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Leo's death & dream fulfilled

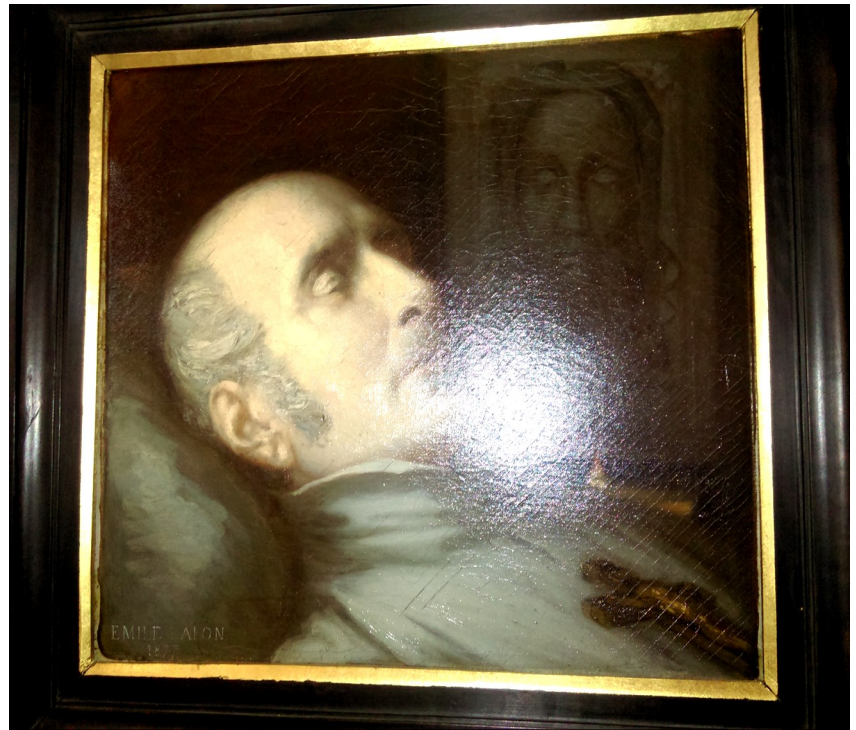
Leo Dupont was now fully crippled and helpless at 78 years of age. He was confined to his bedroom upstairs unable to come down to the miracle room where countless miracles took place. He was reduced to writing small letters with great difficulty to friends and catholic editors and writers encouraging them to defend the truth.

Another suffering arose for him when he finally became totally paralysed and could not respond to those who asked for his correspondence and who expressed disappointment at his silence. not understanding how close to death he was. Adele would sit for hours at his side reading to him and praying the Rosary with him.

Friends thought he was going through the dark night of the soul but he rallied on hearing the news that a 4th archbishop since the time of Archbishop Morlet, who had locked the revelations of Sr Marie of St Peter up in a safe in the bishop's palace, was appointed. The new Archbishop Colet personally wrote a hand written invitation to Leo little realizing how ill he was. Though he could not attend he continued to hope and pray and the following spring, Archbishop Colet himself unannounced arrived at Leo's house, went upstairs and laid hands on Leo praying with and for him.

Six months later the chaplain of the Carmelites came to Leo's home overjoyed and asked to see Leo who was now 79 and whose sight had failed. His hearing still held and the news was all he had suffered, hoped and prayed for his entire life, the writings of Sr Marie of St Peter had been approved by Archbishop Colet who had removed them from the safe, studied them and had theologians study them too. The result was overwhelmingly positive. Archbishop Colet wished to establish a confraternity or praying membership in Tours as a first step towards the full request of Jesus to Sr Marie of St Peter. He additionally urged that the revelations of Sr Marie of St Peter be published and spread as soon as possible. Leo's vocation and mission, as the public face of the devotion to ensure it would become available to France and the world was finally taking shape.

He was now ready to die. The most beautiful work under the sun was about to dawn. Finally after 30 years of waiting, hoping, praying and sacrificing himself as a victim soul and having his hopes dashed repeatedly. As he weakened, he received viaticum and the last rites. He then entered into a



Painting of Leo Dupont after his death. This is the only painting of him known. He burned the only existing painting of himself, not wishing for any cult to emerge dedicated to him, such that friends had to commission an artist to paint their best recollection of him.

battle with satan and was continually tormented and oppressed in his last week, such that Adele his servant and friend, had to douse him repeatedly with Holy Water and pray with him and for him.

In the early hours of Saturday March 18th 1876, Leo Dupont passed away, aged 79. He had requested a quiet funeral. But that was not to be. A large number of people attended, dignitaries and ordinary folk who recognized the passing of a great one.

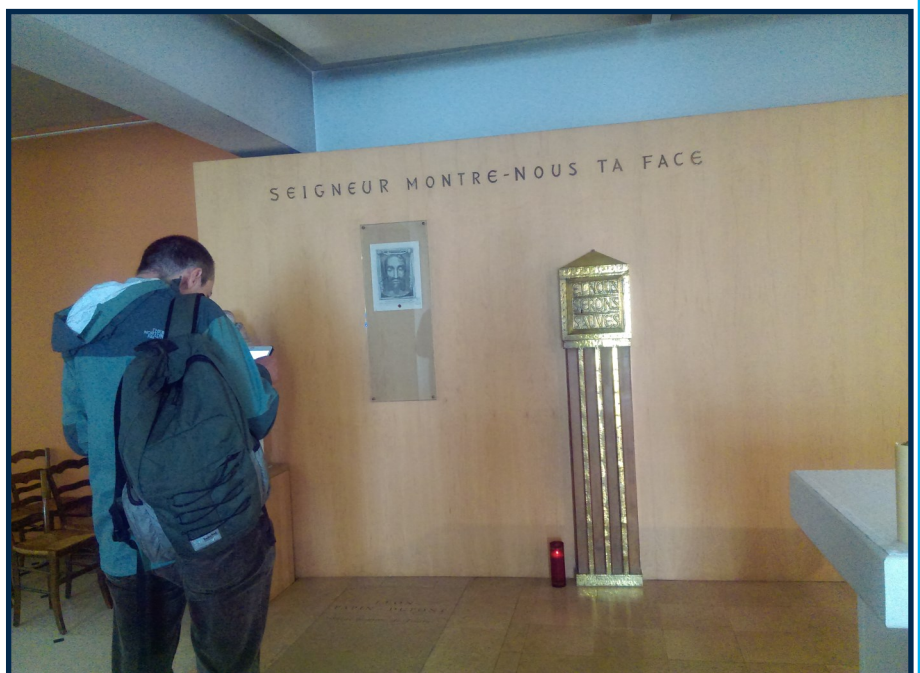
One month after his death, his house was put up for sale and this engendered a strong reaction from the people of Tours who feared that it would be ill used. His great friends, the Carmelites in Tours, to the rescue. They had received a large bequest and petitioned the archbishop to permit them to secure Leo's house. Archbishop Colet now moved quickly to turn his house into a public oratory. Thus the lamp before Leo's miraculous image of the Holy Face was kept burning.

When writing his will, Leo would not mention the miraculous image. He wrote: ***"It is from no forgetfulness on my part if I do not speak in my will of the Holy Face picture. ...God will provide for this according to His Holy Will."***

Did he perhaps have a premonition that his house would become a pilgrimage site internationally? Archbishop Colet himself first celebrated Mass there and delivered a sermon advising listeners to emulate the mystic of Carmel Sr Marie of St Peter and Leo Dupont, the Holy Man of Tours. He commissioned a personal friend and long time witness of the miracles wrought in Leo's home, Pere Janvier to write the first biographies of the two saints in waiting. He also appointed him superior of the new Order of the Holy Face, priests who were to dedicate their lives to the cult of the Holy Face. The first life of Leo Dupont appeared that year of his death and dual lives of Sr Marie of St Peter and Leo by 1881. Multiple translations emerged. As momentum grew Archbishop Colet now decided finally the time had come to petition the pope Leo XIII for the brief requested by Jesus. Yet he was not to see the fruit of his labours. He died suddenly, however his successor, Archbishop Meignan made the first approach to the pope who first granted indulgences to those who prayed at the shrine

He then organized a petition of the world's hierarchy to the pope to make of the Tours confraternity, an archconfraternity with standing internationally. 60 bishops and cardinals signed and Leo XIII responded swiftly, fast tracking the usual process. Without the formality of a brief from the pope, the work would die, Jesus had told Sr Marie of St Peter.

The brief ensured the Shrine had permission in perpetuity to receive members into the archconfraternity. And declared that no one, could undo it. Multiple dioceses established confraternities and the membership worldwide grew steadily, waned in the late 20th century, but is growing rapidly as people recognize Leo's mission, that; **'God demands reparation.'**



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