



**Our Lady of Good Success**  
in Quito, Ecuador  
and  
*The National Canadian Government*  
*Crisis*

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*(Described in Canada's national Press and media as "The worst Political scenario since 1926")*

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This Catholic writer is in no way "a political person"... not in any sense of the word... but as a lifelong citizen of Canada, who always manages to exercise her democratic right to vote in important political elections, I do hold to a certain general assessment of our top-ranking and foremost political position, the Office of The Prime Minister of Canada.

Our current, and recently re-elected Prime Minister (as of October 14th, 2008) is Mr. Stephen Harper, the leader of the Conservative Party of Canada.

*In my humble opinion, this gentleman is eminently suited to lead our country.*

He is not a cheap "showman", in any interpretation of this phrase. What he conveys is a certain respect-inspiring stability; a person not likely ever to be a prey to deceitful, or underhanded actions.

He is known to be a Christian, a pro-life, family man, respected in the (ever-vanishing) circles of social decorum and true respectability....*He impresses most sane Canadians as one to be trusted with upholding the country's present and future possibilities of stability, in both general and public morality, and decent secular business practices.*

In other words, he is NOT an excitable media-grabbing "wannabe" celebrity-imitator...but his quiet, unassuming, gentlemanly manner, is, to the contrary, most assuring to those in the population who have some respect still remaining, for the reflection-qualities of "refinement" and what used to be called "good breeding."

A recent comment on his physical appearance, made by a post-teenage young university student, mentioned that while basically Mr. Harper is even a handsome man- the beginnings of a few gray strands about his boyish full head of hair, seems to have given him "even a definitely statesmanlike look" (!!!)

So there.

All of these assets, I would tend to affirm, might well constitute the basic reasons for the many vicious, grossly unintelligent and quite blatantly vulgar attacks (and poisoned lance-thrusts) emanating from the Jealous Lefties currently occupying perches in the nebulous roosts occupied by so many of the general ranks of public media “gurus.” (Canadian, of course.)

The above having been stated, let’s move on with an introduction to the Canadian political scenario which is the “background” (or “film-type-set-description”) of the locale where the nefarious activity is now being acted out on our national “stage.”

The seat of national government in Canada is located here in Ottawa, capital city of the country, which nation is divided into nine provinces, extending from Newfoundland off the Atlantic coast in the East, to British Columbia on the Pacific coast, in the West. (Literally “from sea to sea.”) (We have also three territories, the Northwest Territories Nunavut and the Yukon.)

Our Federal Government consists of a Parliamentary system based on the British model. The British Monarch, traditionally has an appointed representative who resides in Ottawa, and this personage is known as the Governor –General.

The place of residency is called “Rideau Hall”, which is an impressive and large park-and-wooded estate, located on the outskirts of Rockcliffe Park, the “Beverly Hills” district of Ottawa.

In cases of unresolved parliamentary affairs of importance, the Governor-General has been invested with certain powers of intervention.

In today’s world events involving Canada and Canadians, the Governor-General of Canada is always the Queen’s Representative, and when Her Majesty or other members of the Royal Family visit Ottawa, they are sequestered at Rideau Hall.



The Ottawa landscape has been dominated for years by the House of Parliament with its famous Peace Tower, an internationally recognized symbol of “Ottawa, the City..”

“Parliament Hill” overlooks the Ottawa River, across which is the Province of Québec, a very visibly scenic sight.

Until recent years, an existing law was in force, preventing commercial buildings from exceeding a certain height - Parliament Hill, overlooking the Ottawa River, and located at the most northerly portion of the city’s downtown district, was to be a visual focal point, and no building was to be erected which would compete with the Peace Tower.

The Ottawa skyline was to be forever dominated by the outline of the House of Parliament (containing also the Senate Chamber) and the parliamentary Peace Tower.

This law was still in force, when, after this writer’s marriage in Toronto (the capital of the Province of Ontario) where she was born, brought up, and educated, she and her husband,

Daniel J. Cillis, moved to Ottawa to become residents of the Capital city of Canada. That was forty-five years ago.

However, the above-mentioned law was eventually abandoned when the city began to expand in size.

Ottawa is a mini-Washington, D.C. The foreign Embassies are all located here, and we are not an industrialized city. This is a city of mainly Government of Canada workers, many businesses, of course, and great scenic beauty. Our Rideau Canal which runs from Parliament Hill through most of the city, becomes “the longest skating-rink in the world” in wintertime. The city attracts thousands of tourists, annually.

We are probably the only city in North America which has a large (also picturesque) farm, located in its central area. This is called the “Experimental Farm,” and its many crops, flowers and various animals, constitute a must-see objective for great crowds of hundreds of tourists, mainly in the Spring and Summer months.

In the Springtime, Ottawa becomes a “City of Tulips.”

The origin of this phenomenon is worth including here, as this (extensive, I fear!) introduction to the main story, is meant to assist our American friends (Canadians as well) and readers, to feel a grasp of the background facts regarding a most extraordinary (and quite historic) narrative .....all a part of this place called “Ottawa.”

During World War II, the Dutch Royal Family received refuge here in Ottawa, during the Nazi takeover of Holland. Princess Juliana, her husband and family resided here, throughout the war years.

(The reigning Monarch, Queen Wilhelmina remained in Holland, at home.)

When the then-young Princess Juliana was delivered of a baby girl, (Princess Margriet) in the early 1940s, the birth took place in the huge Ottawa Civic Hospital.

Parliament declared the Maternity Wing of the hospital to be Dutch territory, to enable a possible future heir (or heiress) to the throne of Holland, to be “born in Holland”, and therefore have Dutch citizenship, and the Dutch flag was flown from the roof, at full mast. The Dutch government generously accorded full Dutch citizenship (dually combined with Canadian) to all babies born in the Civic Hospital Maternity, on the day of the birth of the new Dutch princess, and shortly afterwards as well.

At the end of the war, when the Royal Family of the Netherlands returned to Holland, Juliana (who later became Queen) expressed her gratitude to Canada and the Canadian government, by sending us millions of Dutch tulip bulbs, in a variety of beautiful colours- and the resultant Tulip Festival here, even up to today, draws tourists by the thousands into the city. The original gift has been renewed, whenever necessary, and the Tulip Festival is an established, annual and extremely artistic, fascinating Ottawa event....

So much for our civic scenario here in beautiful Ottawa.

Getting down to business, the House of Parliament has 308 seats. These seats are occupied by the Members of Parliament, elected throughout the country in areas described as “ridings.” In any federal election, there is fierce competition among electoral candidates representing the political parties competing.

The political parties vie with each other over the seats. A “Majority Government” is said to exist in which the winning political party has managed to capture a majority of the seats in Parliament. Their Leader is then acclaimed to be the Prime Minister of Canada.

But a political party leader can still become Prime Minister to preside over what is called a “Minority Government.”

This takes place when the Prime Minister’s party has achieved a superior number of seats over each of the other parties sponsoring Parliamentary candidates. The party with the next-in-number of seats to that of the Prime Minister then becomes the Loyal Opposition, and their leader becomes officially, the Leader of the Opposition. This leader is expected (by his party) to become dedicated to unseat (if possible) the Prime Minister, who did not capture a significant majority of seats, but did acquire for his party individually, more seats than any of the other parties running in the election.

We had an example of this scenario in our second-to latest Federal election. Our present Prime Minister, leader of the Conservative Party was first elected January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, at which time he ousted the Liberal Party Leader, Prime Minister Paul Martin, a nominal “Catholic” and a graduate of this Author’s Toronto Catholic College “Alma Mater”, St. Michael’s College, the University of Toronto.

This “Catholic” Prime Minister Martin has already gone down in our history as the one to *coax into federal law, a “Same-Sex Marriage Bill” (valid legally across the country)* in the year 2005, resulting in an influx of American “couples” coming up here, to be “married.”

In the Federal Election of the year in which Stephen Harper ousted Martin as a “Minority” government, this meant that the (defeated!) Liberals (and other parties) combined, occupied a majority of “opposition” seats.

But he, (Mr. Harper) was declared to be the Prime Minister (of a Minority Conservative Government).

On October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008, another Federal Election was held, and Harper retained his position as our Prime Minister, but it was again a “Minority Government”, although with a few more Conservative seats than in the former election where he had defeated Prime Minister Martin.

Our Government's “Upper House” is the Senate, and whereas Americans acquire Senators by public election, Canadian Senators are appointed by the Crown, through the Governor-General. When a bill is passed by a majority of votes in the Parliament, it still must be ratified by a vote of the Senate. When passed into law, it then receives the signature of the Governor-General.

The Governor-General as the British Monarchy's official representative, reports to the Queen, and is empowered to intervene in difficult situations.

## ***“The Worst Canadian Political Crisis since 1926”***

In the Federal Election of October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008, just passed, we not only had Prime Minister Harper defending his position as Prime Minister (he was re-elected) – but, *we also had no less than four other parties hoping to unseat him*, with leaders competing, namely Liberals (once again) but also the National Democratic Party (called the “NDP” and known in some parts of Canada as “the Communist Party” –(they are total socialists with minimal respect for religious affiliations); we had the “Bloc Québécois”, the Separatist Party, (they want to have the Province of Quebec declared a separate country) (!!) and the “Green Party” a very eager-beaver “environmentalist” group.

The Liberal Party's leader was Stephane Dion (French) with grandiose hopes of chasing Mr. Harper right out of Canada, but these recent election results revealed that this highly-motivated gentleman (Dion) and his Liberal Party were “thoroughly trounced”, the NDP were vastly outvoted, and the Green Party and the Quebec “Separatists” were significantly ignored.

Well, that should have been “the end of the story.” Not a chance!

## ***ENTER SNEAKERY INCORPORATED***

Well, almost overnight (although later facts emerged that these four defeated party leaders had schemed about this, earlier, in fact well in advance of the election of October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008) a staggering “Ego Trip” seized the national news spotlight, that the main three defeated (and obviously “desperate” “leaders” the Liberal, the NDP, and the Bloc Québécois formed an (unholy) alliance, a prospective “Coalition Government” challenge to oust by force the elected Prime Minister Stephen Harper, and force the entire country to accept the “Coalition” of opposing forces (and also contradictory ideologies!) whose combined total number of seats in Parliament account for a majority opposition.

Outrage burst out from all over the country. Letters to the Editors of daily papers abounded.

Sensible thinkers, everywhere apparently considered that if this prospective group would succeed - *Canada would become a Banana Republic, overseen by a Gestapo-like Triumvirate enforcing the brutality of a police state.*

(The N.D.P. had already influenced the late Liberal Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, over the famous “Charter of Rights and Freedoms,” by removing any clause protecting private ownership of personal property. (This fact is still not properly understood by a majority of Canadians.) You own your house, right? No, you don't) (!!!)

This “Coalition of Conspirators” even went so far as to express a public wish, to have, on the Parliamentary floor, a VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE in Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who throughout the entire election campaign preceding the October 14<sup>th</sup>, national vote, had been the clean-living, Christian, pro-life family man, and had been the liberal-leftist-press-target of the same type of secularist zealots who seem to want to attack anyone with decency and character, *and so, our Governor-General*, a lady by the name of Michaëlle Jean (the surname is French for “John”) *who was out of the country on a State Visit to the Middle and Far East countries, had to be summoned home immediately to Canada, to make a decision (within her mandate) to solve the horrific national crisis.*

This action had to be immediate, as “the conspirators” were scheduling the vote of NO CONFIDENCE in Parliament, *for Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008.*

*The bottom line was this:*

*“The “Coalition” of these three defeated leaders of various opposing political parties, were trying to bring down the newest and most-recently re-elected Conservative Prime Minister’s government, get rid of him, and instead, install themselves (with the bitterly and totally defeated Liberal leader, Stéphane Dion as the Prime Minister.)*

“Could they possibly get away with this caper?” – was the national question in press reports across the country.

It would inevitably have to rest with the Governor-General, who flew back in to Ottawa on Wednesday night (December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008), and scheduled a meeting for next morning, Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, for 9:30 a.m. at Rideau Hall with our Prime Minister, Mr. Stephen Harper.



This was only a couple of days in advance of the intended forced VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE, to be instituted in Parliament on the following *Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008) Feast of The Immaculate Conception (!!!)* and if this would be allowed to take place, Harper’s prospects of being ousted were very real, (according to Canadian news reports, this “Triumvirate” of three “wannabe” leaders hated the poor fellow, the PM) and owing to the persistence of the liberal press and the “pushiness” of this “ungodly” trio, the “coalition” might very well be able to seize the government of Canada, without any election, and by thievery and stealth, escalate themselves into power.

*An Important Note:*

Traditional Catholics in this country were most alarmed for all the above reasons, but also because of one other consideration:

Our recently -appointed Governor-General might not agree to the only reasonable and possible solution: to dissolve Parliament itself for a period of time, disallowing any “vote of no confidence” in Mr. Harper. She would certainly have the mandate to do so, but when she had been first inaugurated, and being a non-Christian, she had rejected the swearing into office required on the Christian Bible. (Her “Boss” is Her Majesty the Queen who is the visible Head of the Anglican Church notwithstanding, and it did occur to some of us that certainly prayers for success would be in order, both for Mr. Harper’s cause, but also for hers.)

## ***SUCCESS***

This is what we were hoping, for our fine Prime Minister.

With much gratitude to financial sponsors, this writer had visited Quito, in Ecuador, in January –February 2007.

There is a 400-year-old cloistered convent there, established in what was then a Spanish colony. The convent was called the Royal Convent of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and it was founded under the auspices of the Royal House of Spain.



It contains a five-foot-nine-inch Statue, considered “miraculous”, of the Virgin Mary, holding the Infant Jesus on Her left arm, and a Bishop’s “crozier” in Her right hand. The statue was sculpted for almost four centuries, and is called “***Our Lady of Good Success.***” The fascinating and true story of how it was completed by St. Francis of Assisi and the three Archangels, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, is part of the history of this sacred place.

The Statue and its shrine in the cloistered convent mentioned, has a history of miracles, for almost four centuries (the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the christening of the Statue of Mary Immaculate of Good Success will be celebrated on February 2, 2011).

This Author will always be grateful to have had the wonderful spiritual experience of spending nearly two weeks in Quito, and of praying, often, before this beautiful image of “***Our Lady of Good Success.***”

Mrs. Kathleen Heckenkamp in Wisconsin, U.S. helped to organize this wonderful pilgrimage traveling with many others to this holy place. (Her website is: [www.ourladyofgoodsuccess.com](http://www.ourladyofgoodsuccess.com)).

Disturbed as many other Canadians have been by the deplorable attempt on the part of these so-roundly-defeated “wannabes” trying to gang up and remove our federally elected Mr. Harper, the pro-life Christian family man and the nation’s choice for Prime Minister, not once but twice, a providential idea occurred to me (which in print I would like to give credit to St. Padre Pio, to whom this writer had prayed, seeking to find some way of making a positive contribution to the resolution of this terrible (and for me, “local”\_ situation), and the idea that came to me, was to call Kathy Heckenkamp in Wisconsin, before the 9:30 morning meeting on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 between Mr. Harper and our Governor-General.

*Ecuador is on the same hourly time schedule as Ottawa, Canada.*

Why not ask Kathy to call the Mother Abbess of the cloistered convent of the Immaculate Conception, where the miraculous Statue presides over the cloister as symbolic Abbess, and ask her to assemble her nuns to pray before this Statue of “*Our Lady of Good Success*”, for Mr. Harper, and for the Governor-General?

***The specific intention was to be that the Governor-General would suspend Parliament on Mr. Harper’s behalf, and that his rightful position as our elected Prime Minister would be reinforced.***

**(A SPECIAL NOTE):**

(In 1941, when Ecuador was threatened by invasion by Peru, the nuns at this convent had piously invoked “*Our Lady of Good Success*” to prevent the invasion and let Ecuador have peace. The request was granted. The invasion did not take place.)

I asked Kathy to ask Mother Abbess to have her nuns praying before the famous image of *Our Lady of Good Success* WHILE MR. HARPER WAS MEETING WITH OUR GOVERNOR-GENERAL, asking to give “Good Success” to our Prime Minister and to the Queen’s Representative. Kathy immediately called down to the Conceptionist Monastery and asked for all of the sisters to pray for this specific intention.

## ***The Outcome***

Mr. Harper emerged from Rideau Hall after an approximately two-hour conference with the Governor-General, and was met by a battery of newsmen and cameras.

***The Governor-General had suspended Parliament until January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at which time it will open with Mr. Stephen Harper, our duly elected Prime Minister releasing the Canadian government’s new Budget, to the country.***

***This news we would have reason to consider to be in the nature of another “Miracle” of “Our Lady of Good Success.”***

Let us continue to pray for our country, Canada, remembering that the part of the story of Our Lady of Fatima, included an excerpt about Pope Pius XII, who read the Great Secret. He was reported to have said “Poor Canada”, three times. We encourage our readers to direct many prayers to Mary our Mother, to watch over our country and our families, and protect our most vital spiritual interests especially those involving our families and our friends. Let Her give all of us “Good Success” in all “good endeavours.”

***In closing, a little note to our respected American readers:***

***The United States is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception. This is why your Catholic national Cathedral in Washington D.C. is called “the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.”***

*The Americans entered World War II with the declaration of war against Japan, on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941, the vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. (A Holy Day of Obligation in Canada.)*

*The total surrender of the Japanese nation was accepted by General Douglas MacArthur in the Philippines, on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 1945-The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States.*

V-J Day , therefore was August 15<sup>th</sup> (V-J = Victory in Japan)  
V-E Day was May 8<sup>th</sup>, Feast of St. Michael (V-E = Victory in Europe)

*(Padre Pio always said “There are no coincidences”)*

*The involvement of the United States in the Second World War took place between the two greatest Feasts of Our Lady. Co-incident? I don't think so.*

And now, that you dear American friends and readers also have (an unresolved) and very serious electoral problem - Could I suggest to you to mount a national petition to **“Our Lady of Good Success” in Quito, Ecuador**, to bring a resolution of “Good Success” to the many, many people of good will...our friends and neighbours, in your country?

And by the way, perhaps our American friends and readers (and also many Canadians), are not aware, *that our Archdiocese of Ottawa, seat of our Parliament, and home of our Prime Minister, is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception. Our Archdiocese Basilica is called Notre - Dame of the Immaculate Conception.*

And remember, that very special 400 year-old cloistered convent of very holy and dedicated religious sisters, in Quito, Ecuador, is called **“the Royal Convent of the Immaculate Conception.” Our lady is venerated there, as “MARY IMMACULATE... OUR LADY OF GOOD SUCCESS.”** (Visit her website: see page 7 for novena books, photos and information.)

May God bless you.

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