

NEWS OF THE POSTULATION

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progress of the procedure for recognizing the cure of Josette Poulain.

This newsletter of the Postulation is a detailed echo of the progress of the procedure for recognizing the cure of Josette Poulain.

At the end of August, for the first time, was held the meeting of all the members of the Tribunal for the causes of the saints of the diocese of Rennes, to open the second phase of the investigation on the cure of Josette Poulain. Here is the report of this first meeting, written by the secretary, Miss Roulliaux".

THE CAUSE OF JEAN-MARIE DE LA MENNAIS

THE MEETING OF THE 29TH AUGUST 2018 AT THE DIOCESE OF RENNES

Members present:

- Fr. Bernard Heudré – Episcopal Delegate
- Valérie Roulliaux – Notary,
- Bro. Michel Bouvais – Vice Postulator

- Fr. Henri Chesnel – Justice Promoter
- Bro. Dino de Carolis- Postulator
- Dr Antoine Pelletier – Medical Expert,
- Sr Maryvonne Nivoit, et Sr Jean Hénon.

Brother Dino explains that he invited the Sisters Maryvonne and Jean, Daughter of Providence, who are not part of the tribunal but are concerned with this case, because Saint-Joseph Clinic of Combourg where Josette Poulain was hospitalised belonged to their Congregation.

Brother Dino gives each member two dossiers :

- *1st dossier*: - His letter, dated January 20, 2018, addressed to the Archbishop of Rennes
- His letter, dated February 23, 2018, addressed to the Bishop of Saint-Brieuc and Tréguier
- The unfolding of the diocesan process concerning the unexplainable cure of the girl, Josette Poulain (1956 - 1962),
- The list of witnesses to be listened to,
- The report about the accident and the cure of Josette Poulain, written under oath (1955):
- An original copy with comments by Brother Dino.
- *2nd dossier*: - Copy of the oaths taken by the Doctors who examined the girl in 1955, including Dr. Galaine and Dr. Méheut.

Brother Dino recalls the history of this cause. The first part ended in 1966 (with the proclamation of the heroicity of virtues), and the search for a cure to proclaim blessed Father Jean-Marie de La Mennais.

Three years ago, an Argentinean child was healed, but this cure was not declared miraculous.

In 1962, Josette Poulain's dossier was sent from Rennes to Rome where it remained without examination. There was not enough evidence in this dossier. In those days two miracles were required. With the child from Argentina we could get the second miracle.

Currently, the second phase which consists in collecting all testimonies is open, with three objectives:

- to draw a portrait of Dr. Galaine (competence, honesty and the accuracy of his diagnosis),
- to highlight the family context of Josette Poulain (poor family from every point of view),
- to specify inconsistencies (chronology of facts, taking medication or not and the exact terminology of words).

In this perspective, we must listen to the witnesses and organize a visit to Josette Poulain by two independent medical experts of the tribunal.

After this presentation by Brother Dino, everyone received the questionnaire for the hearings prepared in the morning by the Postulator, the vice-Postulator and the Notary. Brother Dino specifies

that this questionnaire must be reviewed by the Promoter of justice and the expert Doctor of the tribunal.

Dr. Pelletier's suggestion: to have testimonials from different doctors to highlight Dr. Galaine's skills. For that, it would be necessary to ask Dr Jeannette Béliard, during his hearing, if she does not know other doctors who knew Dr. Galaine. According to the Sisters, these doctors died. To be seen...

Dr. Pelletier would like to see the X-rays taken at the time, and which are present in the dossier classified in the Historical Archives so as to get the opinion of a doctor. The Notary will consult the Archives to bring out these X-rays.

After the discussion, Dr. Pelletier will contact Dr. Myriam de Courrèges and Dr. Vincent Massart to ask them if they agree to be the two independent expert doctors of the tribunal, and if they can meet Josette Poulain the day she comes to Rennes to be listened to by the tribunal. Will it be necessary for him to make a scan? This is to be decided upon. Brother Dino specifies that the expenses will be taken care of by the Postulation.

Brother Dino will see if Josette Poulain's sister, Elisabeth Poulain, will have a hearing.

For the hearings, foresee 45 minutes. First dates retained:

- 15 October 2018, at Rennes: 1st audition: Yves Joucan (could come with Josette Poulain), Josette Poulain, François Vigour, Maryvonne Vigour, Mrs. Pusquellec, Elisabeth Poulain (wait for news from Brother Dino).

- October 18, 2018, at Saint-Brieuc - Sr. St. Francis de Sales, Sr. St Augustine, Sr. Jeannette Boulliou.

- November 8, 2018, at Rennes: 1st hearing: Dr. Béliard, Sr. Jean, Sr. Jacques, the Parish Priest of Ploërmel.

PRAYER OF THE NOVENA (OCTOBER 2018)

Intentions

For the healing of persons recommended to God through the intercession of the Founder

Spain Bro. Virgilio Gutiérrez Rodríguez.

France Mathilde, born in 2010, got organ transplant at the age of 2.

Mrs Galisson, accentuated speech disorders

Italy : Elena, Mother, cancer, Albano

Valentina, 30 years, breast tumour, Roma

Canada: Jayden Aubut, 9 years, brain tumour, operation delayed

Jacob Ménard Waloch, one year old, severe deafness.

and all other intentions recommended to our prayers in the Provinces / Districts, plus those placed on the tomb of Jean-Marie de la Mennais at Ploërmel.

Prayer for the beatification

God our Father, you gave Jean-Marie de la Mennais, a generous heart and an unwavering zeal to make known and loved your Son Jesus and his Gospel.

Grant us to follow his example. Give us the courage to build united and fraternal Communities.

Help us to proclaim your Gospel to the youth of today.

For the glory of your Name, grant that the holiness of Jean-Marie de la Mennais may soon be recognised and proclaimed by the Church.

Deign to grant us, O Lord, through his intercession, the healing of the persons recommended ...

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

O Lord Jesus, glorify your Servant, Venerable Jean-Marie de la Mennais