

## The Letter to Anne de Guigné's Friends

**Anne de Guigné and her increasing radiant influence**

*Dear friends, we offer you at the end of this year, a series of testimonies, received mostly at the Villa Saint-Benoît in Cannes by the sisters of Our Lady's Missionary Family. We transmit them as we received them.*

“This school year (2015/2016), my small 6th form class was preparing their Renewal of Baptismal Vows under the protection of Anne de Guigné, for whom they have a great affection. In the course of my readings to prepare this event, I found your address. As the book was dated 1970, I hope that you still exist? If you would be kind enough to send us pictures of our beloved “little saint”, how grateful we would be...” a Dominican teacher.

During the 2016 Cannes film festival, among the members of the œcumenical jury staying at the Villa Saint-Benoît, was a priest from the Ivory Coast. Before his departure, he went, on his own initiative, to pray in Anne's room. He had many matters to entrust to her. To one of our sisters he was able to confide that he was responsible for a programme for children in his country and he had placed this intention with Anne.

On the guest book, another priest asked Anne to intercede for **fidelity in the priesthood**.

June 2016 : “My grand-son G. about whom I have spoken to, you, who came to Anne's room and did not want to know anything about Jesus, is now preparing for his first communion. Moreover, he told his teacher and class-mates about Anne (He is at school in the Chateaufort de Galaure Foyer de Charité). G. kept talking about Anne and, as the teacher did not know about her, he lent her the books and the DVD he had acquired during his visit to Cannes. The teacher was touched by the life of this saint and the class undertook a long route with Anne and since then, she has accompanied them during their studies.

“Anne, if you can hear me, know that I love you very much and I admire yo.”  
(Written by a child in the 2016 guest book).

There was a telephone call from Nice from a lady who wanted to know who Anne de Guigné was, this little girl to whom she attributed a grace received. One day, as she was praying in the church as she was accustomed to do, she found, left on a pew at the back of the church, a picture of Anne with a prayer on the back. She recited this prayer for her son who was having conjugal problems (threat of separation) Anne's intercession was effective as the mother explained later on the telephone.

A family entrusted to Anne a baby who had undergone two operations on the spinal cord. The operations were successful. In November 2015, a grandmother came to Anne's room to give thanks for the birth two little twin girls : "I have come to pray, our prayers have been granted" (no further details).

In 2015, two young people stopped at the Villa Saint-Benoît and asked if they could have a room for the night on their way to Rome on pilgrimage. They were coming from Saint-Jacques de Compostelle. One of them, an Argentinian, was half asleep in the hall of the chapel, near the cross of Notre-Dame des Neiges and he saw Anne's portrait on the wall. It was as if she was saying to him : "Don't worry, here you will not lack anything".

Before continuing their pilgrimage they visited Anne's room. Anne moved that young Argentinian to tears. He left a marble as a souvenir of his visit and to symbolise the children he was in charge of in Argentina.

In the course of the last few months, in a very striking way, many people have been wanting to be helped in the teaching of catechism to children by Anne's life and example. It seems that it was like an inspiration from on high, to go in that direction. The telephone calls and visits to Cannes all bear witness to this by asking advice sometimes, asking Anne's help, considering rightly her to be like a living child, a friend present in the midst of the children, a friend who is present and who acts. She is also a stimulant, an encouragement for the prayer of the Rosary and eucharistic adoration for children. Catechists from Paris (the English-speaking parish Saint-François-Xavier), from Nice and elsewhere. For small children, it is not rare to have a photo of Anne in the centre of the children: "I will bring your photo into my future class of 3 year-olds so that you can guide me with Mary and help me to teach them well" (Guest book, July 2016).

A mother had a particularly difficult child. He came into Anne's room and had a series of very serious crises. His mother asked him if he wanted to pray to Anne. We do not know if he did pray, but his mother prayed and although the crises had not disappeared they became less violent (since we have had no news).

Dear little Anne, **you have often granted my prayers**. Today I ask you... (Guest book 2016)

A mother used to invoke Anne for the small or more serious health problems, as soon as they began to go on for too long with any of the family members. Anne always came to their help, she testified. Anne stopped frequent crises of spasmodophilia, not to mention other small problems.

On St. Pius X's feast day, August 21<sup>st</sup> 2016, a married man was so happy to learn more about Anne de Guigné and the places she had known in Cannes. In fact, he had heard about Anne for a long time from a friend who was a priest of the Nice diocese and born in 1922. "I discovered with joy, the priest said to his friend, a little girl with whom I have something in common. We both benefited from Pope Pius X's decree authorising children at the age of reason to take communion."

This summer, an evangelical couple came to our villa with their little three-year-old child. At first, we did not think of showing them Anne's room for their interpretation of the bible does not lead them to pray to the saints or, indeed to the dead. The little girl spoke about the room; and misunderstanding and providence combined enabled us, two sisters, to accompany the evangelical couple to Anne's room. They were open-minded and respectful. The man was intrigued to know how we considered this place: was it a museum? A historical place, no doubt? For him, it could not be anything else. In fact, it is much more than that: **it is a place of grace and prayer**, as so many testimonies reveal.

Grace is present in this room. It is sometimes tangible: tears, emotion, but more often it is not visible from the exterior. The guest book lets us catch a glimpse sometimes of a part of its secrets: "Anne de Guigné, I thank you for I have confided my secret to you and I felt a force and a presence. I wanted to tell the others the unimportant thing I had asked for, but I think you whispered to me : "it is our secret" (a young girl).

An adolescent wrote: "When I enter your room, I feel your presence and it does me good".

In the guest book during these last months of 2016, we find many, many spontaneous thanks: thanks for Anne's life, her example, her purity, her love... Close to Anne, people are happy to find what they are looking for and which becomes increasingly difficult to find in every day life. They encounter God and His grace, which the blessed in Heaven found during their life on earth and continue to give during eternity.

Yes, thank you Anne for having opened your heart and given it to the Lord: in return, He was not lacking in generosity. He revealed to you the unbelievable love of His heart. "Dear Jesus loves me much more than I love Him."

May your beatification which we hope is near (many are praying for this

intention!) permit you, little girl of 10 and a half, to transmit to the whole world the messages that Our Lord has allowed you to reveal. The wealth of a state is not the money, it is the child.