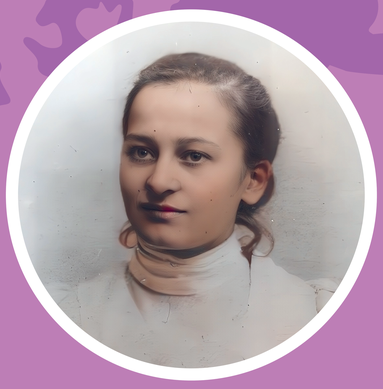
“A catechist of fire”

A short and intense life



Liège

Saint-Denis
Aubervilliers

Yssingeaux

Loreto

Rome

1876: Eugénie Joubert was born in Yssingeaux, near Le Puy-en-Velay (France), on February 11, the 18th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes. She was the 4th child in a family of 8.

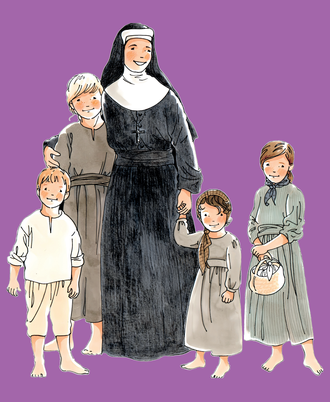
1881-1894: Eugénie experienced very early the suffering of having separated parents: «*I have great family pains, I bear them for the Good Lord*».
Her most beautiful memory, «*the brightest*», was her first Communion, on May 29, 1887, with the Ursuline Sisters in Monistrol-sur-Loire, not far from Yssingeaux, where Eugénie was a boarder.
She devoted herself to the young, the poor and the sick, and she volunteered to teach catechism in her parish.

1895: on July 2, Eugénie joined the community of the Sisters of the Holy Family of the Sacred Heart, in which her older sister Marie was already.

To a cousin who questioned her she said with conviction: «I want to be fully religious».

1896-1902: Having received the religious habit on August 13, 1896, Sister Eugénie Joubert joyfully carried out an apostolic mission in the popular districts near Paris, Aubervilliers and Saint-Denis (France), and then in Liège (Belgium).

«*Let us do little things well. Let us take advantage of everything to sanctify ourselves!*», she said to her companions.



1903: after being diagnosed with tuberculosis, Sister Eugénie Joubert went to the Generalate of her community in Rome, where she received support and care. She experienced an extraordinary spiritual closeness to Christ.

After several pilgrimages to the shrine of the Holy House of Loreto which, it is said, hosted the room where the angel visited the Virgin Mary in Nazareth, she asked Our Lady: «*May Jesus live in me and I live in him through You*».

1904: she returned to Liège to rest, far away from the hot summer days of Rome, and at the age of 28, on July 2, she delivered “joyfully to God her very pure soul”, despite the sufferings, mumbling «*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!*»

1994: She was beatified in Rome on November 20 by Saint John Paul II who held her up as a model for catechists. She is celebrated throughout the Church on July 2.

**“This is true love:
by making Jesus reign
inside me, I am sure
to make him reign outside”**
(Sister Eugénie Joubert)

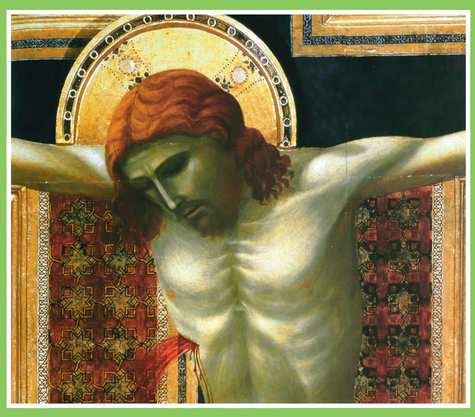
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Meet Jesus

«God does not prevent us from laughing and enjoying ourselves, as long as we love him with all our heart»

(Sister Eugénie Joubert
to her younger sister Antonia)



Eugénie Joubert was said to be "like a lark". She witnessed to the "spirit of childhood" so dear to great saints, which consists in not wanting to "do" but "be" in the divine will, through an inner movement of spiritual abandonment that is continually renewed.

God is our Father and we are his children: ***"Let us be led and guided by God... Our trust will not be deceived".*** (Notebook, Sister Eugénie Joubert, retreat before the vows)

The rosary, with the meditation on the mysteries of Christ's life, was her favorite prayer.
«***When I saw Sister Eugénie reciting the rosary, it was good for me. She meditated so much in that moment, she was so far away from the world! It seemed to us that she was with the Blessed Virgin!***»

(Testimony of a fellow nun)

«The secret to remain children of God is to remain children of the Holy Virgin»

(Letter from Sister Eugénie Joubert to her sister Antonia, November 10, 1887)



Eugénie Joubert's rosary

Sister Eugénie drew from prayer her joy in making Christ known.
He was her dear friend.

«My impatience then turned into sweetness. Jesus came, spoke to me, comforted me and gave me the secret to find Him always».

(Eugénie Joubert)

Supported by the grace of prayer, Blessed Eugénie Joubert breathed joy and peace, which she drew from heart to heart contact with God. For that reason, she achieved wonderful results in her apostolate, even with children who were hostile and rebellious.

«***Never speak or act in a moment of impatience, always wait until the first impulse has passed, either to answer or act***».

(From Sister Eugénie Joubert's notebooks)

«Everything becomes easy for those who love»:
Eugénie invites us to multiply small gestures of love in everyday life, also and especially when it comes to give up our own projects and expectations, to welcome the other, seeking unity and harmony...



«Nothing is small in what Love demands»
(Sister Eugénie Joubert)

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Witness to the faith

«Above all believe and live what you teach… preach by your own example»



Eugénie Joubert previously experienced in herself what she witnessed to the children: "God is Love" (1 *John* 4). For that reason, Saint John Paul II saw her as a true model for catechists. In some way she is already their "patroness".

«Children look at us as witnesses, that is as people who preach with their lives, with their faithfulness (…) If we do not live what we teach, it is just fine words that bring little fruit».
(From Sister Eugénie Joubert's notebook, "I love Mary")

«Sweetness towards children. If one of them more turbulent than others causes me impatience, I will think of the sweetness and the patience that Jesus shows me, despite my unfaithfulness».
(Sister Eugénie Joubert)



With the Sisters of the Sacred Family of the Sacred Heart, Eugénie Joubert was a catechist in Aubervilliers, Saint-Denis, Liège and Rome…

«One day, I will go to Africa!», she used to say, but it was in Europe that she carried out her mission, even if the first miraculous healing attributed to her intercession took place on the African continent, in Benin, in 1920. Marie Okoko, the young girl healed, became a nun.



Sister Marie Okoko was healed through the intercession of Eugénie Joubert before getting herself involved into religious life.

"Sister Eugénie, teach us to listen to every child, every young person, every adult who is entrusted to us in their journey of faith.
May sweetness and patience make us joyful witnesses of Jesus, the incarnate Love that gives meaning to our lives."

(A prayer for catechists asking for the support of the Blessed)

«Everything becomes easy for those who love»
(Sister Eugénie Joubert)



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Love the Church

«In Nazareth I was the obedient, the poor, the beggar, the annihilated… Will you follow me in my way of poverty, my way of love?»
(Jesus to Sister Eugénie Joubert)

From Rome to Loreto

In **1903**, Eugénie, suffering from tuberculosis, was sent to Rome where she spent a year. From Rome, seat of the successor of Peter, to Loreto - where, according to legend, the Holy House of Nazareth was transported - between the gold of the Eternal City and the bricks of Nazareth in the time of Jesus, as well as on the tomb of Saint Benedict Labre, patron of travellers, Eugénie experienced the beauty of the universality of the Church.



The figure of Saint Benedict Labre influenced Sister Eugénie's spiritual journey.

Together with her fellow nuns, Eugénie Joubert was received in audience by Leo XIII. She attended his funeral and the coronation of his successor, Saint Pius X. The teaching of those two Popes, the proximity to the poor and transmission of the faith to the little ones, confirmed the charism of Eugénie Joubert's spiritual family.



«We are in the true Nazareth, in the burning hearth of the Holy House» (Sister Eugénie)

The Marian shrine of Loreto struck Eugénie in a particular way, as it evoked the humility and poverty of a small and unknown village in Galilee, Nazareth.

«After the Holy House, it seems to me that nothing will remain but Heaven»
(Sister Eugénie's letter, September 23, 1903)

After her visit to Loreto, Blessed Eugénie Joubert spoke more and more with Jesus in the secret of her heart, heart to heart!

«Jesus! You alone are beautiful! You alone are great»
(From Sister Eugénie Joubert's notebooks)

From the garden of the General House of her Congregation in Rome to the shrine of Loreto, Eugénie Joubert spent the last years of her life offering her sufferings for the Church, which she loved above all as the Mystical Body of Christ.

Jesus himself spoke in a miraculous manner to Eugénie during that period of her life in Rome, giving her testimony a universal dimension.



Every day Sister Eugénie, with her fellow nuns, drew from the Eucharistic Adoration the love that nourished their service to young people and their dedication to the Church.



«As long as Jesus is pleased… as long as he is happy with me»
(Sister Eugénie Joubert)

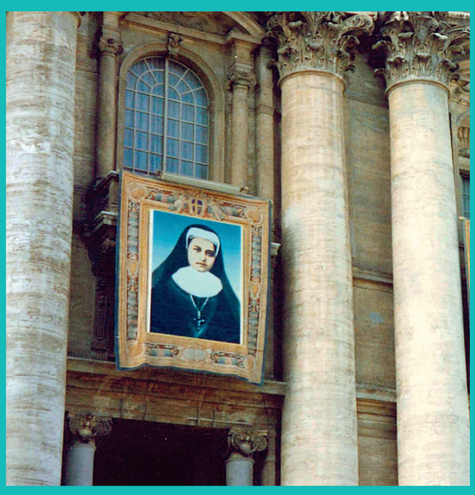
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Follow Eugénie

«*We must love each other in God and for God*»

(Eugénie Joubert)



Eugénie was beatified on November 20, 1994, in Rome.

As a child, Eugénie Joubert experienced the hardships of a broken family... the complexity of a single parent family... emotional void... moments of isolation... fragility... As a young woman, she experienced doubt about her faith... about her religious vocation... And very early, as an adult, she experienced disease and sufferings... before being called to heaven at the age of 28.

Sister Eugénie Joubert achieved a balance between union with God, through prayer and the spirit of service, which for her was expressed through catechesis and the catechumenate. She opened up paths of hope and continues to do so for us!

Praying with Blessed Eugénie Joubert means putting God first in our daily lives with the simplicity and confidence of a child.

Let us invoke the Blessed for children and young people who live the torments of divided families, the pain of loneliness, the loss of orientation, the tyranny of social networks... bullying...

Let us invoke her for parents concerned about the future of their children and family members; powerless in the face of their expectations; without answers to the questions and anxieties of the moment.

Let us invoke her for those who are caught by vulnerability, who endure disdain and betrayal; who are marked by precariousness and violence, or affected by uncertainty, pain and grief.

Let us invoke her for those who take refuge in indifference, resigned in the face of the torments of the world; ignorant of poverty; far from solidarity; inclined to deny responsibility for the future of humanity.



Pilgrims praying in the chapel of the church of Saint-Gilles in Liège in which Sister Eugénie Joubert's relics lie.



«Again and always: courage, trust. Do not reason, believe firmly, without doubt»

(Sister Eugénie Joubert)

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Praying with Eugénie

Blessed Eugénie,
You gave your life to Christ.
You lived in union with Him.
You loved Our Lord wholeheartedly.
You wanted to keep Him company,
even in his suffering.
In sickness, you offered
your suffering to God.
Help us to unite with Christ too,
to find true love in Him,
especially in our trials.
You told the children about Jesus Christ.
You were an enthusiastic catechist,
who testified with accents of faith.
Help us to witness to our faith today.
Inspire catechists in their commitment.
Inspire young people on their journey of faith.
Intercede with Christ
for each one of us,
for those we love,
for those who suffer,
and for all humanity.
Amen!
Mgr. Jean-Pierre Delville, Bishop of Liège



After her stay in Rome, Sister Eugénie Joubert spent her last days in the community of her congregation in Liège. Her relics are venerated in the church of Saint-Gilles of this Belgian city.

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