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We want to thank all who have written to us in the past to let us know that Sister M. Emilie is needed. We cannot publish all answers to petitions. But every contribution is important for the process of beatification. Therefore again the petition: Please, write your *petitions and answers to petitions* through the intercession of Sister Emilie to the Sister M. Emilie Secretariat with your **signature, date, and address.**

We are also grateful for donations.

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Sister M. Emilie Demonstrated Courage!

We do not have the coronavirus pandemic under control yet, and many things have changed during this time. Life in public and in the Church has been restricted, hindered, and paralyzed. On the other hand, initiative, creativity, and commitment for others has been awakened. Discouragement and resignation are no longer acceptable. We [must] look to the future. We have to concentrate on what is essential in our life, on what is enduring and has a future!

We go courageously into the future with trust in God's mercy and assistance. He will not abandon us. Let us look around ourselves to the people near us. Let's give them courage! Let's help them overcome sorrow, loneliness, existential distress and fear of the future. A telephone call, a greeting card, a friendly hello, a little help at the right moment are good ways to give encouragement during this pandemic.



help. My husband came through the surgery for the stents and the new heart valve well. With regard to the pancreas, it was a matter of a cyst that did not require surgery. I promised Sister M. Emilie to publish the exceptional help received. I.N.

I have a nephew who is severely disabled and very fragile in health. It was assumed that if he ever contracted Covid 19, he would have zero chance of survival. Every possible precaution was taken to protect him from getting the coronavirus. Nevertheless, he was struck with Covid 19. (One month prior to that, he had been in the hospital with double pneumonia.) I alerted a large group of friends asking them to pray to Sister M. Emilie that the child's life would be spared. A team of doctors at a reputable hospital for children oversaw my nephew's treatment and miraculously he survived the corona virus with a mere five days of hospitalization. I attribute this wonder to Sister M. Emilie who herself suffered under a respiratory disorder and I request the publication of this answer to a prayer. V. H.



Sister M. Emilie Helps in Professional Life

A misunderstanding arose with a colleague. I noticed that my attempts to explain things were only accepted superficially. She remained "tempermental." Once again, my only solution was [to pray to] Sister M. Emilie because I have noticed that solving "underground" tensions is her specialty, especially things that one can't really grasp and put into words. So I asked her for help. I can gratefully state that little by little the has mood improved. Many thanks, Sister M. Emilie. E. P.

Answers to Prayers

Sister M. Emilie Helps in Everyday Life

A young Chilean woman stayed in our house during a mandatory quarantine while she waited for the result of her Covid 19 test. This was a real challenge for her because the test could only be done after five days. In addition, it was inexplicable that the woman's suitcase had not arrived. Thus she had to manage without many important things...all inquiries and telephone calls to the airline were fruitless.

Again and again during this time I prayed the nine day novena to Sister M. Emilie in this intention. The ninth day arrived and I said to Sister M. Emilie: "Now it is your turn! You will receive a [written] answer to a petition. You have always helped me when I had problems with my luggage. Take care that the suitcase arrives!" ...I was on office duty and a delivery man came to the door. To my great surprise he brought the suitcase! Sister M. Emilie "punctually" rewarded my trust. Now I thank her with all my heart! N.X.

Sister M. Emilie Helps in Medical Needs

For many weeks and months, I prayed to Sister M. Emilie for my colleague who had married at an older age and was longing for child. Finally she had hope, and my prayers accompanied her during her high-risk pregnancy. Now she has given birth to a healthy child named David! Thank you, Sister M. Emilie. P.N.

I begged Sister M. Emilie and the Mother of God for help. My husband received two stents and a heart valve. Within the course of four weeks he had been treated in three different hospitals and then something was detected in the pancreas. I prayed the novena to Sister Emilie every day and asked for

Sister Emilie dared to renounce financial security

When we have the courage to dare something new, unknown horizons open up for us. Because she was willing to dare new things, to take risks, Sister M. Emilie often experienced this reality. In 1926, she decided to give up her beloved profession as a teacher in Herne-Sodingen and made herself available to Father Kentenich for the founding of the new community of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary. She left behind financial security and went into an uncertain future. With tremendous courage and with faith in her vocation to consecrated life she dared something new .

Sister Emilie dared building projects in post-war conditions

In 1946, Sister Emilie took over leadership of a new province with temporary

headquarters in Bad Salzig. In 1949, the community purchased a spacious house on the outskirts of Koblenz-Metternich, but the house was in ruin from the war. Both of these initiatives in post-war conditions demanded much energy, wise circumspection and great courage to dare. Even though the new province was poor, Sister M. Emilie dared incredibly much. Without equity, the blueprints for the expansion and renovation of the house and for construction of the shrine were drawn up. The difficulties accompanying these beginnings of the young community didn't seem to diminish Sister M. Emilie's ambition, courage, or joy in the least. Even when she had to awaken and conquer within herself the courage to endure, she undertook every new initiative that she and the community began with unshakable trust and security. (*A Life for God and People*, 40ff)
Sister M. Emilie and the other sisters bound themselves to

God with courage and trust that were like a gold thread stretching from heaven to earth and back.

Sister Emilie dared to be generous

Sister M. Emilie demonstrated courage and generosity in the 1950s when she made House Providentia available to the leadership circle of the Schoenstatt Girls Youth. The sisters left their rooms for the youth and shared their meager food provisions with the girls. According to Sister M. Emilie's wish, the kitchen sister generously served the ninety young women although the sister was sure her provisions were inadequate. One of the evenings things were so bad that she didn't know what she would put on the table the next day. She wanted to say to Sister M. Emilie: Is your trust in God and the Blessed Mother shaken now?

Then during Evening Prayer the doorbell rang. The sister opened the door and before her stood another sister from a house some thirty

kilometers away. That afternoon the sisters there had received sausage from a farmer who had just slaughtered. Those sisters said: They have many young people again in the house in Metternich to which one of the sisters responded, I'll bring the sausage to Metternich by bicycle. Thus the sister stood at the door late in the evening. The kitchen sister never doubted again when Sister M. Emilie, with confidence in the Mother of God, courageously and generously gave to others.

Sister Emilie awakened courage in others

Sister M. Emilie spoke encouragingly to a sister who was to be transferred to another house: "I want us to find the right place for you. Why don't you pray: 'Mother of God, send me where you would most like me to be?'"

These words gave the sister strength and inner fortitude



to dare the new

beginning. With God at her side, Sister M. Emilie could go her way courageously. She staked everything on the belief that God and the Blessed Mother would provide. Our future

rests in the hands of the Heavenly Father and a good Mother.

What Sister M. Emilie once wrote to a sister, she can say to us today in the midst of all worries and anxieties of life: "Do not lose heart: God and Blessed Mother know everything. [They are in control]." Do we believe this too? We are not alone now!

Sister M. Irmengild

Life Testimonies

I'm enclosing 20,- € with the request that a Holy Mass be prayed for my loved ones living and deceased and for me. Please use the remainder of the money to place a few small roses on Sister M. Emilie's grave. She is my daily companion and also my great example. She, too, had to bear suffering and nevertheless was there for others—with a smile on her face. May God grant me also the grace also to keep my smiling despite great pain. D.N.

My thanks to Sister M. Emilie. I feel like I know Sister M. Emilie very well because she is always there for me. It's easy for me to talk to her. I often ask her for help. Many thanks! Sister M. Emilie always gives me courage and protects me. Therefore I want to thank her with my whole heart and to ask her to continue accompanying me in the future. Thank you, Sister M. Emilie! R.K.