

Ch. 2 — Marcuis objected the "old ways" of the church (since he was an intellect)

- The Marcuis thought that Blanche was probably more Faithful than ever

- Blanche had become quite religious & wanted to serve God @ Carmel

- She was joyful despite the difficulties she faced

- "Disquieting Rumors" of the French Revolution crossed the threshold of the convent but Blanche was cheerful about them not reaching her at all (disillusioned)

- She had maxims/sayings that she repeated to herself to remain positive:

o "O God, to Thee do I sacrifice myself completely!"

o "O Suffering, sweet peace to the lovers of God, may I learn to know thee!"

- Madame Crissy suffered a long painful death, & it backed Blanche & her Steadfast Faith

- 1789: the French national assembly was convening at Versailles to take action against church property

- No new members of the convent would be permitted to join (temporary pending law)