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a favour which never fails
by age or disappointments...
How often there are among
us great, genuine women
who know what sacrifice
is, that same sacrifice we
meet in women in all walks
of life... And it is an
occasion for thanksgiving,
for rejoicing together, for
~~and~~ putting it in the forefront
whenever we recognize it in
the others, for drawing ~~for~~
more and more women
into our community, eager
as most of them are, to
have a purpose for their ideal

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What do I mean with ^{our} insight
into our vocation as Grail?³
How can it grow? How
can it develop? Which are
its sources?



So each one of us came
to the Grail for \neq reasons.
And isn't it a sign of
its richness and beauty
that so many new aspects
can be taken and developed?
(exemplar)
But that very reason
which brought each one
to the Grail is not yet
the Grail! The Grail is
beyond that!

There is sometimes one with
a greater vision or a wider
experience but even then
show great her insight
may be it is not yet the
whole of it!

Spain, where are the
sources?

Of course the very basis
of it all is in the great
inspiration and ideal of
P. v. G. What he said
in retreat and courses
what he wrote here
and there, the conversations
he had with those who
still knew him, all that

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is the very basis. (Com. of⁴
the theol. ??) I wished,
you all had known him,
something existential would
have passed to you all
then, because such a
great man communicates
himself is totally
everything he
does.

~~But~~ F. O. G. himself
went by successive attempts.
He didn't find us
instantaneously! ... The
core of it was there right
from the beginning but



what a development is it
all! Could he see at that
time the exact implications
of the ~~goal~~, as an int mov. 3
of an Int. Cat. ~~for~~
Of course, not! Could he
see how all the missidney
effort would be affected
by the political transfor-
mation of the? Of
course not. ~~He~~ He did what
a great founder does -
he has sown that unique
seed which will grow
into a unique flower.
It was not his task
to do more.



He was deeply aware,
that having grown us in
the world with a seed
from the Church we
would grow and unfold
according to the needs of
the world and the
development of the Church.

~~Let us think a little bit
about these two connections.~~

~~To grow according to the
needs of the world - . . .~~

~~There ~~is~~ ~~have~~ I has been
so much change in these
40 years, has not it?~~



To unfold according to the 6
development of the Church ---



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And I wished that we could
clearly ^{see} how that ~~is~~ inner
driving force of life shapes,
transforms, perfects, leads,
nearly compulses towards
certain directions and goals.
This is a law of the
nature, of all created
beings, ~~but~~ of everything
which is on its way towards
completion. But it is also
a law of history
doesn't it grow by irreversible
steps towards an end,
a fulfillment? (a fulfillment
of another order, ~~but~~ of



course, as Christ will not
come as the ~~the~~ natural end
of history but as the last
jump of history (to the
eternal rest). In a
recent book, it is so clearly
pointed out, in the line
of the well-known works
of ~~Podszus~~ ~~Podszus~~ and
Danicou, that history has
~~not a~~ nothing to do
with the greek's idea of
"mythe de l'eternel retour".
History begins somewhere
and leads somewhere
else and in ~~this~~ way



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incorporates experiences, acquires
new dimensions, expresses itself
better. ~~Dr.~~ This Christian
vision of history which
is ours has its roots, the
author shows it, in the
Bible itself. There, exactly
as it happens in the realm
of the living creatures, ~~is~~
the very basic core of the
Revelation which already
contained all the potentiality
deepens and unfolds and
enriches itself along the
history of the people of
God. "It is not a static

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et approfondissement, au contact 74
des réalités historiques, d'une
révélation de départ qui
contenait en germe la vir-
tualité de son évolution ulté-
rieure." (p 70)

And this gives us such a freedom, this
originality of the Jewish vision on history.

Cannot it be said also
about the development of
the Christian faith by the
Church during the centuries?
Cannot it be said also
of the Grail?

This means then that
our insight into our
vocation as Grail has
to take into account all



these "elargissement et approfondissement" which took place "au contact des réalités historiques". ~~Et, telle~~
~~q~~ l'histoire d'Israël,
And, as well as with the history of Israel, it is our own history which can bring us much light.

We have gone through so many different steps - movement of thousands of women, little kernel underground, hidden and quiet beginnings in some new countries, quick growth



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trained leaders in the lay af-
folate, ~~temper~~ young ones
still fresh and trying to
find out a skill and ~~the~~
career-women with some
years of experience...

So many races and ^{cultures and} mentalities

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Doesn't it all mean and 7th
say something? Doesn't it
shape the trail as it is now?
Doesn't it open new ways
and possibilities? Doesn't
it bring a greater responsabi-
lity, because the situation
is much more complex
~~the~~ the family is bigger and
the opinions and ideas seem
to grow in ~~direct~~ proportion...

So, when we share our
experiences (and we do it
by all the "lateral" contacts
— who keeps up to them?)
when we come to the forefront
with our work and exploits



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and desires and thoughts and
we have been doing ^{it} consciously
through the Grail Review and
the Ducleus Letter, haven't we?)

~~then~~ when we meet each
other and ~~to~~ confront one
another, then we are trying
to realize among us which
are the new depths and the
new horizons of our vocation.

FIV, atg
We have our "prophets" as
Israel had (and isn't it
beautiful to think of the
prophetic role of the layperson
as F. Benze ~~and it~~
the last Grail Review
but, like Israel ~~and~~



when I stress one or ~~7 or 8~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Grail~~
another ^{aspect of the Grail} in the nucleus letter,
my dear people, I am not only
giving my personal ideas,
as Rachel, I am expressing
something on the behalf of
the community and on the
behalf of the Church. (of
course, I know that I touch
here a very delicate point
which is very much the
concern of us all and
I promise to come back
to it in my next letter)



Couldn't we then just now
as a common task for all
of us ~~of~~ start going through
all my letters which contain
some "doctrine" and ~~the~~
make of them points for
your personal meditation
and reflexion? verso pp 9

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it is our own development 7[✓]
in the events of ^{the} "daily life" of our Movement
which makes us more deeply
aware of the basic realities
and values for which we
stand. (No need to say
that this is the same idea
which F. Confar develops
in his fundamental book
when he writes that the
Church grows through the
structure and through the
life.)

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And here we are in the 8
beginning of 1961, a year
which will bring some
changes of people and
structure in our Movement.
And what can we take
more or really count
into our insight? Which
are the other sources?

It seems to me that
what P. V. G. has given
us has to be complemented
by the readings and
teachings of the Church
in our time. (XX) Doesn't it



become already clear
about the woman, the
meeting with non-Catholics,
the Biblical and liturgical
renewal? Doesn't it
become extremely sharp
in the global or vital
or existential attitude



that the Church is taking
in her catechetical effort?
We should not keep
strictly to what P. J. G.
said in this way but
enlarge his own vision
about methods and

ways of transmitting ⁹
the Message with the fruits
of our time.

Doesn't it become clear
also in what he said
about the meeting of \neq
cultures? Shouldn't we
again enlarge and
make it up to date,
rich and according to
the time in which we live?
He meant us to be so,
following clearly a line,
our unique line, but
always daring it,

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always in the forefront
as he himself was. ~~Heard~~

All this growth is of a ~~normal~~
normal, desirable! ~~could not be otherwise.~~ ~~So~~
could not be otherwise. ~~So~~
from all that a line should
become clear, a greater
vision should develop,
a deeper insight should
grow. Let us then take
it as a whole, without
prejudices, ~~with~~ or fears...
~~or~~ I am hearing some of
you saying: "I am not
able to do so. How can
I know if my conclusions



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are right?" Well, my dear 10
people, ~~the~~ then let us give
what each one can give and
let us rely in one another,
specially in those who, by
the very fact of their task,
are in the conditions to
have more elements in
hands for this insight.

I would like to urge
all of you to grow
that direction, ^(the insight) to make
of it a point of your conver-
sations and discussions and
meetings (as so often
I have suggested in my letters



to you) but I would like you
all to urge its developing
at the same time two
complementary attitudes.

A daring attitude - which will
enable us to profit from the
experience, to integrate new
possibilities, to trust in the
basic good will of the others,
to accept new points or ~~to~~
new formulations, to accept
~~that~~ new conclusions from
what P. V. G. has said, to
admit and encourage the
expression of new virtualities
of the Grail coming from
others who were not in it



right from the beginning, to 11
know that ~~if~~ ^{those among us} ~~these~~ ~~young ones~~
who have come from so far
("far" in distance and "far"
in experience) came because
of something unique they felt
in the trail, ~~and ^{they} have to~~
~~formulate it and~~ ^{that} this "something"
is perhaps not awakened in us

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A sound ^{prudent} attitude - which will enable us to keep always in mind the very essentials of our vocation, the role we play in the Church, the task which has been given to us by P. V. G. and explicitated by ~~the~~ ^{our} leaders; to ~~accept~~ ^{make ours} new ideas ^{only} if so far as they fit ~~humanly~~ ^{humanly} in our main lines of spirituality; to plunge into new fields and experiences ~~and~~ or to desire to do so only if so far as they are a genuine expression of the Goal



I would call, then, now, 42
for the balance of these two
attitudes, in one great, single
word, which I will write
plainly: wisdom.



This wisdom is ~~the~~
gift of the Holy Ghost
Himself — shall we perhaps
ask for it together? In
all that attitude, that consists
searching for wisdom in our
insight into our vocation as
Craik, we are deeply
plunged in the mystery of
the Church itself. The
Church grows in time also

by the very presence of all
the gifts of the Holy Ghost,
by the Holy Ghost Himself
who vivifies and sustains
and makes Her the pure
and immaculate Bride of,
the Lamb. But I would
dare saying that it all
the organic development
~~of growth~~ of the Church,
is Her process of growth,
in her self-knowledge
and ~~the knowledge~~ the mission she has
in the world, ~~the Church~~
is the relevance given now
and then to certain aspects

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of the Christian message, it is 13
very specially the ~~the~~ gift of
wisdom that we can see at
work. This idea is far from
being only a consolation for
us - it must be a practical
inspiration in our own growth
as a rail, as a little cell in
that great stream of holiness
which is the Church.

We are deeply plunged in
the Church, we are the
Church... ~~We can~~ whenever
we are at work and living
we are involved in the great
motherly bosom of the



→ survey não por seq. mas por campos

→ o artigo de fdo escrito m. antes,
enviando às pessoas dos #s países
e com ~~um~~ questionário insistindo
nas grandes lições q elas devem
comentar e dar a forma de
trabalho concreto

→ Thom

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M. {
→ Woman
→ Work ↔ Redemption

E. {
→ Community
→ Christian Culture

- East-West → Lisbeth
- Creation and the Cross — Bayler
- lit. form. → Lorraine
- liturgy → Eil.
- apostol. of city centers → Dolores
- inter-american → Elsa Chaney
- Uganda → Joan Dil.



Church, we breathe at her 14
rhythm, we share her cares
and concerns, we are the
extension of Her life, we
carry Her responsibility...

Then, we can be as daring
and revolutionary
as She is!... and as prudent
and patient as She is.

In the discovery of ~~new~~
ways ^{and} formulations adapted
to this moment of our
life, we will then listen
to the new needs, new
conditions... don't ~~we~~
~~all know by experience it~~



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~~our work that we are not
any more making an appeal
to young women preserved
from life who would have
to ~~know~~ learn in our midst
what responsibility and
sacrifice is? that the youth
of today is trained by life
itself?~~

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This vision of our
growth encompassing the
growth of the Church
is basic at every moment
but very specially when
we are concerned with
changes of structure.

Then it becomes an easy 15
temptation to think either
that the Holy Ghost will
provide all the inspiration
and ideas whatever may
be the human means we
provide for it or that
in order to attain the
maximum of ~~eff~~ apostolic
efficiency we have at once
to put ^{at work} all the structures
which we recognize as
good and desirable.

It is indeed, the Holy Ghost
who finally leads everything



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but this certitude surety we
have could never be an excuse
for less care in the developing
of the human ways and
means. Also, our longing
for more perfection in the
~~com~~ the trail has to develop
with that same patience
of the Church - knowing
~~to~~ very consciously what
the goal is, which
the idea and still
acknowledging ~~some times~~
that the time is not
yet ripe, because of
the people or the situation.

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and an object for their sacrifice.
All that is good and great
and all that is so, much
part of the Grail!



But... how often too with
all the weaknesses of true
women we get lost in our
dedication, we narrow
our vision by feelings or
emotions or just the ideolo-
gies according to the last
fashion, we loose our
insight into our vocation
as Grail. How often we
are in wonder before
values ~~by~~ which we have
been ~~so~~ immersed for years

and years without being deeply
aware of them



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