

Chronology: from Madeleine Sophie's death until the present

25 May 1865: Madeleine Sophie dies in Paris.

29 May 1865: She is buried in the cemetery of Conflans.

2 October 1893: The body of Madeleine Sophie is exhumed for the "canonical recognition" of the remains of a future saint. It is found to be intact.

26 October 1893: The body is taken to the Chapel of the Seven Dolors (Conflans) and reburied.

30 April 1904: Because of the expulsions from France, the body is transferred to Jette-Saint-Pierre (Brussels, Belgium) to be interred in the crypt of the large neo-gothic chapel. The coffin is not opened.

27 March 1908: The coffin is opened for a new "recognition" of the remains. Once again the body is found to be intact.

24 May 1908: Madeleine Sophie is declared "Blessed".

27 July to 13 August 1908: The coffin is opened several times. The mask of the face and metal mold to contain the body are made.

30 April 1909: The body of Madeleine Sophie is placed in a ch<sup>^</sup>asse in the large chapel of Jette-Saint-Pierre.

25 May 1925: Madeleine Sophie is canonized in Rome.

11 September 1934: The ch<sup>^</sup>asse is transferred to a new chapel, dedicated to the saint and adjoining the neo-gothic chapel of Jette.

2 October 1982: The majority of the community leaves Jette. A little group of sisters remains in the "Chateau Bonaventure" known as the "Petit Ch<sup>^</sup>ateau" bought by Madeleine Sophie.



Jette St. Pierre, Brussels



The ch<sup>^</sup>asse in the chapel of Jette



In the chapel of rue de l'Abondance, Brussels



The ch<sup>^</sup>asse today

17 February 1994: Following the demolition of the large chapel, which made the chapel of Madeleine Sophie inaccessible, the châsse is transferred to the "Petit Château". The room where the châsse is placed becomes a temporary oratory.

24 May 1998: The châsse is transferred to the chapel of the community of Rue de l'Abondance (Brussels) which welcomes pilgrims. (c.f.

<http://home.scarlet.be/merebarat.bxl/>)

September 2007 The General Council decides to transfer the châsse to the church of St. François-Xavier (Paris) across from the place where Saint Madeleine Sophie had lived and where she died. The date of the transfer is set for 19 June 2009, Feast of the Sacred Heart.



The Church of St. François-Xavier  
Paris

Sources: General Archives, Villa Lante, Rome and Archives of the Province of Belgium-Netherlands, Brussels