emilie-Gamelin*



Dear friends of Emilie,

In our last edition of "Echoes of Emilie", we informed you about the nomination of a new postulator, Father Roger Laberge, Vincentian priest, effective since September 6, 2008. He resides at the General Mother House of his community, in Rome, and becomes the link person between the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints and the office of the Cause of Emilie Gamelin.

One of the faculties of a Postulator of a beatification and canonization Cause consists in naming a Vice postulator. Upon General Superior and Counsel's approval, Father Laberge appointed Sr. Therese Frigon, SP, to this responsibility, on November 12, 2008. Sr. Frigon will work very closely with Father Laberge; she will prepare the documents to be sent to him in the future stages of the canonization process. Our best wishes of health and success accompany these two people who serve the Cause of Blessed Emilie Tavernier-Gamelin. Our prayer is enthusiastic and intense, so this work may have a happy ending in a very near future.

God Providence, we trust and believe in you!

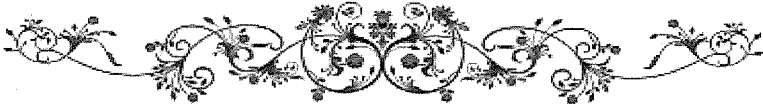
At year end, we have the opportunity to provide interesting and especially heart-warming statistics. We opened the prayer request's box, placed close to Mother Gamelin's Tomb, and the private count was 2,973 slips of paper, containing one or more prayers made to Blessed Emilie Gamelin, since

April 4, 2007. The total number, since 1960, year of the opening of the Cause of Mother Gamelin, rises to 82,341 pieces.

Emilie surely listened to these many petitions. Every person that visits her tomb asks her intercession for favours from those who express their faith and their confidence, by these modest pieces of papers placed in the prayer box.

*Sister Yvette Demers, S.P.*

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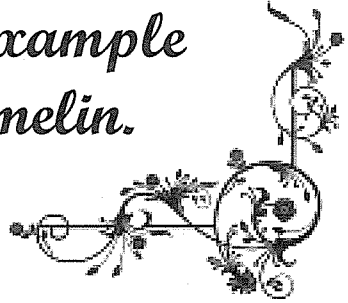
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*Holiness today...  
following the example  
of Emilie Gamelin.*



A few weeks ago, at the beginning of the year 2009, we offered our best wishes to our parents and friends, by the traditional formula: "Happy and *Holy* New Year!" We wanted to summarize, by this sentence, the most beautiful wishes we may have for them.

But, how can we "sanctify" our year? Do we dare to desire holiness for us, ordinary human beings? ... Please remember, Christ Himself said: "Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt. 5, 48). "Perfect" is a synonym for "Saint". It is thus possible to aspire to holiness! ...

Pope Benedict XVI, in his All Saints day message, celebrated last November 1st, proposed the following contemplation: "When we go to a botanical garden, we are filled with wonder by the variety of plants and flowers. Spontaneously, we think about the Creator's imagination when He created this Earth, as a marvellous garden. A similar feeling seizes us when we consider the vision of holiness: the World is a "garden", where the Spirit of God prompted its birth, with an admirable imagination, of a multitude of saints for all ages, social conditions, languages, origins and cultures. We are all unique, particularly in our human personality and spiritual charism. "

Vatican II Council affirmed that all Christians "are called to holiness and perfection in their own proper state" (Lumen Gentium, No. 42). Father Marie-Michel Philippon gave a particular definition of it: "holiness does not consists in adding up devotional exercises, nor reading mystical books, nor experiencing divine consolation in their prayers, the summit of perfection is to *identify ourselves with the Will of the Father*... the Son did not have any other spiritual food. While learning how to say *fiat*, as He did, Jesus taught us the shortest path towards holiness. God gives to each one of us, the type of *holiness* for our proper state... Being holy simply means accomplishing faithfully our responsibilities, with the greatest love possible. "

According to Pope Jean-Paul II, *holiness* is the fruit of an encounter with Christ, through those many presences that allow us to rediscover His face of Son of God; which is, at the same time, a face marked by suffering and a face of resurrection (Repartir du Christ, No. 23).

Was not this path, the one followed by the founders and foundress of our communities? They were men and women of their time, well anchored in the history of the People of God, and who knew how to discover God's Will in the various stages of their earthly growth. Let us see, through Blessed Emilie Tavernier-Gamelin's life, this process that directed her throughout all her life.

At first, let us mention that the only spiritual message left by Mother Gamelin was in her "Retreat Notes". Her spirituality was profound; with no ecstasies or any extraordinary phenomena. She was a woman of faith and a woman of action. For her, serving suffering people was an honor and a special spiritual practice to be offered to God. It was a way to put into action the faith that filled her heart. Also, it was a testimony to be given to Him, the One she loved above all, and whom she could recognize in the humblest, the

smallest, and the most deprived. "*The poor, our Lords and Masters*", she used to say to her sisters.

Emilie Gamelin saw God in every event, every people and every moment of her life. She was convinced that she was where God wanted her to be and that He always led her "*as by the hand*", along the ways Providence designed for her.

Thus, one day, she knew how "*to remain standing*", as the Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross, when she had to face the cruel incomprehension of the Bishop; she recognized in this situation, another occasion to trust her God. She went to the point of offering her resignation to Bishop Bourget for the greater good of the new community. History records that he recognized Mother Gamelin as the instrument he needed to establish the new community; that Mother Gamelin knew and could build on the strong foundations: humility, and confidence in the Providence of God.

"The Church needs saints, and holiness is built in time. To follow the example of the saints of all times, let us remember that the way we reach that point, is by being imbedded in the present moment and by making an effort to achieve the will of the One that said: "I am the Way"... Our role is to strive for holiness, day by day, and respond, with all our soul, to the love that God has for us..." (Chiara Lubich).

**Happy and Holy Easter to all our readers!**

*Sister Therese Frigon, S.P.*

Vice Postulator  
and Director, Office of the Cause Emilie-Gamelin

*Blessed Emilie Gamelin,  
always attentive to those  
who pray to her...*



**Thanks to Blessed Emilie for her assistance during health difficulties:**

My grandson was hospitalized. We prayed Mother Gamelin, and now he is doing well. Thank you, Emilie. G.T., St-Edouard, QC

We wish to thank you, Mother Gamelin, for accelerating our son's healing. We pray to her every day; we feel she is very close to us. E. and R. B., Montreal, QC

Two years ago, my daughter was operated on for a cancer. We entrusted her to Mother Gamelin. My daughter recovered quickly, and she can continue working, while following suitable treatments. C.C., Thunder Bay, ON

In July 2007, I got seriously sick from an aneurism. I spent three months at the hospital. I placed my faith in God, and entrusted my case to Blessed Emilie Gamelin. I recovered in a surprising way, without an operation. My family and I prayed with much confidence to Mother Gamelin. I feel better each day with no side-effects. I am very grateful. G.M.G., Concepcion, Chile

Mother Gamelin listened to my prayers regarding my health problems; she is my best doctor. D.L.C., Pierrefonds, QC

I had cancer surgery and I put myself in Mother Gamelin's hands. I made novenas, and asked her that the operation would not be delayed and everything went well. It was a success, and the specialists were surprised of my quick recovery. This was a great favour; I thank my benefactress, and I continue to pray to her. L.C., Ferme Neuve, QC

We want to thank Mother Gamelin. We made a novena, and the surgical operation of the intestines my mother underwent, was a complete success. L.V., Louiseville, QC

I obtained several favours from Blessed Emilie, but in particular, I would like to thank her for improving my son's health, E. He got a bone-marrow transplant, five years ago and at the moment, he is doing very well.

Mrs. D. L., Ruisseau-a-Rebours, QC

Thank you for your prayers, through the intercession of Mother Gamelin. My meeting with Dr. D. was better than I expected. I thank the Lord and now, I confide the medication results to Him. I am always sure that everything will go back to normal, and the cornea transplant surgery will not be necessary.

A.-M.L., Ste-Therese, QC

I wish to express anonymously my gratitude to Mother Gamelin. My husband got a job that makes him feel happier and more fulfilled. Now, he can expend more time with our family, since we live near his work place.

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I entrusted to Blessed Emilie my trip to Spain for the improvement of my legs. Even though I am not cured, I am much less suffering. Thank you for praying with me.

M.L.B., Montreal, QC

**Thank you, Mother Gamelin for your assistance in diverse situations:**

I am happy to thank Mother Gamelin. I asked her a great favour: my son experienced a difficult separation, with financial problems, for three months. He suffered a lot. Many prayed Mother Gamelin with me for this intention, and in only two days everything was under control; all that remains is to sign before a notary. I have included Mass stipends.

L.H., Victoriaville QC

My daughter was in a rather upsetting situation. One night, I decided to tell her about Mother Emilie Gamelin. We made a novena together, and two or three weeks later, the person responsible for this situation, moved. The problem was solved little by little, and my daughter found enjoyment in life.

N.F., Val Paradis, QC

Thanks Blessed Emilie Gamelin for giving protection to baby N., during life's difficulties.

D.C., St-Leon, QC

I thank Mother Gamelin for helping me buy a house, and for the successful birth of our beautiful little girl. Now, I ask her to continue taking care of my four children and my husband.

M.V., Lanoraie, QC

I thank God Providence who, through Mother Gamelin, granted a big favour to my family: my wife gave birth to a boy, after having six girls. Thanks to Emilie and I wish her canonization very soon.  
A.J., Cameroon, Africa

I want to express my gratitude for the favours our beloved Mother Gamelin granted me, and especially for taking care of my daughter during her pregnancy. She gave birth to an adorable and healthy little girl.  
V.R., Montreal, QC

My son and his wife were happy to have their first child, on last August. I entrusted them to Blessed Emilie. Everything went well and the child continued to look very healthy.  
H.C., Louiseville, QC

Thanks to Mother Gamelin for helping my grandson during a separation.  
G.L., Louiseville, QC

Thanks to Mother Gamelin, from the bottom of my heart, for the support I receive from her; I feel she takes care of me and my family.  
L.J., Sept-Iles, QC

I have a handicapped child, and I am sure Mother Gamelin is present in his life, since he looks very happy. I thank her every day.  
M. A., Valleyfield, QC

Emilie accompanies me during my life. I am very grateful to her.  
Mrs. L.D., Verdun, QC

Here is a donation to thank Mother Gamelin for the favours she grants to me; I know that she is always there and she listens to my prayers. I am very confident in her intercession.  
C.D., St-Barthelemy, QC

Thank you Mother Gamelin; my grandson is happy again, after two years of suffering and worries.  
G.L., Lachute, QC

### **Thank you, Emilie, for my finding employment:**

My nephew found a good solution to a work problem, after entrusting it to Mother Gamelin. Here is my offering in recognition.  
J.C., Montreal, QC

Thanks to Mother Gamelin for helping my grandson finding a job; it makes him very happy.  
Mrs. S. H., St-Edouard, QC

I send this offering to you while asking Blessed Emilie to continue taking care of my daughter. She got a wonderful job, after having prayed to our good Mother.  
P.L., Louiseville, QC

We are very thankful to Mother Gamelin to whom we prayed, and who obtained several favours for us: great jobs, reconciliations and successful results in exams.

C.B., Montreal, QC

Here is a contribution for Mother Gamelin's Cause of Canonization. We prayed Emilie to obtain jobs for my two daughters; she answered our prayers and we are thankful.

H.L., St-Honore-de Chicoutimi, QC

Thanks to Blessed Emilie for helping a friend's husband find a new job.

Mrs H.L., Louiseville, QC

**Mother Gamelin assists and comforts those who pray to her:**

Here is the promised donation for the Canonization of Mother Gamelin. She helped me find a new apartment.

I.L., Longueuil, QC

Thanks to Mother Gamelin for the protection and support she gives to my family.

L.T., Montreal, QC

Thank you for sending the bulletin "Echoes of Emilie". I try to imitate Mother Gamelin; she is always ready to help me in all difficulties of life.

A.R.G., Tramandai, Brazil

Mother Gamelin answered my prayers. She protected my daughter and my grand-daughter during a trip. She also helped my grand-daughter at a math exam retake.

G.B., L'Ancienne-Lorette, QC

I would like to thank, from the bottom of my heart, our beloved Mother Gamelin, for her kindness towards me.

Mrs. V.R., Montreal, QC

I enhance my energy while thinking of our Blessed Emilie. I ask her to let me continue living in all serenity.

L.P., St-Tite, QC

By the intercession of Mother Gamelin, we found a person to take care of a child while the parents work. Many thanks.

B.P., Caleta Olivia, Argentina

Thank you, Mother Gamelin for your assistance in diverse situations.

H. R., Quebec, QC

I send you this offering to thank Mother Gamelin for the courage she gave to my boy, who suffers from cancer. I also ask her for his cure.

G.L., Louiseville, QC

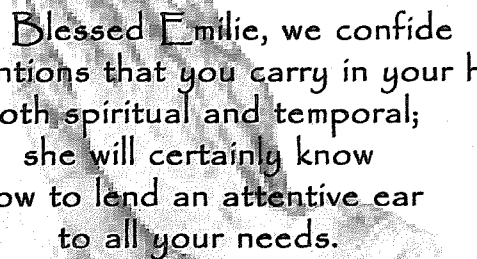
Thank you for your prayers for my grandson. Mother Gamelin helped him a lot, and I am sure that she will continue doing it. He got a good job three weeks ago, and he is much better. I will keep putting him in her hands. M.G., Adstock, QC

I come to thank Mother Gamelin. Indeed, I entrust my little miseries and my difficult moments to her, and I always have a positive response. I know she is present in my life. L.P.,Ancienne-Lorette, QC

I wish to thank Mother Emilie Gamelin for enlightening and guiding me in a very complicated situation, which was finally resolved. S.Q.G., San Antonio, Chile

*Sister Therese Frigon, S.P.*

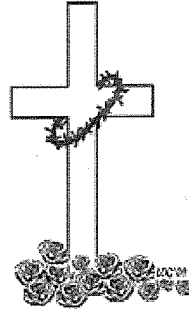
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To Blessed Emilie, we confide  
all the intentions that you carry in your hearts,  
both spiritual and temporal;  
she will certainly know  
how to lend an attentive ear  
to all your needs.

*Every Easter, Christians remember and celebrate  
the Resurrection of Christ....His passage from death into Life.  
Our team wishes you a fruitful Lent and a joyful Easter!  
May the grace of Jesus' Resurrection  
extend to your homes and to your families and friends!*

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