

And After?... Return to ordinary life

After seeing that the girl was in good health, the doctor, Dr. Galaine, and the surgeon, Dr. Méheut, mutually decide not to carry out the trepanation. In addition, they did not prescribe any treatment.

Back in the room, after the doctors had left, the family's neighbor, Marie-Ange Guitton, who had come to watch over the little girl during the night, discovered that the girl had a normal face, without any trace of paralysis.

The next morning, around 2 a.m., that Monday, January 24, the Sister who had prepared the trepanation, found the little girl sitting on her bed and holding in her hands the portrait of Jean-Marie de la Mennais which she found under her pillow. She smiled and spoke, turned and flipped the image in her hands: *"I have a beautiful picture,"* she repeated. On the other hand, she got surprised when she passed her hand over to her head only to find that she never had her hair anymore... Later on, she requested for something to eat.

In the morning of that Monday, Josette's good state of health was confirmed. She was found to be normal with eyes wide open and smiling.

As a precaution, she remained under observation for a week but without any particular problem, except that her temperature increased a bit which was considered normal in young children.

In the dossier of the first process (1955) appears the medical files of temperature and blood pressure measurements. In both cases everything returned to normal. In addition, there were two x-rays (frontal and lateral) of the skull, which are now difficult to interpret, but which revealed no sign of fracture or dipression.

Finally, vagueness persisted in the testimonies concerning the possible administration of the luminal. It would be dispelled later. Only a light administration of effervescent luminal would have been given the following day, at the report of a moment of agitation. This would confirm that the patient did not have any treatment that could have helped to confirm the explicability of the cure.

Some time after leaving the clinic, Josette went back to school and resumed her normal life as if nothing had happened ...

... Life became ordinary again for Josette, her family and for the two communities of the Daughters of Providence. The diocesan process in regard to this miracle took place in 1957 and the *Copia Publica* was submitted to and archived by the Congregation of Rites, (today it is known as the Congregation of Causes of the Saints), in October 1962 from where it was found in 2018.

For her part, Josette Poulain followed her path before returning to settle in Combourg where she accompanied her mother during the last years of her life.

At the time of the events that interest us, she was just 6 years old. Brother Dino, Postulator, during a first meeting with Josette Poulain, January 3, 2018, was able to note that the healing, which remained unexplainable, did not mark the memory of the person concerned, any more than the memory collective of the people of Combourg. *"At some point I pulled out an old picture, similar to the one she received that night."* When Josette saw it, her face lit up and she exclaimed: *"Ah, yes, now I remember a picture like that, now I remember it. "*