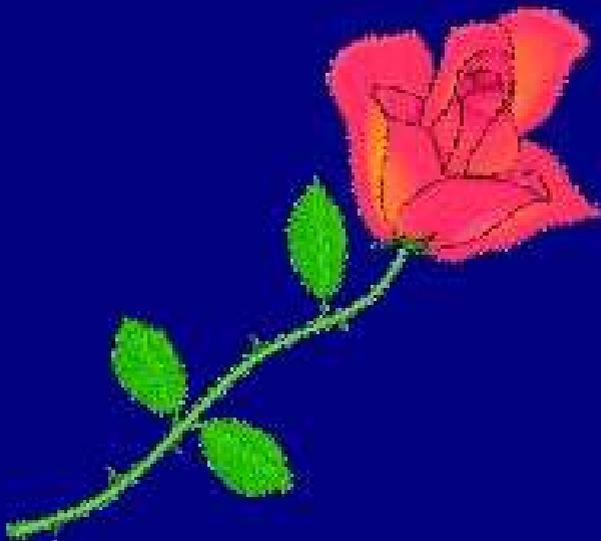


# *Mary*



Father Aquinas

## TO THE READER

Mary, the name given by God the Almighty Creator of Heaven and earth to His specially chosen and most favored woman.

Mary, the woman, beloved of God the Almighty, Creator of all things.

Mary, so loved by Jesus, her Divine Son.  
Mary, so loved by Joseph her most chaste spouse.  
Mary, so loved by her cousins and all her family.  
Mary, so loved by the Apostles who knew her.  
Mary, so loved by all who seek her.

Mary, so maligned by those who seek her not.  
Mary, so despised by those who hate Jesus.  
Mary, so hated by those who hate truth.

Mary, so powerful in silence and honor.  
Mary, so helpful to all who call her 'Mother.'  
Mary, so courageous in defense of her children.  
Mary, so protecting of all who come to her Son.

Mary, my mother, to whom I owe my life and love,  
for 'twas she who brought me to Jesus.

This small volume is a definition of some of the acts of Mary.

It is a chronicle of some of her Apparitions which are Apocalyptic in nature, and which are intertwined with each one which I have chosen.

I cannot command that you love her, but I do recommend that you should at least know something about her. You owe at least that much to yourself if you seek the Kingdom of God.

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## **DEDICATION**

To the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

The Rose of Sharon,

The Glory of Israel,

My Mother.

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## Introduction

Many sincere Christian people today ask “Why Mary?” They ask why do we revere, honor, and pray to Mary? Within a Scriptural context I shall attempt to answer those who ask in sincerity. Within a Scriptural context I shall with love, answer those who ask with derision.

First of all God did not **NEED** to use Mary to bring the Second Person of the Holy Trinity onto this earth...**BUT HE DID**. It is because He did use Mary and tell her that she was “full of grace” BEFORE He sent the Holy Ghost upon her that we pay special attention to her.

If God the Father chose Mary as the singular vessel through which He would send us the Redeemer, should not we then honor the Father’s choice, and honor His vessel?

If God the Father joined His Divine Son to Mother Mary, how then can anyone attempt to tear apart the Son of God from the Mother of God: “What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder.”

Let us not strive in contention about the beauties given to us by Father God, but let us honor and rejoice that He knows best, and His choice in Mary was, is, and will forever be perfect.

Let us always love Mary,  
the Daughter of God the Father, (*Lk 1:30*)  
the Mother of God the Son, (*Lk 1:43*)  
the Spouse of God the Holy Ghost (*Lk 1:35*).  
“We salute Mary, who labors much us” (*Rm 16:6*).

In an editorial note I wish to point out that many verses of scripture are repeated often in describing attributes of Mary. Please understand that there is often more than one meaning to a verse of scripture. “The word of God is not bound” (*2T 2:9*).

## The Seven Words of Mary in the Bible

1. "How shall this be done, because I know not man?" (*Lk 1:34*)
2. "Behold the handmaid of the Lord" (*Lk 1:38*).
3. "Be it done to me according to thy word" (*Lk 1:38*).
4. "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour. Because He has regarded the humility of His handmaid, for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. Because He that is mighty, has done great things in me, and Holy is His Name. And His mercy is from generation unto generations, to them that fear Him. He has shown might in His arm, He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart. He has put down the mighty from their seat, and has exalted the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away. He has received Israel His servant, being mindful of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for ever" (*Lk 1:46-55*).
5. "Son, why have Thou done so to us? Behold Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing" (*Lk 2:48*). (*He was 12 years old*).
6. "They have no wine" (*Jn 2:3*).
7. "Whatsoever he shall say to you, do ye" (*Jn 2:5*).

Let us look first at what happened before the event written in the very first words of the Bible: "In the beginning God created heaven and the earth" (*Gn 1:1*).

## The Times Before the Times of the World

“*God* has delivered us and called us by His holy calling, not according to our own works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus *before the Times of the World*” (2T 1:9). Again it is confirmed: “Unto the hope of Life Everlasting, which God, Who lies not, has promised *before the Times of the World*” (Titus 1:2). Notice this ‘purpose, grace and promise, it all has a specific meaning!

There are four words I wish to clarify before we begin:

**Create** is to bring into existence: “In the beginning God created heaven, and earth” (Gn 1:1).

**Begot** is an event which has happened in creation: “Henoah begot Irad, and Irad begot Maviael...” (Gn 4:18).

**Beget** is to procreate as the father: “And as for Ismael I have also heard thee. Behold, I will bless him, and increase, and multiply him exceedingly: he shall beget twelve chiefs, and I will make him a great nation” (Gn 17:20).

**Make** to cause to happen or to bring into existence: “*God* said: Let us make man to our image and likeness” (Gn 1:26).

A question immediately arises from the above verse: Where was this ‘man’ whom God first mentions in the Bible? Here is the mystery, yet He has given us the answer. We will develop this answer in stages.

The times before the ‘times of the world,’ that is before when in ‘the beginning God created heaven, and earth,’ so much happened, and it is all revealed in Sacred Scripture. Scripture reveals scripture and in His Light we see light. When the Psalmist wrote: “The Lord said to my Lord: Sit Thou at My right hand until I make Thy enemies Thy footstool...from the womb before the day star I begot Thee” (Ps 109:1,3). That is, God the Father said to His Son Jesus Christ that He the Father begot Jesus His Son in the womb before the creation of the times of the world. The womb had to be in existence before the creation of the ‘heaven and the earth.’ (The heaven includes the heavenlies, that is the angels and archangels which includes the ‘day star’). It follows that man had to be in existence in the womb in the heart of God the Father of Creation before the times of the world. Why do I say this? Because God said ‘Let us make man...’ This entity, this being, is the answer to so many questions. This womb had to be Mary, for we all know that She conceived of the Holy Ghost and brought forth Jesus Who is the Christ (Lk 2:7).

## ***Begotten Soul***

Now we come to the definition of what is this ‘man.’ When it is written: “And the Lord God formed man of the slime of the earth and breathed into his face the breath of life, and man became a living soul” (Gn 2:7), it follows that ‘man’ was a ‘begotten soul’ in the womb in the heart of God the Father in eternity. This ‘begotten soul’ and all begotten souls in the heart of God the Father in eternity, God called ‘man,’ therefore when God said let us make ‘man’ to our image and likeness, ‘man’ was already in existence in the womb of Mary and would now be formed in a new creature.

## ***Living Soul***

This man did not become a ‘living soul’ until God gave him a human bodily substance in Adam: “The first man Adam was made into a living soul; the last Adam into a quickening spirit. Yet that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural afterwards that which is spiritual. The first man was of the earth, earthly: the second Man, from Heaven, heavenly” (1Co 15:45-47).

Taking this verse in steps we see and understand that *the first man was made into a ‘living soul’* contained in a human body.

In our journey through life we, *the last Adam* (are made) *into a quickening spirit*, that is, we overcome the allurements of the world and enter into the Divine Nature won for us by Christ Jesus, and given to us through the valid reception of His Body and Blood in Holy Eucharist. By eating and drinking His Body and Blood in Holy Eucharist, Christ Jesus comes to live in us in Eucharistic unity, and we grow more and more into His image and likeness as it is written: “As often as you shall eat this Bread and drink the Chalice, you shall show the death of the Lord, until He come” (1Co 11:26).

By following the simple directions of worthily receiving Him in Holy Eucharist, we enter into the promise of the Divine Nature of the ‘heavenly’ man, because “and this mortal must put on immortality” (1Co 15:53), and this only comes to us in Holy Communion.

Adam was not first a ‘spiritual’ being but a natural human being formed from the slime of the earth, *‘Yet that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural,* and then God breathed into his face and Adam became a spiritual being: Then *afterwards* he became *that which is spiritual.*

When we complete our life on earth (*the first man was of the earth, earthly*) then we enter into the promise of Jesus Christ and live in our

glorified bodies as we see in Jesus: *the second Man, from Heaven, heavenly.*

This living soul of the first man, Adam, was given a human body to carry it so to speak, as it is written: “And Adam called the name of his wife Eve because she was the mother of all the living” (Gn 3:20). Eve was taken out of Adam as Holy Writ records: “Then the Lord God cast a deep sleep upon Adam and when he was fast asleep, He took one of his ribs, and filled up flesh for it. And the Lord God built the rib which he took from Adam into a woman and brought her to Adam. And Adam said: This now is bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man” (Gn 2:21-23). Therefore ‘the womb’ of this Eve, ‘mother of the living’ is secondary to Mary’s ‘womb before the daystar,’ because Eve was made from a rib of Adam, the first ‘living soul’ - and was taken from ‘the womb’ of Mary which existed before ‘God created heaven, and earth.’

### ***Two Extraordinary Events***

The identification of the original womb is the Mother of Jesus Christ the Son of Man. Before God made Eve and placed all the progeny of ‘the sons of man’ in the womb of her, ‘the mother of all the living,’ He withheld two ‘begotten souls.’ That is He withheld Jesus Who is the Messiah, and Mary, She who was to be the Mother of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. This had to be, as there was an earthly order in creation, so too there had to be a Heavenly order. This Heavenly order had a Mother in whose womb existed all ‘begotten souls’ which later were given earthly bodies and became ‘living souls’ as we have seen. For those souls who follow God’s Law there will be a return to our Heavenly state of immaculate perfection in our Heavenly Mother: “How long wilt thou be dissolute in deliciousness, O wandering daughter? For the Lord has created a new thing upon the earth: A Woman shall compass a Man” (Jr 31:22). We all must be born again and return to our Mother Mary, the Mother of Creation and be encompassed in Her immaculate womb: “For as the woman is of the man, so also is the man by the woman, but all things of God” (1Co 11:12). Everything is done in God’s Divine Order.

### ***The First Extraordinary Event***

Mary was and is sinless, and this is confirmed in scripture as her Son was He “Who knew no sin” (2Co 5:21). Therefore Mary was conceived without sin. At the appropriate time in the genealogy of the Levitical Priesthood, the seed of Mary was placed in the womb of her earthly mother Anna. The last Patriarch Joseph, became the ‘just’ spouse (Mt 1:19) of Immaculate

Mary, to whom was entrusted the Son of God, Jesus the Christ.

### *The Second Extraordinary Event*

The Archangel Gabriel said: “Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a Son and thou shalt call His Name Jesus” (Lk 1:30,31). How did Holy Saint Joseph respond? “But while he thought on these things, behold the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in his sleep, saying: Joseph, son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her, is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a Son and thou shalt call His Name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins. Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which the Lord spoke by the prophet, saying: Behold a virgin shall be with Child, and bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. And Joseph rising up from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took unto him his wife. And he knew her not till she brought forth her First born Son, and he called His name Jesus” (Mt 1:20-25).

Some commentators take this verse ‘he knew her not...’ as meaning that Saint Joseph had intercourse with Mary and had other children by her. This is simply not so. The word ‘till’ was a manner of speaking at that time in the Middle East, and is grossly misunderstood by Protestants. They take the verses from Saints Matthew and Saint Mark as their support for their argument: “Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brethren James, and Joseph, and Simon, and Jude” (Mt 13:35). Again: “Is not this the carpenter, the Son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joseph, and Jude, and Simon? Are not also His sisters here with us?” (Mk 6:3).

In the verse quoted previously in this document, God said to His Divine Son: ‘Sit Thou at My right hand until I make Thy enemies Thy footstool.’ By heretics interpretation do they really mean that Jesus shall sit no longer after His enemies are defeated? They speak rubbish! Scripture reveals scripture: “Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James: to them that are beloved in God the Father and preserved in Jesus Christ and called” (Jude 1:1). Why would Jude not call Jesus his Brother if in fact Jesus was His brother? He says he is His servant! If Jesus had sisters, then why did Mary’s mother Anna call two daughters ‘Mary’? “Now there stood by the cross of Jesus, His mother and His mother’s sister, Mary of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalen” (Jn 19:25). Don’t you see how erroneous those Protestants are? Let us move on.

When it is said that 'he knew her not till she brought forth her First born Son' it simply means that God intends the 'living soul man' to return to Him through the same way that He created us in the womb before the daystar as stated above! That is, we must be born again in the Immaculate Womb which conceived Jesus the Son of Man in eternity, before the times of the world. Mary conceived in her immaculate virgin womb Jesus the Son of Man, and all of humanity including Eve and Adam, before the creation of the world. Jesus Christ, God, was subject to Mary and obeyed her request, as we see at the miracle at Cana, how the stewards came to Mary for help and not to Jesus, and how Jesus obeyed His Mother (Jn 2:4,5), obedience - the Son for His Mother!

Let us take another event and look at the conversation of Jesus with Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: "Jesus said to him: 'Amen, amen, I say to thee, unless a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.' Nicodemus saith to Him: 'How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born again?' Jesus answered: 'Amen, amen, I say to thee, unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Ghost, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh: and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Wonder not that I said to thee: You must be born again. The Spirit breaths where He will and thou hear His voice but thou know not whence He comes and whither He goes. So is every one that is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus answered and said to Him: 'How can these things be done?' Jesus answered... 'no man hath ascended into Heaven, but He that descended from Heaven, the Son of man Who is in Heaven'" (Jn 3:3-9,13).

Who is this Son of man? (Jn 12:34). Notice that Jesus never commented directly when Nicodemus asked can man enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born again! He answered in the order in which the 'living soul' man came into existence from the 'begotten soul' in eternity: 'Amen, amen, I say to thee, unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Ghost, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Wonder not that I said to thee: You must be born again. The Spirit breaths where He will and thou hear His voice but thou know not whence He comes and whither He goes. So is every one that is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus did not confess Him because he loved the glory of men rather than the glory of God (Jn 12:43), yet he corrected this when he stood firm for Jesus at the Cross and carried His Body to the tomb.

Consider the two events of Mary and Jesus:

1). Mary became subject to fallen man - Eve - yet remained obedient to Almighty God by being obedient to her earthly parents, and she herself knew no sin.

2). Jesus the Christ became obedient to earthly man - Joseph and Mary - yet remained obedient to Almighty God: Jesus “went down with them and came to Nazareth and was subject to them...And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and grace with God and men” (Lk 2:51,52).

Did Jesus Christ exist before the making of Adam? Of course He did! It is written: “Jesus said: Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham was made, I AM” (Jn 8:58).

Since God has delivered us and called us by His holy calling, according to His own purpose and Grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the times of the world, unto the hope of Life Everlasting before the times of the world, then Saint Paul was given the insight of who we were and how we existed in the Heart of God the Father in eternity. It follows then that we must know that we have been instructed in earthly living while we were yet ‘begotten souls’ in the womb of Mary: ‘For as the woman is of the man, so also is the man by the woman, but all things of God’.

In conclusion, Eve the ‘mother of all the living’ was begotten in the womb of Mary ‘the mother of creation,’ in the Heart of God the Father, in eternity. Mary was the First ‘begotten soul,’ and Eve the first ‘living soul’ and she came from Mother Mary’s womb. Mary is the first ‘man’ from whose womb in eternity we were all begotten.

Forget not that Jesus is the Savior of mankind, the saviour of creation: “Let Thy hand be upon the Man of Thy right hand and upon the Son of Man Whom Thou hast confirmed for Thyself” (Ps 79:18). Wise men today still find Jesus through Mary: “And entering into the house, they found the Child with Mary His mother” (Mt 2:11).

## In The Heart of God The Father in Eternity

What happened in The Heart of God The Father *before the Times of the World?* (2T 1:9; Titus 1:2). God The Father said to Jesus Christ, God the Son: “Sit Thou at My right hand until I make Thy enemies Thy footstool...from the womb before the day star I begot Thee” (Ps 109:1,3).

There are two words which I wish to clarify before we begin:

**Womb:** Let us leave aside the human understanding of the organ in the lower body of a woman where offspring are conceived and in which they develop before birth.

Let us take another definition as a space or place where something is generated.

**Heart:** Yes it is the organ that pumps blood through the circulatory system. But, let us understand it as the central or innermost, most vital part of something. One’s innermost character, feelings, and inclinations. One’s capacity for love, compassion, courage or enthusiasm.

Let us examine the verse: “Let Us make man to Our image and likeness, and let him have dominion over the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the air, and the beasts, and the whole earth, and every creeping creature that moves upon the earth” (Gn 1:26).

1. First of all ‘man’ was made by God.
2. ‘Man’ had to be in existence before God said ‘Let us make man...’ I had said in a previous article that man was created in the womb of Mary in the heart of God the Father in eternity, before the creation of the heavens and the earth. The name ‘man’ was the name given to the ‘begotten soul’ which God created and then after the creation of all things on the earth, God brought this begotten soul into existence as ‘man’ as we now know him.
3. In saying ‘let Us’ God here includes God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. Therefore it is the Holy Trinity which makes ‘man.’
4. When Holy Trinity says: ‘to Our image and likeness’ then ‘man’ is the fulness of the Holy Trinity at the beginning of his creation on earth. The words ‘Us’ and ‘Our’ of Almighty God, Holy Trinity, is given to the singular entity of man!
5. Man, in the image and likeness of The Holy Trinity, by God’s Imperial gift and authority is given total dominion over His creation: “And God said: Behold I have given you every herb bearing seed upon the earth, and all trees that have in themselves seed of their own kind, to be your meat,

and to all beasts of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to all that move upon the earth, and wherein there is life, that they may have to feed upon. And it was so done” (Gn 1:29,30).

6. Man is originally ‘innocent’ like a little child, and Jesus confirmed this when He said: “Suffer the little children, and forbid them not to come to Me: for the Kingdom of Heaven is for such” (Mt 19:14). By innocent here I mean that at this moment he is free from all moral wrong and is not corrupted with disobedience or pride, which are the first of the seven deadly sins, because as yet ‘sin’ was not in the world. This innocence implies that he is full of all the virtues, in other words he is totally in the mind of Holy Trinity (1Co 2:16), reasoning as in Him, with his body totally in the Spirit of the Living God.

7. Man is placed in Paradise and has the power to live forever in this bliss, all he has to do is to follow God’s law: “Of every tree of Paradise thou shalt eat, but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat. For in what day soever thou shalt eat of it, thou shalt die the death” (Gn 2:16,17).

8. As we said above, God gave man the mind of Christ, Holy Trinity, and the authority of Christ as is confirmed in the verse: “And the Lord God having formed out of the ground all the beasts of the earth, and all the fowls of the air, brought them to Adam to see what he would call them: for whatsoever Adam called any living creature the same is its name” (Gn 2:19). How did Adam know what names to call them? Because he was taught them in the heart if the Father in the womb of Mary before the creation of the world.

9. God gave man the gift of prophecy, which is the inspired declaration of Divine Will and purpose. This prophetic gift is first confirmed in Holy Scriptures when it is written: “Then the Lord God cast a deep sleep upon Adam and when he was fast asleep, He took one of his ribs and filled up flesh for it, and the Lord God built the rib which He took from Adam into a woman and brought her to Adam, and Adam said: This now is bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man” (Gn 2:21-23). How did he know but by the Divine inspiration and gift of prophecy, which he had in his immaculate state in the heart of the Father in the womb of Mary in eternity.

10. Man walked with God and talked with God face to face in complete confidence and holy familiarity as in the following few examples from Genesis: ‘And God blessed them, saying: Increase and multiply’ (1:28). ‘And God said: Behold I have given you...’ (1:29). ‘And He commanded him, saying...’ (2:16). ‘And the Lord God called Adam, and said to him: Where art thou?’ (3:9). ‘And the Lord God said to the woman...’ (3:13). This

confidence and relationship was developed in the heart of the Father in the womb of Mary in eternity.

Now comes my summary of what I believe happened in eternity in the heart of God the Father in the womb of Mary. All of the begotten souls, including you and I, were instructed in earthly living in the vocation to which God assigned us, before we came into our earthly mother's womb, as it is written: "Before I formed thee in the womb of thy mother, I knew thee: and before thou came forth out of the womb, I sanctified thee, and made thee a prophet unto the nations" (Jr 1:5).

Each and every one of us receive a 'prophecy' or perhaps many more 'prophecies' as a 'deja vu'. Did you ever wonder why it is written: "But Mary kept all these words, pondering them in her heart" (Lk 2:19). I say, that while Mary is the 'mother of creation' as I stated in a previous article, and bore in her heavenly womb Eve 'the mother of the living', she humbled herself to come to earth after Eve, so that she could give birth to the Messiah Jesus Christ in sinlessness. Notice her words in the Magnificat: 'Because He has regarded the **humility** of His **handmaid**...Because He that is mighty, has done great things in me, and Holy is His Name.' (Lk 1:48,49). A handmaid is someone whose essential function is to assist. Mary assisted in bringing 'Salvation' to the world, and Holy God certainly has done great things in her.

Jesus Himself taught us of this sublime gift in creation when He asked teaching in the temple: "How do the scribes say that Christ is the son of David? For David himself saith by the Holy Ghost: The Lord said to my Lord: Sit on My right hand, until I make Thy enemies Thy footstool. David therefore himself calls Him Lord. And whence is he then His son? (Mk 12:35-37). It is simple, because he (David) was created in the heart of the Father in the womb of Mary before the creation of the world. Therefore David calls God the Son by the Name of Lord, therefore he is the son of God the Son. But in human terms, in the genealogy of man on earth, Jesus is the Son of David in the lineage of the Patriarchs. This is true because we were all taught in the womb of Mother Mary, in the Heart of God the Father in eternity, before the daystar, and before we came to earth through Eve, 'the mother of the living.' Eve in turn, came from the womb of Mary, 'the Mother of creation.' Amen!

Jesus said: "**Behold thy Mother**" (Jn 19:26).  
Amen. So be it. Amen!

## Do We Put Mary Before God?

*Do we put Mary before God?*

Of course not! We do not place Mary in a position of God or before God. Let everyone be absolutely clear, Mary is second in importance only to the Blessed Trinity.

Mary is the beginning of the fulfillment of Salvation History. Salvation, that is Jesus Christ, came to earth through her. Her acceptance of the request from the Father remains the most important “YES” for all believers. Without her “yes” I shudder to think where we would be today. We thank God for His infinite mercy, we thank Mary for her heroic “yes.”

It was through woman, the first Eve, that sin came into the world, and it is through woman, Mary, the new Eve, that Salvation came into the world.

As God makes “known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure” (*Ep 1:9*), we come to understand some of the mystery and meaning of the Annunciation by the Angel Gabriel to Mary. For the Eucharistic Church an understanding of our Blessed Mother is natural and necessary in gaining full knowledge of the story of salvation.

Let us see how the story unfolds:

“In the beginning God created Heaven...” (*Gn 1:1*). In this creation of Heaven, and it follows the heavenlies, that is the angels, God made known to them the creation of man. God revealed to the angels that He was going to create mortal man. He further told the immortal angels that they would serve the mortal man, who, at the end of the ages, would join them immortally forever in Heaven. Some objected, some did not. “And there was made a great battle in Heaven” (*Apoc 12:7*). Michael and his angels fought with the dragon (Lucifer), and in short, the devil (Lucifer, Satan), was kicked out of Heaven, and lost further entrance there. He could approach God, but only outside of the gates of Heaven, but never again enter. “He has put down the mighty from their thrones” (*Lk 1:52*). It is written: “Now on a certain

day when the sons of God came to stand before the Lord, Satan also was present among them” (*Jb 1:6*). In holding court OUTSIDE the gates, Satan was present to accuse the people on earth. It is important to emphasize that he did not go inside the gates. He therefore did not know what was going on INSIDE Heaven. He knew about earth, but not Heaven, for he answered God: “I have gone round about the earth, and walked through it” (*Jb 1:7*).

After God made man, Satan overcame man and God told him: “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and your seed and her seed, she shall crush your head, and you shall lie in wait for her heel” (*Gn 3:15*). Satan thought that by contaminating woman the entire human reproduction would be contaminated with sin. God knew differently. In Heaven He divulged His plan to His angels for the salvation of mankind. Since Satan was already expelled, he had no access and therefore he did not know God’s plan.

The angels were awestruck at His plan, His wonder, and His mercy. The idea that He should espouse an IMMACULATE woman, a mortal, conceive His only Begotten Son in her through the Holy Ghost, and carry out the perfect sacrifice through her and with her is one of the greatest of Biblical wonders: “And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” (*Lk 2:35*)

The prophecy in Genesis begins to be more fully revealed in Jacob’s time, when “he saw in his sleep a ladder standing upon the earth, and the top thereof touching Heaven, the angels of God ascending and descending by it, and the Lord leaning upon the ladder, saying to him: ‘I am the Lord God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac; the land wherein you sleep, I will give to you and to your seed...and in thee and your seed all the tribes of the earth shall be blessed.’” (*Gn 28:12-14*). This prophecy was fulfilled when these angels were seen again ascending and descending at the birth of Jesus. (*Lk 2:13,14*). Mary is the Gate of Heaven through which the Son of God came to earth.

When Jacob obtained his father’s blessing, Isaac said: “Be thou lord

of the brethren (*brothers*) and let thy mother's children bow down before thee." (*Gn 27:29*). This is the same of Whom the prophet Balak spoke: "I see Him - but not in the present. I perceive Him - but not close at hand. A Star is emerging from Jacob, a sceptre is rising from Israel." (*Nu 24:17*).

Isaiah says: "The Lord sent a WORD into Jacob, and it has lighted upon Israel," (*Is 9:8*) and: "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and His Name shall be called Emmanuel." (*Is 7:14*) He reveals in prophetic timing: "a CHILD IS BORN to us, and a Son IS given to us, and the Government IS upon His shoulder" (*Is 9:6*).

Under the Old Testament, the bearing of children was much revered with the women of Israel. The hope of each woman was that she would be the one who would give birth to the Saviour of the world as promised by the word of God in Genesis, and also as the prophet Isaiah had prophesied. This is borne out in a particular event in Judges: "The spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthe, and going round Galaad, and Manasses, and Maspha of Galaad, and passing over from thence to the children of Ammon, he made a vow to the Lord, saying: 'If thou wilt deliver the children of Ammon into my hands, whosoever shall first come forth out of the doors of my house, and shall meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, the same will I offer, a holocaust to the Lord.'

And Jephthe passed over to the children of Ammon to fight against them, and the Lord delivered them into his hands. And he smote them from Aroer till you come to Mennith, twenty cities, and as far as Abel, which is set with vineyards, with a very great slaughter, and the children of Ammon were humbled by the children of Israel.

And when Jephthah returned into Maspha, to his house, his only daughter met him with timbrels and with dances, for he had no other children. And when he saw her, he rent his garments, and said: 'Alas! my daughter, thou hast deceived me, and thou thyself art deceived, for I have opened my mouth to the Lord, and I can do no other thing.'

And she answered him: 'My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth to the Lord, do unto me whatsoever thou hast promised, since the victory has been granted to thee, and revenge of thy enemies.' And she said to her father: 'Grant me only this which I desire, let me go, that I may go about the mountains for two months, and may bewail my virginity with my companions.' And he answered her: 'Go.' And he sent her away for two months. And when she was gone with her comrades and companions, she mourned her virginity in the mountains. And the two months being expired, she returned to her father, and he did to her as he had vowed, and she knew no man. From thence came a fashion in Israel, and a custom has been kept, that, from year to year, the daughters of Israel assemble together, and lament the daughter of Jephthe the Galaadite, for four days." (*Jg 11:29-40*). This mourning was because she had to die and not become the mother of the Savior.

Now let us put all this in Marian context but with the emphasis on the theology of history, and understand a little more clearly, "The Holy Ghost" and the words of Gabriel. The Holy Ghost is the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, (*Jn 14:26*), Who together with the Father and the Son, is worshiped and glorified. (*Jn 16:13*) The Holy Ghost is Immaculate and is the flowering of the love of the Father and the Son. The Holy Ghost is the Spouse of Mary Immaculate, and therefore is the Spouse of the New Creation.

To make way for God's plan, it was necessary to prepare an Immaculate ark which was without spot or blemish to carry the infant Jesus. Joachim and Anna are the parents of Mary. But God the Holy Ghost placed the seed of Mary in the womb of Anna, which He had withheld in His Heart before the beginning of creation. Mary was not conceived in the natural way of conception, but by God, for He says of Jesus: "In the womb before the daystar I begot Thee." (*Ps 109:3*) This was the moment of the Immaculate conception. This was different from all other conceptions. Through the power of the Holy Ghost, Satan was not allowed to enter the gates of God's temple! Mary was the creation and the spouse of the Holy Ghost. Satan therefore, was not allowed to enter this specially prepared temple,

this immaculate ark with his stain of original sin. Mary was not an ordinary woman, and she would not have an ordinary Son, and she would therefore, be a light, a star, for all generations.

The Archangel Gabriel was sent to visit the Immaculate virgin Mary and was told exactly what to say by the Father: “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee...The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee, and therefore the Holy One to be born shall be called the Son of God.” (*Lk 1:28,35*) The “Hail Mary” is the exact request from God the Father, offering and asking her to be the mother of His only Begotten Son.

Man has his own free will, and Mary had a choice to accept or refuse. Of this moment it is written: “There was silence in Heaven for about half an hour” (*Apoc 8:1*) as the Divine Trinity and all the angels waited for Mary’s answer. She questioned, pondered in her heart and then said: “Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to Thy word.” (*Lk 1:28*) Imagine how the cheers and alleluias chorused in Heaven!

At that time the most awesome event took place. Jesus, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity departed Heaven, yet never leaving the Father’s side. As the stunned angels looked on, their God became an infinitely small spiritual seed which was transmitted by the Holy Ghost and planted in the womb of Mary. At that moment “The Word became flesh.” (*Jn 1:14*) She thus became the espoused of the Holy Ghost. Now the Holy Ghost is Immaculate and Mary took the powerful name of her spouse as a dutiful bride should do, “The Immaculate Conception.” This name is a confirmation of her own conception, that is Immaculate.

Because Satan was not allowed to possess Heaven any more, so too he could not possess the espoused of Heaven who had to be, by definition, ‘Immaculate,’ both in conception and in conceiving. Furthermore, he did not know Who was in Mary’s womb, for if he did he would not have said to Jesus: “If Thou are the Son of God...” (*Lk 4:3*). Satan’s followers would not have had Him crucified had they known Who He was: “We speak the wisdom of God,

mysterious, hidden, which God foreordained before the world...a wisdom which none of the rulers of this world has known, for had they known it, they would never have crucified the Lord of Glory.” (1Co 2:7,8)

Mary is at the same time the daughter of the Father, the mother of the Son, and the spouse of the Holy Ghost. She was chosen by the Father, she was chosen for the Son. She is the woman foretold in Genesis 3:15. On the cross Jesus said to His mother: “Woman behold, thy son.” (Jn 19:26) At the foot of the cross, Saint John represented all of us. The other disciples had either fled, denied or betrayed Jesus. The only one remaining to receive the message from Jesus was John and Jesus said: “Behold thy mother.” (Jn 19:27) In describing the scene beneath the cross it is interesting to note that John uses the word “mother” five times in three verses while talking about Mary, and when Jesus addresses His mother from the Cross for the last time He calls her “Woman.” He was fulfilling yet another prophecy. Mary is the Woman foretold in Genesis, Mary is the Woman foretold in Canticles, Mary is the Woman at the foot of the Cross, Mary is the Woman of the Apocalypse! Our Blessed Mother will crush the head of the serpent to which the first mother, Eve, succumbed. Jesus had already crushed Satan on the Cross, Adam fell into the temptation which Jesus overcame for us. Jesus saved man all the way back to Adam. (Jos 3:16) By giving birth to the Redeemer, Mary delivered us from the power of darkness. (Mt 1:16)

*Why do we call Mary, our own Mother?*

Because Scripture says so: “And the third day, there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. And Jesus also was invited, and His disciples, to the marriage. And the wine failing, the mother of Jesus said to Him: ‘They have no wine.’ And Jesus said to her: ‘Woman, what is that to Me and to thee? My hour is not yet come.’ His mother said to the waiters: ‘Whatsoever He shall say to you, do ye.’” (Jn 2:1-5)

We are brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus. Divine Jesus Himself was subject to Mary (Lk 1:51) and called her “Mother.” Now if our example, Jesus, Who is our Brother, called Mary “Mother,” would

we also be giving Him honor and respect by also calling her ‘Mother?’ We are her children as given from the Cross: “When Jesus, therefore, saw His mother and the disciple standing by, whom He loved, He said to His mother: ‘Woman, behold, thy son.’ Then He said to the disciple: ‘Behold, thy mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her to his own.” (*Jn 19:26,27*) Saint John took Mary as his own mother, and he represented all of us, so we must receive Mary as our mother too.

Saint Paul says: “But when the fullness of the time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, that He might redeem those that were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.” (*Ga 4:4,5*) If we are to be made the sons of God, through Jesus, then we who are His sons and daughters must have Mary as our mother.

“While He was still speaking to the crowds, His mother and His brethren were standing outside, seeking to speak to Him. And someone said to Him: ‘Behold, Thy mother and Thy brethren are standing outside, seeking Thee.’ But He answered and said to him who told Him: ‘Who are My mother and My brethren?’ And stretching forth His hand toward His disciples, He said: ‘Behold My mother and My brethren! For whoever does the will of My Father in Heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother.’” (*Mt 12:46-50*) If we claim to be brothers and sisters in Jesus, then we must have Mary as our mother too.

*Why do we say that those who honor Mary will be criticized?*

Because Scripture tells us so: “Why do you declare My justices, and take My covenant in your mouth? Seeing you have hated discipline, and have cast My words behind you. If you did see a thief you did run with him, and with adulterers you have been a partaker. Your mouth has abounded with evil, and your tongue framed deceits. Sitting you did speak against your Brother, and did lay a scandal against your mother’s Son. These things have you done, and I was silent. You thought unjustly that I should be like to you, but I will reprove you, and set before your face.” (*Ps 49:16-21,50*) Hypocrites declaring scripture claim to follow Jesus yet do ‘speak against your

Brother, and did lay a scandal against your mother's Son.' If we are brothers in Jesus, we must admit what God the Father says of 'your mother's Son.' We must be sons of mother Mary. And again it is spoken of the Blessed Mother: "He that shall find me shall find life, and shall have salvation from the Lord, but he that shall sin against me, shall hurt his own soul. All that hate me love death." (*Pr* 8:35,36) This is so as was written above: "Sitting you did speak against your Brother, and did lay a scandal against your mother's Son."

Again it is written of the humility and power of Mary: "...His mercy is from generation to generation on those who fear Him. He has shown might with His arm, He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart. He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and has exalted the lowly." (*Lk* 1:52) How sad for those who are too proud to accept the humility of Mary. How terrible for those who lay a scandal against her. How glorious for we who give praise and exalt all belonging to God!

*Why is tradition so important to us?*

Because Scripture says so: "So then, brethren, stand firm, and hold the teachings that you have learned, whether by word or by letter of ours." (*2Th* 2:15) This faith and trust in tradition is foretold: "They that trust in Him shall understand the truth, and they that are faithful in love, shall rest in Him, for grace and peace are to His elect." (*Ws* 3:9) We hold to all tradition which is in accord with Scripture.

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Because Scripture says so: “Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever, the scepter of Thy Kingdom is a scepter of uprightness. Thou hast loved justice, and hate iniquity, therefore God, thy God, has anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. Myrrh, and aloes, and cassia perfume thy garments, from the ivory houses, out of which the daughters of kings have delighted thee in thy glory. The queen stood on thy right hand, in gilded clothing; surrounded with variety. Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear and forget thy people and thy father’s house. And the King shall greatly desire thy beauty, for He is the Lord thy God, and Him shall they adore. And the daughters of Tyre with gifts, yea, all the rich among the people, shall entreat thy countenance. All the glory of the King’s daughter is within in golden borders, clothed round about with varieties. After her shall virgins be brought to the King, her neighbors shall be brought to thee. They shall be brought with gladness and rejoicing, they shall be brought into the temple of the King. Instead of thy fathers, sons are born to thee, thou shalt make them princes over all the earth. They shall remember thy name throughout all generations. Therefore shall people praise thee for ever; yea, for ever and ever.” (*Ps 44:7-18 (45:6-18)*)

In this passage “sons are born to thee” refers prophetically to the priests of the True Church: “The Lord God will give Him the throne of David His father, and He shall be King over the house of Jacob forever, and of His Kingdom there shall be no end.” (*Lk 1:32,33*) Those faithful priests who remain faithful to the teachings of Jesus, are princes of the Church which governs the whole earth, in the earthly Kingdom of God. “The witness of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy,” (*Apoc 19:10*) and in the Eternal Virgin Eucharistic Church, the spirit of the prophecy of the witness of Jesus is being fulfilled. Saints Peter and Paul were sent by the Holy Ghost to establish the True Church, “and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (*Mt 16:18*)

Again Scripture speaks of Mary: “Many daughters have gathered

together riches, thou hast surpassed them all.” (*Pr 31:29*)

Referring to the beauty, the sorrow, and the compassion of Mary it says: “I am the flower of the field, and the lily of the valleys. As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters. (*Sg 2:1-2*)

“I am the mother of fair love, and of fear, and of knowledge, and of holy hope.” (*Si 24:24*) The ‘fear’ here is holy fear.

Again the supreme excellence of Mary is shown: “When the angel had come to her, he said: ‘Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women.’ When she had heard him, she was troubled at his word, and kept pondering what manner of greeting this might be. And the angel said unto her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son; and thou shalt call His Name Jesus.’” (*Lk 1:28-31*) It is Scripture which speaks so highly of Mary, and we live by Scripture.

*Why do we call Mary “Blessed?”*

Because Holy Scripture says so: “My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. Because He has regarded the humility of His handmaid, for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.” (*Lk 1:48*) Elizabeth said to her: “Blessed art thou among women.” (*Lk 1:42*) Mary never said that of herself, Elizabeth said it to her and of her.

She was prophetically blessed in Judith: “The Lord has blessed thee by His power, because by thee He has brought our enemies to nought...Blessed art thou, O daughter, by the Lord of the most high God, above all women upon earth...Because He has so magnified thy name this day, that thy praise shall not depart out of the mouth of men who shall be mindful of the power of the Lord for ever, for that thou hast not spared thy life, by reason of the distress and tribulation of thy people, but have prevented our ruin in the presence of our God...Blessed art thou by thy God in every tabernacle of Jacob, for in every nation which shall hear thy name, the God of Israel shall be magnified on occasion of thee.” (*Jdt 13:22,23,25,31*)

Again in the New Testament she is blessed by one who, hearing the word of Jesus, was moved to bless His Holy Mother: “Now it came to pass, as he was saying these things, that a certain woman from the crowd lifted up her voice and said to Him: ‘Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the breasts that nursed Thee.’” (*Lk 11:27*)

*Why do we insist on the virginity of Mary?*

Because Scripture says so: “Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign. Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and His Name shall be called Emmanuel.” (*Is 7:14*)

“How long wilt thou be dissolute in deliciousness, O wandering daughter? For the Lord has created a new thing upon the earth, a woman shall compass a man.” (*Jr 31:22*) The prophets Jeremiah and Hosea speak of the unfaithful women who rebelled against God and prostituted themselves. As God loves His creation, His children, Hosea has loved and still loves his wife, whose only thanks was betrayal. The Lord in this passage created a new thing upon the earth, an immaculately conceived woman, who would be faithful to God and to His commands. Mary then becomes the Mother of our God, Jesus, Whom she forms in her womb. Since Jesus is the head of the new church, Mary spiritually forms the body also in her womb. We are the body, Christ is the head. It is not possible to form the body in a different womb from the head.

“Now the origin of Christ was in this wise. When Mary His mother had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be with Child by the Holy Ghost. But Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wishing to expose her to reproach, was minded to put her away privately. But while he thought on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying: ‘Do not be afraid, Joseph, son of David, to take to thee Mary thy wife, for that which is begotten in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His Name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.’ Now all this came to pass that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled: ‘Behold, a virgin shall be with Child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His Name Emmanuel,’ which is,

interpreted, "God with us." So Joseph, arising from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took unto him his wife. And he did not know her till she brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His Name Jesus." (*Mt 1:18-25*) The word "till" here marks a point of time up to which a state, an action or inaction continues, without implying any change in the state thereafter. "Firstborn" does not mean that Mary had other children but refers to the rights and duties of an only son under Jewish law. "Sanctify unto Me every firstborn that opens the womb among the children of Israel, as well as men as of beasts, for they are all Mine." (*Ex 13:2*) The rights and duties of Jesus as Firstborn, under the Jewish law were carried out in His sacrifice, and were rewarded at the right hand of God the Father.

As we shall see under the question of the Gate Of Heaven that Mary is the East Gate. Note well what is said: "This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall pass through it because the Lord, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, and it shall be shut for the Prince." (*Ez 44:2*) Mary, the gate through which the Prince entered, is the EAST gate, the womb, which God opened, and no man shall pass through! Clearly from this passage Mary was and is a virgin.

"And the angel said unto her: 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His Name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of David His father, and He shall be King over the house of Jacob forever, and of His Kingdom there shall be no end.' But Mary said to the angel: 'How shall this be done, since I do not know man?' And the angel answered and said to her: 'The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee, and therefore the Holy One to be born shall be called the Son of God.'" (*Lk 1:30-35*) The perpetual virginity of Mary is foretold here.

"His disciples said to Him: 'If the case of a man with his wife be so, it is not expedient to marry.' And He said: 'Not all can accept this teaching, but those to whom it has been given. For there are eunuchs

who were born so from their mother's womb, and there are eunuchs who were made so by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves so for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven. Let him accept it who can." (Mt 19:10-12) Mary is a virgin for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven, and has remained so.

With reference to other children, remember that in the Middle Eastern countries, brothers and sisters are titles which refer to all family, including cousins. Note in particular the scene at the crucifixion. "Now there were standing by the Cross of Jesus His mother and His mother's sister, Mary of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene." (Jn 19:25) How many families are so bereft of names that they have to call two daughters by the same name? Mary, the mother of Jesus and her sister Mary means her cousin Mary!

There are other arguments used to try to establish that Mary and Joseph had other children. The most common being: "Is this not the Carpenter, the Son of Mary, the Brother of James, Joseph, Jude, and Simon? Are not also His sisters here with us?" (Mt 13:55) This wider use of the term "brother" was common amongst the Jews. Let us refer back to one of the first examples of this: "Abram said to Lot: 'Let there be no quarrel, I beseech thee, between me and thee, and between my herdsmen and thy herdsmen, for we are brothers.'" (Gn 13:8) Lot was the son of Abram's brother, and was therefore the nephew of Abram. Also here "the Son of Mary," designates the only Son of a widow. Jesus is not referred to as one of the sons of Mary. We insist on the virginity of Mary because she is God's special creature.

*Why do we call Mary "The Immaculate Conception"?*

Because Scripture says so: "What is the matter, Esther? I am thy brother, fear not. Thou shalt not die, for this law is not made for thee but for all others." (Es 15:12,13) Through the wisdom of God, the law of original sin was made for all, except in the case of Mary. God intervened and caused an immaculate conception. To conceive without the stain of original sin is a gift from God. It is impossible to consider that Jesus would have to come to us through sin or something contaminated by Satan in order to bring redemption to the

world. “A house divided against itself cannot stand.” (*Mk 3:25*)

Jesus was conceived in the womb of Mary, known to us as the Blessed Ever Virgin Mary, who herself was born immaculate in her mother’s womb, for God said of Jesus: “From the womb before the day star I begot Thee.” (*Ps 109:3*) We believe that she conceived in her virgin womb through the Holy Ghost, and further that she remained a virgin even after giving birth to her Divine Son, Jesus, the Christ, the Anointed, the Messiah. We believe that this also constitutes the Immaculate Conception of Jesus.

We also believe that whatever title Jesus has from God the Father, that Holy Mary is the Mother of that title by the virtue of her motherhood.

We also believe that this Immaculate Birth fulfills the prophecies in Holy Scriptures concerning His arrival.

“As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters.” (*Sg 2:2*) Mary had to be so different from other women, a lily among thorns!

“My sister, my spouse, is a garden enclosed, a garden enclosed, a fountain sealed up.” (*Sg 4:12*) Immaculate Mary is totally enclosed by the Holy Ghost and protected by God.

“There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and young maidens without number. One is my dove, my perfect one, she is the only one of her mother, the chosen of her that bore her. The daughters saw her, and declared her most blessed, the queens and concubines, and they praised her.” (*Sg 6:7,8*) Mary is the dove, the perfect one for conceiving Jesus, the Perfect Man.

“Thou art beautiful, O my love, sweet and comely as Jerusalem, terrible as an army set in array.” (*Sg 6:3*) The Satanic forces tremble before the power God has given to Mary, the daughter of the Most High, the mother of His Son and the spouse of His Holy Ghost. Mary was immaculate, remained immaculate, and so Satan could have no

hold on her, and has to flee from her.

*Why do we talk of the sorrows of Mary?*

Because it is Scriptural: “Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother: ‘Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, and for a sign that shall be contradicted. And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.’” (*Lk 2:34,35*) Consider here the seven sorrows of Mary whose purity and virginity is scoffed at by so many.

1. The prophecy of Simeon of the sword which pierces her heart.
2. The flight into Egypt with her Son Jesus.
3. The loss of her Son, the Child Jesus, in the temple.
4. The meeting of her Son Jesus on the Way of the Cross.
5. The Crucifixion of her Son Jesus.
6. The taking down of the Body of her Son Jesus from the Cross.
7. The burial of her Son Jesus.

“For the zeal of Thy house has eaten me up, and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.” (*Ps 68:10 (69:9)*) Here Mary is carrying the reproach, the hurt of her children.

“Therefore have I said: ‘Depart from Me, I will weep bitterly, labor not to comfort Me, for the devastation of the daughter of My people.’” (*Is 22:4*) Here God Himself acknowledges the sorrows of Mary.

Is it any wonder that Scripture says of her: “My sorrow is above sorrow, my heart mourns within me”? (*Jr 8:18*)

“Thus saith the Lord: ‘A voice was heard on high of lamentation, of mourning, and weeping, of Rachel weeping for her children, and refusing to be comforted for them, because they were not.’” (*Jr 31:15*) Jesus gave us all to Mary from the Cross. It is understandable that she, a true mother, is weeping for her children’s misfortunes.

“And when they saw Him, they wondered. And His mother said to Him: ‘Son, why hast Thou done so to us? Behold Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing.’” (*Lk 2:48*) Can you imagine the

anxiety and sorrow of losing your child for three days? It is a sorrow inexpressible and unbearable.

“O all ye that pass by the way, attend, and see if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow, for He has made a vintage of me, as the Lord spoke in the day of His fierce anger.” (*Lm 1:12*) How great a sorrow on the way of the Cross.

## **The Titles of Mary**

Our Blessed Mother has many titles which I will show in two sections, the Extraordinary and Litany Titles. We shall deal with them individually, showing in Scripture why we give her such honor.

### **The Extraordinary Titles:**

The spouse of the Holy Ghost.  
The mother of Jesus the Christ.  
The mother of God.  
The mother of Creation.  
The first Apostle.  
The servant of Christ.  
The mother of the Church.  
The mother of the Apostles.  
The mother of Grace, and Mediatrix of all graces.  
The bride of Christ.  
The spouse of Joseph.  
Our sister.  
Our Mother.  
Child of God.  
Mother of the Holy Eucharist.  
Co-Redemptrix and Co-Adjutor with Jesus.  
The Woman clothed with the sun.

### **The Litany of Titles:**

Holy Mary.  
Holy Mother of God.  
Holy Virgin of virgins.  
Mother of Christ.  
Mother of Divine Grace.  
Mother Most Pure.  
Mother Most Chaste.  
Mother Inviolate.  
Mother undefiled.  
Mother Most Amiable.  
Mother Most Admirable.  
Mother of Good Counsel.  
Mother of our Creator.

Mother of our Savior.  
Virgin Most Prudent.  
Virgin Most Venerable.  
Virgin Most Renowned.  
Virgin Most Powerful.  
Virgin Most Merciful.  
Virgin Most Faithful.

Mirror of Justice.  
Seat of Wisdom.  
Cause of our Joy.  
Spiritual Vessel.  
Vessel of Honor.  
Singular Vessel of Devotion.  
Mystical Rose.  
Tower of David.  
Tower of Ivory.  
House of Gold.  
Ark of the Covenant.  
Gate of Heaven.  
Morning Star.  
Health of the Sick.  
Refuge of Sinners.  
Comfort of the Afflicted.  
Help of Christians.  
Queen of Angels.  
Queen of Patriarchs.  
Queen of Prophets.  
Queen of Apostles.  
Queen of Martyrs.  
Queen of Confessors.  
Queen of Virgins.  
Queen of all Saints.  
Queen conceived without original sin.  
Queen assumed into Heaven.  
Queen of the most Holy Rosary.  
Queen of Peace.  
We salute Mary, who labors much among us. (*Rm 16:6*)

## The Extraordinary Titles

*Mary is the Daughter of God the Father*, for of her Son Jesus it is written: “In the womb before the daystar I begot Thee.” And again it is written: “He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Most High.” (*Lk 1:32*) How could Jesus be begotten in the womb unless the Father Who created ALL things had created Mary. Mary is the daughter of God the Father.

*Mary is the Mother of God the Son*, (*Lk 1:43*) for as we said above, if Jesus is the Son of the Father, then Mary is the Mother of the Son, and the Son is the Son of the Father Who is God, then Mary is the Mother of God the Son.

*Mary is the Spouse of God the Holy Ghost*, for it is written: “The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy Which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.” (*Lk 1:35*) Who else could Mary be other than the Spouse of the Holy Ghost Who ‘came upon her’ and to Whom she consented in the Mystical union?

*Mary is the Mother of Creation*, as Eve is the mother of all the living, (*Gn 3:20*) so Mary is the mother of creation. Of her Son, it is written: “In *Christ* were all things created in Heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether Thrones, or Dominations, or Principalities, or Powers. All things were created by Him and in Him.” (*Col 1:16*) Since all things were created ‘by Him and in Him,’ and He allowed Himself to be begotten in the womb of Mary before all things were created, then Mary is the Mother of Creation.

*Mary is the first Apostle*: In the simplest of terms, an apostle is a messenger. “And Mary said: ‘Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.’ And Mary rising up in those days, went into the hill country with haste into a city of Juda. And she entered into the house of Zachary and saluted Elizabeth.” (*Lk 1:38-40*) Mary as messenger immediately went to those in need to bring comfort, and the joyful news of the imminent arrival of the Messiah..

*Mary is the Servant of Christ*, as she said to the waiters: “Whatsoever He shall say to you, do ye.” (Jn 2:5) While Jesus is her Son, He is her Lord and Master.

*Mary is the Mother of the Church*, as it is written: “When Jesus therefore had seen His mother and the disciple standing whom He loved, He said to His mother: ‘Woman, behold thy son.’” (Jn 19:26) In this declaration of ‘woman, behold thy son,’ Jesus in referring to His mother as such, was giving her the title and responsibility of ‘Mother of the Church.’ Nicodemus asked Jesus: “How can a man be born when he is old?” (Jn 3:4) Saint John represented all mankind, especially the Church and Mary is the Woman, the Church, who enfolds all her children who are born again in immaculacy in her Immaculate Womb, the Church. This is further clarified in Scripture when it is written of Jesus: “He is the Head of the body, the Church, Who is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may hold the primacy.” (Col 1:18) In being the Head, and assigning the rest of His Body to His mother, it follows that Mary is the Mother of the Church.

*Mary is the mother of Grace*, as the angel said unto her: “Hail, full of grace.” (Lk 1:28)

*Mary is the Bride of Christ*, as it is written: “Let us be glad and rejoice and give glory to Him. For the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife has prepared herself. And it is granted to her that she should clothe herself with fine linen, glittering and white. For the fine linen are the justifications of saints.” (Apoc 19:7,8) As Mary is our Mother, and we are the Body of Christ, we the Church include Mary in us. The Church is the Bride of Christ. Mary while the mother is at the same time the Bride of Christ.

*Mary is the spouse of Joseph*, for it is written: “The Angel of the Lord appeared to him in his sleep, saying: ‘Joseph, son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her, is of the Holy Ghost.’ And Joseph rising up from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took unto him his wife.” (Mt 1:20,24)

*Mary is our sister*, for it is written: “His mother and His brethren came, and standing without, sent unto Him, calling Him. And the multitude sat about Him, and they say to Him: ‘Behold Thy mother and Thy brethren without seek for Thee. And answering them, He said: ‘Who is My mother and My brethren? And looking round about on them who sat about Him, He said: ‘Behold My mother and My brethren. For whosoever shall do the Will of God, He is My brother, and My sister, and mother.’” (*Mk 3:31-35*)

*Mary is our Mother*, as it is recorded: “When Jesus therefore had seen His mother and the disciple standing whom He loved, He said to His mother: ‘Woman, behold thy son.’ After that, He said to the disciple: ‘Behold thy mother.’” (*Jn 19:26,27*) Saint John was the only man present under the Cross, and he took the responsibility of representing all humanity to behold our mother.

*Mary is child of God*, as it is written in Holy Scripture: “But as many as received Him, He gave them power to be made the sons of God, to them that believe in His Name.” (*Jn 1:12*) Mary received Him, believed Him, and is child of God.

*Mary is the Mother of the Holy Eucharist*, as it is written: “And taking bread, He gave thanks and brake and gave to them, saying: ‘This is My Body, which is given for you. Do this for a commemoration of Me.’ In like manner, the chalice also, after He had supped, saying: ‘This is the chalice, the new testament in My Blood, which shall be shed for you.’” (*Lk 22:19,20*) Here the Son of Mary consecrates the Holy Eucharist before the Sacrifice on the Cross.

“Jesus said: ‘It is consummated.’ And bowing His head, He gave up the Ghost.” (*Jn 19:30*) Here the Son of Mary fulfills the consecration of the Last Supper.

“And it came to pass, about eight days after these words, that He took Peter and James and John and went up into a mountain to pray. And whilst He prayed, the shape of His countenance was altered and His raiment became white and glittering. And behold two men were

talking with Him. And they were Moses and Elijah, appearing in majesty. And they spoke of His decease that He should accomplish in Jerusalem. But Peter and they that were with Him were heavy with sleep. And waking, they saw His glory and the two men that stood with Him.” (Lk 9:28-32) Here is foreseen the glory of the Resurrected Jesus.

“If sons, heirs also, heirs indeed of God and joint heirs with Christ, yet so, if we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified with Him.” (Rm 8:17) Here is the promise of glorification to those who believe in His Sacrifice, and Eucharist.

“When He shall come to be glorified in His saints and to be made wonderful in all them who have believed. That the Name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.” (2Th 1:10,12) This is the fulfillment of the Eucharist in those who believe in the Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion. This glorified presence in us can only come to us in Holy Eucharist. Jesus is Holy Eucharist. Mary is His mother, and therefore the Mother of the Holy Eucharist.

*Mary is the Mother of the Apostles*, for as Scripture says: ...*(After the Ascension of Our Lord)*...“They returned to Jerusalem from the mount that is called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, within a Sabbath day’s journey. And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James of Alpheus and Simon Zelotes and Jude the brother of James. All these were persevering with one mind in prayer with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brethren.” (Ac 1:12-14) The Apostles, brothers in Our Lord Jesus, honored Mary as their mother too.

*Mary is Co-Adjutor with Jesus*, for scripture says: ‘For we are God’s coadjutors.’ (1Co 3:9) Most certainly Mary is Co-adjutor! A co-adjutor is a fellow ruler and helper, and certainly Mary was always there assisting her Son.

*Mary is Mediatrix of all Graces.* Of Mary it is written: "Thou art beautiful above the sons of men, grace is poured abroad in thy lips, therefore has God blessed thee for ever." (*Ps 44:3*) It is foretold: "And I will pour out upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace, and of prayers." (*Zc 12:10*) These graces come thorough Mary who brought us Jesus, God the Son. He is Grace, and gives the responsibility to His mother to be mediatrix of all Graces, for grace to be 'poured abroad.' Doesn't the mother take responsibility for running the household? The dutiful Son places the 'funds,' that is the graces, into His mother's hands to be distributed!

At the annunciation Mary is greeted: "Hail, full of grace." (*Lk 1:28*) Of her Son Whom she nurtured and taught it is written: "The Child grew and waxed strong, full of wisdom, and the grace of God was in Him. And Jesus advanced in wisdom, and age, and grace, with God, and men." (*Lk 2:40,52*) God entrusted His Son to Mary, who taught the Man-God wisdom, and while He Himself is all Grace, Mary gave Him grace.

At the first miracle in Cana, it is recorded: "And the third day, there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. And Jesus also was invited, and His disciples, to the marriage. And the wine failing, the mother of Jesus said to Him: "They have no wine.'" (*Jn 2:1-3*) The servants at the wedding recognized the special place of Mary, and went to her to ask for a gracious intervention. Jesus granted the request, of Mary, the Mediatrix of all Graces.

*Mary is the great sign which appeared in Heaven,* the woman clothed with the sun: "A great sign appeared in Heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." (*Apoc 12:1*) Our Blessed Mother appeared to Juan Diego, at Tepayac, near Mexico City, between 9-12, December, 1531. At the last appearance, Our Lady sent Juan to the top of Tepayac Hill, and there he found beautiful Castilian roses (out of season in December). She arranged them in his tilma, (his cloak), and sent him to the Bishop, with a request that a Basilica be built

there in her honor. When the Bishop saw the magnificent picture of our Lady, clothed in the sun, in the tilma, he immediately believed, and consented to the Heavenly requests. Our Lady is known to the Aztecs as Our Lady of Guadalupe. (We will deal with this apparition later). Also, in 1917 our Blessed Mother appeared to three little children in Fatima, Portugal, and gave them a sign of her Heavenly message, by having the sun ‘dance, and fall toward the earth,’ a miracle witnessed by over 65,000 people. Mary is acknowledged as she truly is, the great sign which appeared in Heaven.

*In Mary is all the grace of the way and the truth.* Of Mary it is foretold: “In me is all grace of the way and of the truth, in me is all hope of life and of virtue.” (Si 24:25<sup>a</sup>) In Mary is all Grace, Jesus. In Mary is all hope of life and of strength, (Si 24:25<sup>b</sup>) for she brought us Jesus, “the Way, and the Truth, and the Life.” (Jn 14:6)

*Mary is called Co-Redemptrix,* for it is written: “And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that, out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed.” (Lk 2:35) Mary accompanied her Son Jesus on the way of the Cross and stood by His Cross until death. (Jn 19:25)

Mary is the woman who has crushed the head of the serpent. By being faithful to the word of God, and believing in His promise, Mary brought forth Jesus, the Word of God, as was declared by God: “I will put enmities between thee and the woman, and thy seed and her seed, she shall crush thy head, and thou shalt lie in wait for her heel.” (Gn 3:15) Jesus is the seed of Mary, and so in Jesus, the woman has crushed the head of the serpent.

Mary has delivered us from the power of darkness, for it is written: “Jacob begot Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, Who is called Christ.” (Mt 1:16) Through her faith in the word of God, Mary brought forth Jesus, Who delivered us from sin and death and has delivered we who believe in Him from the power of the devil. Mary His mother, is co-redemptrix whose own soul the sword pierced.

*Why are we so repetitious with prayers, like the Rosary?*

This question is asked because non-believers in the immaculacy of Mary quote the scripture: “Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you devour the houses of widows, praying long prayers. For this you shall receive the greater judgment.” (*Mt 23:14*) Again He said: “And when you are praying, speak not much, as the heathens. For they think that in their much speaking they may be heard.” (*Mt 6:7*) These verses have caused a lot of misinterpretation by some not willing to be involved in ‘long praying,’ or in multiplied or repetitious prayers like the Rosary. As we shall see later on, Holy Mary gave us the Rosary, and she is the Mother of the Son of God, the daughter of God the Father, and Spouse of God the Holy Ghost. The Holy Rosary is a divine prayer is from Heaven, is scriptural, and is a perfect prayer of contemplation of the arrival of our Savior, His Passion and Glorious Resurrection, (*Jn 1:10-12*) and the prophecy of the fulfillment of man in the fulness of and in the likeness of His resurrection, (*Rm 6:4,5*) arrival at the state of perfect man, unto the measure of the age of the fulness of Christ, (*Ep 4:13*) filled unto all the fulness of God. (*Jn 17:21; Ep 3:19*)

Multiplied prayers is Scriptural, for we read in the First Book of Samuel (*also called 1 Kings*): “Anna made a vow, saying: ‘O Lord of Hosts, if Thou wilt look down, and will be mindful of me, and not forget Thy handmaid, and will give to Thy servant a manchild, I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head.’ And it came to pass, as she multiplied prayers before the Lord, that Eli observed her mouth. Now Anna spoke in her heart, and only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard at all. Eli therefore thought her to be drunk, and said to her: ‘How long wilt thou be drunk? Digest a little the wine, of which you have taken too much.’ Anna answering, said: ‘Not so, my lord, for I am an exceeding unhappy woman, and have drunk neither wine nor any strong drink, but I have poured out my soul before the Lord.’ Then Eli said to her: ‘Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition, which thou have asked of Him.’” Later Anna returned to the Temple in Shiloh and said to Eli...“I beseech thee, my lord, as thy soul lives, my lord, I am that woman, who stood before thee here praying to the Lord. For this child did I pray, and the Lord has granted me my petition, which I asked of Him.” (*1S 1:11-*

15,17,26,27)

Repetitious praying is Scriptural. In Psalm 135 (Ps 136 in the Hebrews) the phrase: “for His mercy endures forever” is repeated 27 times, in 27 verses. This is repetition. Also in the Book of Daniel Chapter 3, between the verses 52 and 88, God is “praised and exalted above all forever” 40 times. Repetition!

It is better not to forget what Jesus said: “Then came Peter unto Him and said: ‘Lord, how often shall my brother offend against me, and I forgive him? Till seven times?’ Jesus said to him: ‘I say not to you, till seven times, but till seventy times seven times.’” (*Mt 18:21,22*)

“Lord, teach us to pray.” (*Lk 11:2*) When we repeat the Heavenly message: “Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus,” we give glory to God. When we repeat the Lord’s Prayer, we give glory to God. When we give praise and glory to God, does He not “dwell in the Holy Place, the praise of Israel?” We are Israel, that is the people of God, for that is what Israel means - the people of God.

## Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lord, have mercy on us.

*A. Christ, have mercy on us.*

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

*A. Christ graciously hear us.*

God the Father of Heaven,

*A. Have mercy on us.*

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,

*A. Have mercy on us.*

God, the Holy Ghost,

*A. Have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, One God,

*A. Have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

Mother of Christ,

Mother of Divine Grace,

Mother Most Pure,

Mother Most Chaste,

Mother Inviolata,

Mother undefiled,

Mother Most Amiable,

Mother Most Admirable,

Mother of Good Counsel,

Mother of our Creator,

Mother of our Savior,

Virgin Most Prudent,

Virgin Most Venerable,

Virgin Most Renowned,

Virgin Most Powerful,

Virgin Most Merciful,

Virgin Most Faithful,

Mirror of Justice,

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P. Let us pray

Grant unto us, Thy servants, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, at all times to enjoy health of soul and body, and by the glorious intercession of Blessed Mary, Ever Virgin, when freed from the sorrows of this present life, to enter into that joy which has no end, in Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Memorare**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,  
that never was it known  
that anyone who fled to thy protection,  
implored thy help,  
or sought thy intercession,  
was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence,  
we fly unto thee,  
O Virgin of virgins, our Mother,  
to thee do we come, before thee we kneel,  
sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate,  
despise not our petitions,  
but in thy clemency,  
hear and answer us. Amen.

## The Litany of Titles

### *Why do we call Mary, Holy Mary?*

Because Scripture says so. The Archangel Gabriel said to Mary: “And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.” (*Lk 1:35*) Only the Holy can bring forth Holiness. “Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit, and the evil tree brings forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can an evil tree bring forth good fruit.” (*Mt 7:17,18*) With joyful heart we contemplate Holy Mary, who conceived of the Holy Ghost.

### *Why do we call Mary, the Mother of God?*

Because Scripture says so. Elizabeth said “Whence is this to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” (*Lk 1:43*) If we are brothers and sisters in Jesus, and Jesus calls Mary “Mother,” then are we His brothers and sisters to call her differently? Of course not! She is my Brother’s mother, (*Ps 49:20*) she is my mother, she is our mother.

Pope St. Sixtus (423-440) proclaimed that Mary is the Mother of God, following the decision reached by the Council of Ephesus (431). “So then brethren, stand firm, and hold the teachings that you have learned whether by word or letter of ours.” (*2Th 2:15*) Before there were divisions in the Church, we all agreed that Mary is the Mother of God.

### *Why do we call Mary, Holy Virgin of virgins?*

Scripture says: “The Lord Himself shall give you a sign. Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son and His Name shall be called Emmanuel.” (*Is 7:14*) This prophecy was fulfilled when: “Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, Who is called Christ.” (*Mt 1:16*) This is Jesus Who had to be born in the flesh, and had to be born without sin, because God cannot come through sin nor can He abide in sin. Scripture confirms this: “Him (*Jesus*), Who knew no sin, He (*God the Father*) has made sin for us, that we might be made the justice of God in Him (*Jesus*).” (*2Co 5:21*) Therefore He had to be born through a sinless body which had

not the original sin of Eve and Adam. Again Scripture confirms this: ‘Now the generation of Christ was in this wise. When as His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with Child, of the Holy Ghost. Whereupon Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing publicly to expose her, was minded to put her away privately. But while he thought on these things, behold the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in his sleep, saying: ‘Joseph, son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her, is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His Name Jesus.’” (*Mt 1:18-21*)

Again Scripture confirms that Mary conceived Jesus in her immaculate womb before the creation of Adam and Eve. Mary was retained in the heart of God the Father and was not part of the eternal conception of the first parents. In the psalms it is written of the immaculate birth of immaculate Jesus through immaculate Mary, Ever Virgin: “From the womb before the day star I begot Thee.” (*Ps 109:3*) The ‘day star’ here referred to is the angels and in particular Satan, who is so called in Isaiah: “How art thou fallen from Heaven, O Lucifer, (*O day star*), who didst rise in the morning?” (*Is 14:12*)

God retained someone immaculate in His Heart from all eternity to deliver the world from sin, and that immaculate one is Mary. Of all the virgins which ever were or ever will be, Mary is the Virgin of all virgins.

*Why do we call Mary, Mother of Christ?*

Holy Scripture confirms that Mary is the Mother of Jesus, Who is called the Christ, as it is written: “The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham begot Isaac. And Isaac begot Jacob. And Jacob begot Judah and his brethren. And Judah begot Phares and Zara of Tamar. And Phares begot Esron. And Esron begot Aram. And Aram begot Aminadab. And Aminadab begot Naasson. And Naasson begot Salmon. And Salmon begot Booz of Rahab. And Booz begot Obed of Ruth. And Obed begot Jesse. And Jesse begot David the king. And David the king begot Solomon, of her that had been the wife of Uriah...And

Zorobabel begot Abiud. And Abiud begot Eliacim. And Eliacim begot Azor. And Azor begot Sadoc. And Sadoc begot Achim. And Achim begot Eliud. And Eliud begot Eleazar. And Eleazar begot Mathan. And Mathan begot Jacob. And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, Who is called Christ.” (Mt 1:1-6,13-16)

Again it is further confirmed in Scripture: “Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His Name Jesus. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Most High.” (Lk 1:31,32) Mary acknowledged that she expected the Savior, for she simply asked the angel: “How shall this be done, because I know not man?” (Lk 1:34) She showed that she was aware of the expectations of the virgins of Israel. Mary accepted the honor to be the mother of Christ. We, brothers and sisters in the Lord, accept the honor to call Mary our mother too.

*Why do we call Mary, Mother of Divine Grace?*

Mary is the Spouse of the Holy Ghost, (Lk 1:35) and as such has all the graces of her Spouse, the Holy Ghost. She is God’s special instrument for bringing the fulness of God to earth. As Scripture says: “The angel being come in, said unto her: ‘Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women.’ And the angel said to her: ‘Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His Name Jesus. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Most High...The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy Which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.’” (Lk 1:28-31,35)

“And I will pour out upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace, and of prayers, and they shall look upon Me, Whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him as one mourns for an only Son, and they shall grieve over Him, as the manner is to grieve for the death of the Firstborn.” (Zc 12:10) As spouse of God the Holy Ghost, and mother of Jesus, the Son of God, Mary shares in the wealth of the Graces of her Spouse,

God the Holy Ghost. Mary is the Mother of Jesus the Divine Grace, and God the Holy Ghost, the Spouse of Mary, has given to us this Divine Grace through Mary.

*Why do we call Mary, Mother Most Pure?*

How could the Son of God be born into the world but through the womb of a most pure Virgin. As Scripture says: "But all things are of God, Who has reconciled us to Himself by Christ. For God indeed was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself. For Christ therefore we beseech you, be reconciled to God. Him, Who knew no sin, He has made sin for us, that we might be made the justice of God in Him." (2Co 5:18-21) He Who knew no sin could not inherit impurity in His birth, nor be born in impurity, therefore He had to be born of Mary, the Mother Most Pure.

*Why do we call Mary, Mother Most Chaste?*

In proving the title 'Most Chaste' (meaning that she abstained from all sexual intercourse), it is necessary to assert that Mary had no other children. Sacred Scripture reveals scripture, and some argue that there were other children born to Mary and Joseph because it says: "Is not this the carpenter's Son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brethren James, and Joseph, and Simon, and Jude, and His sisters, are they not all with us?" (Mt 13:55,56) Brethren and sisters in Israel at that time, and even in the Middle East countries today, refer to brethren, as brothers, sisters, as well as to the immediate family, cousins, aunts and uncles. If Jude were the 'brother' of Jesus, why then does he begin his letter: "Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are beloved in God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called."? (Jude 1:1) Why did he not say 'the brother of Jesus Christ'?

In the Old testament it is written of brethren who are actually cousins as we know them: "And Nadab and Abiu, the sons of Aaron, taking their censers, put fire therein, and incense on it, offering before the Lord strange fire, which was not commanded them. And fire coming out from the Lord destroyed them, and they died before the Lord. And Moses said to Aaron: "This is what the Lord has spoken. I will be sanctified in them that approach to Me, and I will be glorified in

the sight of all the people.’ And when Aaron heard this, he held his peace. And Moses called Misael and Elisaphan, the sons of Oziel, the uncle of Aaron, and said to them: ‘Go and take away your brethren from before the sanctuary, and carry them without the camp.’” (*Lv 10:1-4*) These brethren are cousins, as you can readily see.

Do you think that the Jews in one family would call their two daughters by the same name, Mary? “Now there stood by the cross of Jesus, His mother and His mother’s sister, Mary of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalen.” (*Jn 19:25*) Would they not see who the ‘brethren’ are? “Now the centurion and they that were with him watching Jesus, having seen the earthquake and the things that were done, were sore afraid, saying: ‘Indeed this was the Son of God.’ And there were there many women afar off, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto Him, among whom was Mary Magdalen and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.” (*Mt 27:54-56*) Mary the mother of Jesus was standing beneath the Cross. Mary the mother of James and Joseph was standing ‘afar off,’ and who had followed Jesus from Galilee. If Mary the mother of Jesus was ‘afar off,’ how could she be the same Mary who was the Mother of James and Joseph who was standing beneath the Cross? Jesus says: “I am the First and the Last.” (*Apoc 1:17*) Jesus is the first and the last born of Mary in human terms.

Another scripture which people wonder about when speaking of Mary having other children is what is written of Saint Joseph: “And he knew her not till she brought forth her first born Son, and he called His Name Jesus.” (*Mt 1:25*) This expression was the usual manner of speaking among the Hebrews. They denote that by the word ‘until’ to mean until that which is done, without having any regard to the future, or to the time. Thus it is said: “After that forty days were passed, Noah opening the window of the ark, which he had made, sent forth a raven, which went forth and did not return, till the waters were dried up upon the earth.” Did it return to the ark then after it had found dry land and carcasses? Of course not!

God said: “Hearken unto Me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel who are carried by My soul, are borne up by My

womb. Even to your old age I am the same, and to your grey hairs I will carry you, I have made you, and I will bear, I will carry and will save.” (Is 46:3,4) When He says: “Even to your old age I am the same,” does He mean that then it is the end of God? Also God said to His Divine Son: “Sit on My right hand till I make Thy enemies Thy footstool.” When the enemies are defeated, will then God cease to rule, or will He cease to exist? Of course not!

“And he knew her not till she brought forth her first born Son,” has another mystical meaning. Joseph did not know the full extent of the mystery of the Incarnation, until Jesus was born. He did not know the sublime gift that God had given to mankind in Mary. He did not know the fullness of the teaching that his, Joseph’s, Divine Son, would impart to the world. He did not know that when Nicodemus asked Jesus: “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born again?” that Jesus would not say ‘no’, but answered: “Amen, amen, I say to thee, unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Ghost, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.” (Jn 3:4,5) He did not know the full extent of the greatness of his spouse. As Eve is the mother of all the living, (Gn 3:20) Mary is the mother of creation, as we said earlier. Of her Son, it is written: “In *Christ* were all things created in Heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether Thrones, or Dominations, or Principalities, or Powers. All things were created by Him and in Him.” (Col 1:16) Therefore we must enter spiritually into her immaculate womb and be her children, born again not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but by the will of her Father and ours, the will of God. Mary is most chaste and Jesus is her first born. We who believe are the next born of Mary, Mother of the New Creation, Mother Most Chaste.

*Why do we call Mary, Mother Inviolatē?*

Holy Mary is the Mother Inviolatē, (that is free from any impurity or violation), because Jesus, Who knew no sin, had to be born through a woman who had to be free of original sin. Almighty God said of Jesus and therefore about Mary: “In the womb before the daystar I begot Thee.” (Ps 109:3) In the womb of Mary before creation He begot Jesus. Mary was reserved in the heart of the Father, and

excluded from being of the seed of Eve. Thus Mary is the Mother Inviolable, who was born immaculate, conceived immaculate, gave birth immaculate. As light comes through a window and breaks it not, so too Jesus, the Light of the world, came into the world through Mary and broke her not. Mary Inviolable.

### *Why do we call Mary, Mother undefiled?*

Mary brought forth her first born Son, (*Lk 2:7*) and we who do the Will of God, are her next born children, and brethren in the Lord Jesus. Someone said to Jesus: "Behold Thy mother and Thy brethren stand without, seeking Thee." But He answering him that told Him, said: "Who is My mother, and who are My brethren?" And stretching forth His hand towards His disciples, He said: "Behold My mother and My brethren. For whosoever shall do the will of My Father, that is in Heaven, he is My brother, and sister, and mother." (*Mt 12:47-50*) Mary did the will of the Father, is the mother of Jesus Christ, God, Second Person of the Holy Trinity, she gave birth to Him, Who knew no sin." (*2Co 5:21*) Mary remained a virgin forever, and we love, honor and respect the Mother undefiled.

### *Why do we call Mary, Mother Most Amiable?*

When Mary had heard and understood what the Archangel Gabriel had announced, she replied in all humility: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word." (*Lk 1:38*) Mary, Most Amiable to the Will of God. So too we must imitate the obedience of Mary and be most amiable to the Will of God.

### *Why do we call Mary, Mother Most Admirable?*

Consider the courage of Mary, "who knew not man," accept with incredible faith the immaculate conception in her womb: "Be it done unto me according to thy word." Surely it can be applied to Mary what is written: "The Sun when He appears showing forth at His rising, an admirable instrument, the work of the most High." (*Si 43:2*) We join the Psalmist in singing the praises of the Almighty God in giving us such an August mother: "O Lord, our Lord, how admirable is Thy Name in the whole earth! For Thy magnificence is elevated above the heavens." (*Ps 8:2*) All were in admiration at the words of Jesus, (*Mt 7:28*) and Almighty God gave us his mother,

## Mary Most Admirable.

### *Why do we call Mary, Mother of Good Counsel?*

What greater counsel can we receive than that which Mary uttered in her only commandment recorded in Holy Scripture: "Whatsoever He shall say to you, do ye." (*Jn 2:5*) The Holy Woman who God prepared to be a fit tabernacle for His Divine Son would certainly be able to proclaim: "Counsel and equity is mine, prudence is mine, strength is mine," (*Pr 8:14*) since to her is given Him made Man to care for, He Who is the fulness of God. Since the: "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him and the Spirit of counsel," (*Is 11:2*) we must conclude that it is said of Mary: "This also is come forth from the Lord God of hosts, to make His counsel wonderful, and magnify justice." (*Is 28:29*) It is the Mother of Good Counsel who was "predestinated according to the purpose of Him Who works all things according to the counsel of His Will." (*Ep 1:11*) Mary always deferred to Almighty God, and proclaims: "Without Thy counsel I would do nothing." (*Phm 1:14*) Of course Mary is Mother of Good Counsel, and we seek her counsel, for she always leads us to Jesus. Like the three wise men we find Jesus with Mary. (*Mt 2:11*)

### *Why do we call Mary, Mother of our Creator?*

Mary gave birth to Jesus of Whom Scripture declares: "Is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of every creature, for in Him were all things created, in Heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether Thrones, or Dominations, or Principalities, or Powers. All things were created by Him and in Him." (*Col 1:15,16*) Since all things were created in the Son of God, then He is the Creator, our Creator, and Mary His Mother is the Mother of our Creator, and we love her.

### *Why do we call Mary, Mother of our Savior?*

Scripture reveals that Mary declares: "My spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour." (*Lk 1:47*) The angels appeared to the shepherds and told them: "This day is born to you a Saviour, Who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David." (*Lk 2:11*) The Apostle confirmed this: "God, according to His promise, has raised up to Israel a Saviour Jesus." (*Ac 13:23*) Again it is stated: "The grace of God our Saviour

has appeared to all men.” (Tt 2:11) And the Beloved Disciple certifies: “And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Saviour of the world.” (1Jn 4:14) Mary is the Mother of our Savior, and we thank God for her faith in bringing Him to us.

### *Why do we call Mary, Virgin Most Prudent?*

We speak of ‘prudent’ as someone who shows care and thought for the future. Mary exhibited this when the Archangel Gabriel came and greeted her with the words “Hail Mary,” it is written that: “having heard, was troubled at his saying and thought with herself what manner of salutation this should be.” (Lk 1:29) She did not doubt, but wondered, and knowing her thoughts, Gabriel put her mind at rest. After hearing all that was said to her, she prudently asked: “How shall this be done?” (Lk 1:34) A thousand questions never make a doubt, and the question of how this event was to be done was very prudent. We do with confidence call Mary, Virgin Most Prudent.

### *Why do we call Mary, Virgin Most Venerable?*

The term venerable is to a person for whom we have accorded great respect because of wisdom, or character. Our Blessed Mother exhibited these qualities right from the beginning. God ordained the Holy Apostles to bring the word of salvation to all mankind. They received the glorious title of servants of God, and of our Lord Jesus Christ, (Jm 1:1) and also were called His ambassadors. (2Co 5:20) They received His marvelous gift of sanctifying grace. The holy parents, Mary, and her pure spouse, Joseph, are the mother and the father of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. To Mary, the Mother of God, and to Joseph, the Foster Father of God, the union of Christ’s human nature, and the union of the Person of the Word of God, His Divine nature, is entrusted. To these Holy and Immaculate parents, is entrusted the Person of the Word made Flesh, a responsibility greater than any ever given to mankind, since the fall of the first parents. What an honor it is to call Mary, “Virgin Most Venerable,” for surely her responsibility is greater than any of the Apostles who were most gloriously titled.

### *Why do we call Mary, Virgin Most Renowned?*

Cousin Elizabeth asked Mary: “Whence is this to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” (*Lk 1:43*) The mother of the Precursor of the Savior, proclaimed the mother of the Savior to be most renowned, and so we follow the excellent example of Holy Scripture in calling Mother Mary, Virgin Most Renowned.

*Why do we call Mary, Virgin Most Powerful?*

It is Mary who said to the Savior: “They have no wine,” to whom Jesus replied: “Woman, what is that to Me and to thee? My hour is not yet come.” (*Jn 2:3,4*) Mary His mother knew of the miracle that was needed, and that it was at her request He wrought it. Virgin Most Powerful who could anticipate the will of God, and tell the attendants: “Whatever He shall say to you, do ye.” He did it, and they did it. We salute Mary, Virgin Most Powerful.

*Why do we call Mary, Virgin Most Merciful?*

Mary declared of Almighty God the Father: “He that is Mighty has done great things in me, and Holy is His Name. And His mercy is from generation unto generations, to them that fear Him. He has shown might in His arm, He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart. He has received Israel His servant, being mindful of His mercy.” It is in the Blessed Ever Virgin Mary that God the Creator shows His mercy for generations which in times past was promised, and now in Mary for all future generations to come, the mercy of Divine Mercy, Jesus is come. God demonstrates His Mercy in Mary Most Merciful, for it is through her that He gave us His Mercy, for His mercy endures for ever. (*Ps 135:1*)

*Why do we call Mary, Virgin Most Faithful?*

God promised the Psalmist: “I will keep My mercy for him for ever, and My covenant faithful to him.” (*Ps 88:29*) It is through faithful Mary that He fulfilled the promise given to King David, and brought us Jesus, King of All Nations. It is said: “All His commandments are faithful, confirmed for ever and ever, made in truth and equity,” (*Ps 110:8*) and again it is written: “The Lord is faithful in all His words, and holy in all His works.” (*Ps 144:13*) Mary is the Virgin Most Faithful, not only because of her absolute faith in the word of God, but because God found her to be the Virgin Most Faithful.

*Why do we call Mary, Mirror of Justice?*

“A covenant to David the king, the son of Jesse of the tribe of Juda, an inheritance to him and to his seed, that he might give wisdom into our heart to judge his people in justice, that their good things might not be abolished, and He made their glory in their nation everlasting.” (*Is 45:31*) Jesus is the Covenant born of Mary and she is of the seed of David. In turn Mary is the Mirror of God, the Mirror of Justice. Mary fulfilled the prophecy: “In those days, and at that time, I will make the Bud of Justice to spring forth unto David, and He shall do judgment and justice in the earth.” (*Jr 33:15*) Mary, perfect, immaculate, obedient, trusting, faithful, is the mirror of the very likeness of God’s own image and likeness, (*Gn 1:26*) she is the Mirror of Jesus, the Mirror of Justice, an example for us to follow.

*Why do we call Mary, Seat of Wisdom?*

Who sat upon her lap if not Jesus, the Wisdom of God? “I wisdom dwell in counsel, and am present in learned thoughts. The fear of the Lord hates evil, I hate arrogance, and pride, and every wicked way, and a mouth with a double tongue. Counsel and equity is mine, prudence is mine, strength is mine. By me princes rule, and the mighty decree justice. I love them that love me, and they that in the morning early watch for me shall find me.” (*Pr 8:12-17*) Also it says in Scripture, that when He went up to Nazareth with His parents, He was subject to them and “advanced in wisdom and age and grace before God and men.” (*Lk 2:52*) To whom did God entrust His Divine Son, if not to Mary, the Seat of Wisdom?

*Why do we call Mary, the Cause of our Joy?*

By saying: “Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to thy word.” (*Lk 1:38*) Mary brought Jesus to us, our Joy. “Thou hast made known to me the ways of life, Thou shall fill me with joy with Thy countenance, at Thy right hand are delights even to the end.” (*Ps 15:11*) We join in singing: “These things I remembered, and poured out my soul in me, for I shall go over into the place of the wonderful Tabernacle, even to the House of God, with the voice of joy and praise, the noise of one feasting.” (*Ps 41:5*)

Consider how the people rejoiced at the presence of God in the Ark

of the Covenant. “When they that carried the Ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a ram, and David danced with all his might before the Lord, and David was girded with a linen ephod. And David and all the house of Israel brought the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord with joyful shouting, and with sound of trumpet.” (2K 6:13-15) These joyful sacrifices were made at the presence of the Ark of the Covenant, which was a pattern of the true Ark of God which would be revealed through Mary. It was Mary who carried Jesus, the New Testament, the True Manna from Heaven, and the Rod of God, the Authority and Commandment of God. “...golden pot that had manna, and the rod of Aaron that had blossomed, and the tables of the Testament.” (Hb 9:4) Surely Elizabeth would say: “Whence is this to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” (Lk 1:43) Mary was the cause of joy to Zachary, Elizabeth and John.

We acknowledge of our mother, the cause of our joy: “She shall heap upon Him a treasure of joy and gladness.” (Si 15:6) Consider for a moment what sorrow we would have had Mary not said ‘yes.’ Surely Mary is the Cause of our Joy, who brought us our Redeemer and Savior!

#### *Why do we call Mary, Spiritual Vessel?*

To carry Jesus, the Son of God in her womb, certainly makes Mary a very special Spiritual Vessel. Mary is the Spiritual Vessel who brought us the Savior of the world. “The fear of the Lord is honour, and glory, and gladness, and a crown of joy.” (Si 1:11) By the arrival of Jesus Redeemer, there is fulfilled the Scripture: “In that day the Lord of Hosts shall be a crown of glory, and a garland of joy to the residue of His people.” (Is 28:5) We look to Mary and salute Mary, Spiritual Vessel, who shows us that we ourselves must be spiritual vessels and carry Jesus in ourselves in Holy Eucharistedness.

#### *Why do we call Mary, Vessel of Honor?*

What an honor to be the mother of God! By the very fact that Mary carried in the vessel of her womb, the infant Jesus, (Jn 1:14) is in itself enough of an honor to bestow upon her such a title, Vessel of Honor.

### *Why do we call Mary, Singular Vessel of Devotion?*

It was through Mary that Jesus worked His first miracles. When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe (John the Baptist), leapt in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost. (*Lk 1:41*) This was the first miracle worked by Jesus, through His mother, His first miracle of grace. At the marriage feast of Cana He worked His first miracle of nature through the intercession of His mother. (*Jn 2:1-11*) Should we not honor then the single person who brought us God our Savior, and through whom and for whom He worked His first miracles of grace and nature? Surely we honor Mary, the Singular Vessel of Devotion, for it was in her womb, her Vessel, her Tabernacle, that Jesus to Whom we all owe all our devotion, came. Mary always leads us to Jesus.

### *Why do we call Mary, Mystical Rose?*

Because Scripture says so: "By a voice he said: 'Hear me, ye divine offspring, and bud forth as the rose planted by the brooks of waters.'" (*Is 39:17*) This was fulfilled in the voice of Gabriel when he visited and announced to Mary that God wished her to be the Mother of His Son, and bud forth Justice. The Prophet Isaiah foretold the acceptance of Mary and the birth of Jesus when he said: "The land that was desolate and impassable shall be glad, and the wilderness shall rejoice, and shall flourish like the rose. It shall bud forth and blossom, and shall rejoice with joy and praise, the glory of Lebanon is given to it, the beauty of Carmel, and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the beauty of our God." (*Is 35:1,2*) The land 'that was desolate and impassable' was the state of unbelief, of hypocrisy and of sin into which Jesus was born. Mary is the 'Mystical Rose' which brought forth the Blossom and Glory of God.

Please note that the verse cited above "shall flourish like the rose" is sometimes translated as, "shall flourish like the lily." This too fulfills the earlier quotation from the Canticle of Canticles 2:2: "As the lily among thorns, so is My love among the daughters."

### *Why do we call Mary, Tower of David?*

The lineage of Mary is of David which we saw earlier in the genealogy of Jesus. Mary is the tower of David being descended

from his line, as was Joseph her chaste spouse: “The Lord has sworn truth to David, and He will not make it void, of the fruit of thy womb I will set upon thy throne.” (*Ps 131:11*) Again it is said: “Thy neck, is as the tower of David, which is built with bulwarks, a thousand bucklers hang upon it, all the armor of valiant men.” (*Sg 4:4*) Blessed is the Fruit of the womb of Mary, which brought forth Jesus, the seed of David. Jesus is the strength and fulfillment of the line of David, the Tower to which we resort at all times. Mary is the Mother who brought us the Tower, and is in herself because of her great faith, the Tower of David. “He appointed to David His servant to raise up of him a Most Mighty King, and sitting on the throne of glory for ever,” (*Si 24:34*) and Mary is of the line of David, and is therefore the Tower of David.

In another place it is said: “His empire shall be multiplied, and there shall be no end of peace, He shall sit upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and strengthen it, with judgment and with justice, from henceforth and for ever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this.” (*Is 9:7*) Through Mary the Kingdom was established, and therefore it is confirmed: “And a throne shall be prepared in mercy, and One shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging and seeking judgment and quickly rendering that which is just.” (*Is 16:5*) This One will have all power and authority: “And I will lay the key of the house of David upon His shoulder, and He shall open, and none shall shut, and He shall shut, and none shall open.” (*Is 22:22*) God Himself confirms this: “Behold the days come, saith the Lord, and I will raise up to David a just Branch, and a King shall reign, and shall be wise, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.” (*Jr 23:5*) Mary is the mother who through strength in her faith, withstood the worldly fear. She is also the strength of the faithful and fearless David, and was a tower of strength in believing and bringing forth the immaculate ever virgin birth.

### *Why do we call Mary, Tower of Ivory?*

Ivory signifies outstanding qualities of greatness and riches. King Solomon asserts this in his sublime Cantic of Canticles: “Thy neck as a tower of ivory. Thy eyes like the fishpools in Hesebon, which are in the gate of the daughter of the multitude.” (*Sg 7:4*) We refer to

Mary as the Tower of Ivory, because she comes to us from the house of David, and through her came the fulfilment of the promise which God gave: "Incline your ear and come to Me, hear and your soul shall live, and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, the faithful mercies of David." (*Is 55:3*) The Everlasting Covenant is Jesus, and so of Mary it is written: "Myrrh and stacte and cassia perfume thy garments, from the ivory houses, out of which the daughters of kings have delighted Thee in Thy glory. The queen stood on Thy right hand, in gilded clothing, surrounded with variety." We salute Mary, Tower of Ivory, through which the Riches of the Glory of Heaven came to us.

### *Why do we call Mary, House of Gold?*

Gold mystically means the goodness of God. "For gold and silver are tried in the fire, but acceptable men in the furnace of humiliation." (*Si 2:5*) We mean by 'fire tried,' something which is most pure, like gold purified by fire. The Lord says: "The words of the Lord are pure words, as silver tried by the fire, purged from the earth, refined seven times." (*Ps 11:7*) He also says: "I counsel thee to buy of Me gold, fire tried, that thou may be made rich and may be clothed in white garments." (*Apoc 3:18*) Saint Peter says: "That the trial of your faith (much more precious than gold which is tried by the fire) may be found unto praise and glory and honour at the appearing of Jesus Christ." (*1P 1:7*)

Mary was the very humble handmaid of the Lord. She was denied entrance into an inn in Bethlehem, and so she had to give birth to the Son of God in a lowly stable cave. She was fire tried in the furnace of humiliation, as gold is purified by fire.

In her womb she carried the Ark of the Covenant, Jesus, the Word, the Manna from Heaven, the authority of God, which we will deal with in the next section. Moses was instructed by God: "Frame an ark of setim wood, the length whereof shall be of two cubits and a half; the breadth, a cubit and a half, the height, likewise, a cubit and a half. And you shall overlay it with the purest gold, within and without, and over it you shall make a golden crown round about." (*Ex 25:10,11*) This Ark of the Covenant was made by human hands

to carry the hand written Word of God, and this ark was covered inside and out by gold. How much more is the Virgin Mother who carried God in her immaculate womb, more precious than gold? We salute Mary, House of Gold, Goodness of God!

*Why do we call Mary, the Ark of the Covenant?*

Because it says so in Scripture. In her womb she carried Jesus, Who is the Word, the Bread of Life and the Branch. "In the ark was a golden pot containing the manna, and the rod of Aaron which had budded, and the tables of the covenant." (*Hb 9:4*) Again it says: "And the temple of God in Heaven was opened, and there was seen the Ark of His Covenant in His temple, and there came flashes of lightning, and peals of thunder, and an earthquake, and great hail. And a great sign appeared in Heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon was under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars." (*Apoc 11:19-12:1*) Mary is the fulfillment of the word of God, and conceived in her immaculate womb, Jesus, the Ark of the Covenant, and so we call Mary, the Ark of the Covenant. Mary asks us to become the ark of the Covenant of God, by worthily receiving Jesus in Holy Eucharist, and carry Him in ourselves. We will deal more with this in the title: 'Help of Christians.'

*Why do we say that Mary is the Gate of Heaven?*

Because Scripture says so: "This is the gate of the Lord, the just shall enter into it." (*Ps 117:20 (118)*) Mary is the gate through which the Father reached us in sending Jesus.

Mary, the ladder in Jacob's dream, (*Gn 28:12-14*) is the Gate of Heaven, as it is written: "Jacob being departed from Bersabee, went on to Haran. And when he was come to a certain place, and would rest in it after sunset, he took of the stones that lay there, and putting under his head, slept in the same place. And he saw in his sleep a ladder standing upon the earth, and the top thereof touching Heaven, the angels also of God ascending and descending by it. And the Lord leaning upon the ladder saying to him: 'I am the Lord God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac, the land, wherein you sleep, I will give to you and to your seed. And your seed shall be as the dust of the earth, you shall spread abroad to the west, and to the

east, and to the north, and to the south, and in thee and thy seed, all the tribes of the earth shall be blessed. And I will be your keeper whithersoever you go, and will bring you back into this land, neither will I leave you, till I shall have accomplished all that I have said.’

And when Jacob awaked out of sleep, he said: ‘Indeed the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not.’ And trembling, he said: ‘How terrible is this place? This is no other but the House of God, and the Gate of Heaven.’” (*Gn 28:10-17*)

Mary is the East Gate. “And behold the glory of the God of Israel came in by way of the east...and the majesty of the Lord went into the temple by the way of the gate that looked to the east...And the Lord said to me: ‘This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall pass through it because the Lord, the God of Israel, has entered in by it, and it shall be shut for the Prince.’” (*Ez 44:2-7*) Mary, the gate through which the Prince entered. Mary is the East gate, which God opened. Further if we study the geography and plan of the Temple we will see that the Women’s court was to the east, and entry to it was through the “Beautiful Gate.” Mary is the Gate of Heaven through which Jesus came.

*Why do we call Mary, Morning Star?*

Jesus is the Bright Morning Star, Mary is the Morning Star: “As I also have received from My Father, and I will give to him the Morning Star.” (*Apoc 2:28*) This is Mary, who was given to Jesus by His Father at the Annunciation by the Archangel Gabriel. “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things concerning the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the Bright Morning Star.” (*Apoc 22:16*)

Saint Paul tells us that “star differs from star in glory.” (*1Co 15:41*) Some astronomers teach that the morning star is a cluster of stars making up the one unit which is called the “morning star.” God asked Job: “Where were you when...the morning stars praised Me together, and all the sons of God made a joyful melody?” (*Jb 38:4,7*) We are all members of the Body of Christ. We are the morning stars who make up the Body of Christ. We are born again in the womb of

Mary. We receive the Holy Ghost and become Eucharisted, forming the New Creation in Jesus, the Bright Morning Star. In understanding the scriptural “morning star,” it is necessary to understand all that is contained in the promise by Jesus. Let us follow Mary to Jesus.

When the three wise men followed the star from the east, (*Mt 2:2*) it came to rest over the stable in Bethlehem: “And entering the house they found the Child with Mary His mother, and falling down they worshiped Him.” (*Mt 2:11*) So also do wise men today find Jesus with Mary!

Mary is the perfect temple created by the Holy Ghost, and we are the temple of the Holy Ghost. We are the body of Christ. Christ is the Head of the Body. The body, therefore, has to be formed in the same womb as the head. Because Jesus said to Mary: “Woman, behold thy son,” and to John: “Behold, thy mother,” it is then in her spiritual womb that the Body of Christ (that is, us) must be formed.

Mary is the woman foretold in Canticles: “Who is she that comes forth as the morning rising, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army set in array?” It is Mary, the Morning Star, who brought us the Body of Christ, the Bright Morning Star!

*Why do we call Mary, Health of the Sick?*

Jesus came and healed, as He told the disciples of the Baptist: “Go and relate to John what you have heard and seen, the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are made clean, the deaf hear, the dead rise again, to the poor the Gospel is preached. And blessed is he whosoever shall not be scandalized in Me.” (*Lk 7:22,23*) Think for a moment of the terrible state we would be in if Mary had not consented to the Father, to bear His Son. But she did consent and brought us Jesus the Miracle Worker, Who gave health to the afflicted. The world was sick in sin before Jesus came. Mary gave us Jesus, the Remedy, the Health of the Sick. Mary through Jesus, is the Health of the Sick.

*Why do we call Mary, Refuge of Sinners?*

Mary brought us Jesus Who gave refuge to sinners, as it is written: “And it came to pass as He sat at meat in his house (*Matthew the tax gatherer*), many Publicans and sinners sat down together with Jesus and His disciples. For they were many, who also followed Him. And the scribes and the Pharisees, seeing that He ate with publicans and sinners, said to His disciples: ‘Why does your Master eat and drink with publicans and sinners?’ Jesus hearing this, said to them: ‘They that are well have no need of a physician, but they that are sick. For I came not to call the just, but sinners.’” (*Mk 2:15-17*) Again it is recorded: “But God commends His charity towards us, because when as yet we were sinners according to the time, Christ died for us.” (*Rm 5:8,9*) And again: “A faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” (*1T 1:15*) Mother Mary brought us Jesus our Refuge, and so she has the title of Refuge of Sinners.

#### *Why do we call Mary, Comfort of the Afflicted?*

Mary showed us all the valiant woman who followed her Divine Son on His way of the Cross. She stood beneath His Cross, to be a comfort to Him in His affliction. “Now there stood by the Cross of Jesus, His mother...” (*Jn 19:25*) Mary knows sorrow and tribulation, and is the example to all of us of comfort. We call her as she is, Comfort of the Afflicted, ask her Son Jesus, He will tell you, Mary comforted Him in His affliction on the Cross.

#### *Why do we call Mary, Help of Christians?*

Christians are believers in Christ. Christians are believers in Jesus, the Word made Flesh. (*Jn 1:14*) Jesus said: “No man can come to Me, except the Father, Who has sent Me, draw him.” (*Jn 6:44*) Again He said: “No man comes to the Father, but by Me.” (*Jn 14:6*) Mary is the first Christian, for she believed the word of God, and brought Jesus Christ to Elizabeth and to her son, John the Baptist, who was baptized while yet in the womb.

See the parallel between the Ark of the Covenant which remained in the house of Obededom for three months, and Mary, the Ark of the New Covenant, who visited Elizabeth for three months.

“The Ark of the Lord abode in the house of Obededom the Gethite three months, and the Lord blessed Obededom, and all his household.” (2K 6:11)

“Mary rising up in those days, went into the hill country with haste into a city of Juda, and she entered into the house of Zachary and saluted Elizabeth. And it came to pass that when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the infant leaped in her womb...And Mary abode with her about three months. And she returned to her own house” (Lk 1:39-45,56)

Obededom was blessed abundantly. Elizabeth was blessed abundantly with the baptism of her son in her womb, making him who was conceived in original sin, to be born with sin, to born immaculate, the same as Mary. It was Mary who helped Elizabeth and John the Baptist.

Mary helped the Son of God, Jesus, in His humanity. She helped the Apostles after the departure of Jesus into Heaven: “All these were persevering with one mind in prayer with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brethren.” (Ac 1:14) She fulfilled the word: “Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.” (Jm 4:8) Her encouragement and perseverance with the first Christians is why we rightfully call Mary, Help of Christians.

*Why do we call Mary, Queen of Angels?*

Because the Archangel Gabriel, one of the seven archangels who stand before the Lord, as was told by his fellow archangel Raphael and revealed to Tobit: “For I am the angel Raphael, one of the seven, who stand before the Lord.” (Tb 12:15) When Gabriel appeared to Mary he greeted her with these words: “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women.” (Lk 1:28) Now if an Archangel greets Mary with the highest of salutations, “Hail,” acknowledging her position as superior to him, how then would she be addressed as other than Queen of Angels? Would not Almighty God, Who allowed Himself to be called “Son” by Mary, have her be called Queen by all of His creation?

### *Why do we call Mary, Queen of Patriarchs?*

We saw earlier in the genealogy of Jesus, the list of the patriarchs all the way back to Adam. These patriarchs looked for the Savior, and in so doing looked for His arrival. Mary honored the patriarchs, in her beautiful canticle: “My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour. Because He has regarded the humility of His handmaid, for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. And His mercy is from generation unto generations, to them that fear Him. He has received Israel His servant, being mindful of His mercy. As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for ever.” (*Lk 1:46-48,50,54,55*) All generations shall call Mary blessed, all the way back to Adam, and all the way to the end of the world. These words are a prediction of that honour which the Church in all ages pay to the Blessed Virgin, before the annunciation and afterwards. And so we thank God in keeping His promises told to the patriarchs, as we honor Mary Queen of Patriarchs.

### *Why do we call Mary, Queen of Prophets?*

How magnificent is Mary when the same Archangel Gabriel who came to her, is the same one who appeared to Daniel, and declared to him that the Archangel Michael is ‘your prince’ as it is written: “And it came to pass when I, Daniel, saw the vision, and sought the meaning, that behold there stood before me as it were the appearance of a man. And I heard the voice of a man between Ulai, and he called, and said: ‘Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision.’ And he came, and stood near where I stood, and when he was come, I fell on my face, trembling, and he said to me: ‘Understand, O son of man, for in the time of the end the vision shall be fulfilled. And when he spoke to me, I fell flat on the ground, and he touched me, and set me upright...But I will tell thee what is set down in the scripture of truth, and none is my helper in all these things, but Michael your prince.” (*Dn 8:15-18; 10:21*) If Michael is the prince of the prophet Daniel, how much more important is Mary than the prophet? Father God honored Mary by sending to her the messenger of prophets, who in turn like Isaiah looked for the revelation of the Mother of the Messiah, the King. Mary is Queen of Prophets.

### *Why do we call Mary, Queen of Apostles?*

Mary is the mother of the Apostles as it is written: “After that, He (*Jesus*) said to the disciple: ‘Behold thy mother.’ And from that hour, the disciple took her to his own.” (*Jn 19:27*) Of Jesus it is written: “And when He was now coming near the descent of Mount Olivet, the whole multitude of His disciples began with joy to praise God with a loud voice, for all the mighty works they had seen, saying: ‘Blessed be the King Who comes in the Name of the Lord! Peace in Heaven and glory on high!’” (*Lk 19:37,38*) It is also written of Him: “And there was also a superscription written over Him in letters of Greek and Latin and Hebrew, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’” (*Lk 23:38*) Again in another place it is written: “And Pilate wrote a title also, and he put it upon the Cross. And the writing was: ‘Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.’” (*Jn 19:19*)

Now if Jesus is King, which He is, then it follows that His Blessed Mother is Queen, as it is written: “The queen stood on Thy right hand, in gilded clothing, surrounded with variety. Instead of thy fathers, sons are born to thee, thou shalt make them princes over all the earth. They shall remember thy name throughout all generations. Therefore shall people praise thee for ever, yea, for ever and ever.” (*Ps 44:10,17,18*) And as it says: “Instead of thy fathers, sons are born to thee, thou shalt make them princes over all the earth,” it follows that the princes of the earth are the apostles, then Mary is the Queen of Apostles, to whom they resorted after the Ascension of Jesus as we saw earlier.

### *Why do we call Mary, Queen of Martyrs?*

It is Mary who encourages all to persevere, and be strong, and trust in the promise of Jesus Christ: “God is faithful, Who will strengthen and keep you from evil.” (*2Th 3:3*) Her words and example of courage and faith rings in the ears of all under persecution: “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering (for He is faithful that has promised).” (*Hb 10:23*) Jesus is the Martyr of martyrs, it is no wonder that she who stood under the Cross of Jesus her Son, and who encouraged Him, should be, and should be called Queen of Martyrs.

### *Why do we call Mary, Queen of Confessors?*

Who did the Apostles turn to after the Ascension of Jesus into

Heaven? It was to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as it is written: “And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James of Alpheus and Simon Zelotes and Jude the brother of James. All these were persevering with one mind in prayer with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brethren.” (*Ac 1:13,14*) It was Mary who encouraged these holy men to pray, and wait for the promise made by her Son, to send her Spouse, the Holy Ghost, with the permission of God her Father, and the Father of Creation. And so it was fulfilled: “They that are of faith shall be blessed with faithful Abraham.” (*Ga 3:9*) And again it is written: “He is faithful Who has called you, Who also will do it.” (*1Th 5:24*) These first Confessors of the Way, Truth, and Life, held fast and trusted in the strength, guidance, courage, and faith of Mary. With love, respect, and honor, we call Mary, Queen of Confessors.

#### *Why do we call Mary, Queen of Virgins?*

“The Queen stood on Thy right hand, in gilded clothing, surrounded with variety. Harken, O daughter, and see, and incline thy ear, and forget thy people and thy father’s house. And the King shall greatly desire thy beauty, for He is the Lord thy God, and Him they shall adore. And the daughters of Tyre with gifts, yea, all the rich among the people, shall entreat thy countenance. All the glory of the King’s daughter is within in golden borders, clothed round about with varieties. After her shall virgins be brought to the King, her neighbours shall be brought to thee. They shall be brought with gladness and rejoicing, they shall be brought into the temple of the King.” (*Ps 44:10-16*) Since it is written: “After her shall virgins be brought to the King,” it follows that Mary, Queen of the King, is the Virgin of those virgins which are brought to the King. “For wisdom came forth from God, for praise shall be with the wisdom of God, and shall abound in a faithful mouth, and the Sovereign Lord will give praise unto it.” (*Si 15:10*) Therefore we sing the praise and glory of God for Mary: “O Lord, Thou art my God, I will exalt Thee, and give glory to Thy Name, for Thou hast done wonderful things, Thy designs of old faithful, amen,” (*Is 25:1*) fulfilled in faithful Mary, Queen of Virgins.

#### *Why do we call Mary, Queen conceived without original sin?*

As we said earlier, it was impossible that Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, the Son of God, should come to us through sin. Therefore it was necessary that God the Father of Creation should reserve in His Heart, a faithful soul who would not be under the influence of sin. Since Adam and Eve obeyed the devil and handed their authority and principality over man and earth to Satan, man then was necessarily under the dominion of Satan. It is written that the evil one took Jesus: “up into a very high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them, and said to Him: ‘All these will I give Thee, if falling down Thou wilt adore me.’” In acknowledging that he had no power over Jesus, he tried to tempt Him, not sure whether He was the Son of God, the Messiah, Who was expected. Jesus answered him: “Begone, Satan, for it is written: ‘The Lord thy God shalt thou adore, and Him only shalt thou serve.’” (*Mt 4:8-10*) Clearly then, Jesus had to be immaculate, had to be born without sin from a virgin who would be without original sin, and since that virgin is Mary, the mother of Christ the King, we rightfully proclaim her to be, Queen conceived without original sin.

#### *Why do we call Mary, Queen of all Saints?*

It is through Mary that Jesus came, and of Him it is written: “Jesus Christ, Who is the Faithful Witness, the First begotten of the dead and the Prince of the kings of the earth, Who has loved us and washed us from our sins in His own Blood.” (*Apoc 1:5*) We are all called to be saints. (*Rm 8:28*) All who believe in Him and do His Will, are called saints. Jesus is the King of All Ages, and Mary the mother of the King is Queen. All the followers of Jesus are the saints and regard Mary as Queen of all Saints. Mary was the first saint after Jesus, yet was always with the Saint of all saints, always with Jesus.

#### *Why do we say that Mary was Assumed into Heaven?*

Because Scripture says so: “Arise, O Lord, into Thy resting place, Thou and the ark which Thou hast sanctified.” (*Ps 131:8 (132)*) Now we all believe that Jesus ascended into Heaven, why not the ark which He has sanctified? Mary is the ark which carried Him and brought Him to earth. He most certainly sanctified Mary by His indwelling and power, for it is written of His power in the womb of Mary: “And it came to pass that when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the infant leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled

with the Holy Ghost.” (*Lk 1:41*) This in-filling with the Holy Ghost and the anointing of the infant John the Baptist in the womb of Elizabeth, shows the power and sanctification in Mary, the Ark of Jesus. Then it is necessary that we believe as it is written above: “Arise, O Lord Jesus, into Thy resting place, Thou and Mary, the ark which Thou hast sanctified.” Mary arose and was brought into Heaven, body and soul, as is given to us in holy tradition handed down from the Apostles.

Pope Pius XII (1936-‘58) proclaimed as Church Doctrine (dogma) in 1950, that Mary was assumed body and soul into Heaven, and that she is Queen of Heaven and earth, angels and men. This inspired oral tradition is scriptural, as stated above.

*Why do we call Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary?*

Because Holy Scripture tells us so: “Blessed be the Lord my God, Who teaches my hands to fight, and my fingers to war.” (*Ps 143:1 (144)*) We pray the Holy Rosary on beads held in our hands, and passed through our fingers. Further it is noted that there are 150 Psalms in the Bible, and there are 150 Hail Mary’s in the main body of the Holy Rosary. The mystical meaning was fulfilled when: “Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to the land, full of great fish, one hundred and fifty three.” (*Jn 21:11*) The 150 representing the Psalms, plus the 3 in the beginning prayers which represent the 3 cardinal virtues for which we pray, faith, hope and charity. (*1Co 13:13*) It was not until Our Blessed Mother appeared to Saint Dominic (1170-1221) and gave him the Rosary that the meaning of 153 was unfolded. Mary fulfilled this scripture and gave us the Rosary of which we call her, Queen of the most Holy Rosary.

*Why do we call Mary, Queen of Peace?*

“For a Child is born to us, and a Son is given to us, and the government is upon His shoulder, and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, God the Mighty, the Father of the world to come, the Prince of Peace.” (*Is 9:6*) The Child of Mary, the Son of Mary, is the Prince of Peace, and Mary is the Mother of the Prince of Peace. Mary is the Queen of Peace, who brought us Jesus our Peace, our Messiah, our King.

## **Apparitions of Mary**

*Why has Mary appeared in many places around the world?*

Because it is scriptural: “The dead men shall live, My slain shall rise again. Awake and give praise, ye that dwell in the dust, for thy dew is the dew of light, and the land of the giants thou shalt pull down into ruin.” (*Is 26:19*) In Daniel it is prophesied: “Many of those that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake...they that are learned shall shine as the brightness of the firmament and they that instruct many to justice, as stars for all eternity.” (*Dn 12:2,3*) We are told in Matthew that “the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep arose, and coming forth from the tombs after His resurrection...came into the city and appeared to many.” (*Mt 27:52*)

Is it so unusual that we should have a Heavenly Messenger today? Of course not! One of those now appearing to the world is Mary, the Mother of Jesus, who died and was assumed body and soul into Heaven. She is appearing and is instructing “many to justice.” Her messages today to all the world are the same as when she said to the servants: “Whatever He shall say to you, do ye.” (*Jn 2:5*) They are, turn to Jesus, do all that He tells you, read the Holy Scriptures, pray the Rosary, attend Holy Mass, fast, and go to Confessions at least once a month.

There are very many recorded apparitions of Mary, the Mother of God around the world. To speak of them all would cover volumes upon volumes. I have chosen to speak of just a very few, mainly some in the 1200's, the 1500's, the 1800's and the 1900's. Why? Because we will see a gradual denial of her messages by those in charge of the Christian Church, and by the majority of Christians. This is very sad, but that is the plain truth. We will see that the apparitions are interconnected, and show an alarming message from Heaven.

### ***The Apparitions of the 1200's.***

The 1200's saw the spread of the old Albigensian heresy, which, in its simplest terms, denied that the Holy Ghost could live in man. This is also the period when the Orthodox left the true faith.

In 857 Ignatius, the Patriarch of Constantinople, refused to give Holy Communion to a man called Bardus, who was committing incest with his own step-daughter. Remember what Scripture says: “Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy wife and her daughter...such copulation is incest.” (*Lv 18:17*) Bardus just happened to be the uncle and close confidant of the Emperor Michael III, (*known as Michael the Drunkard*). Ignatius was banished by Michael III, and an unscrupulous man called Photius was made Patriarch by the Emperor, and thus was the Orthodox Church established. Photius was a layman when he was ‘elected,’ and made bishop within six days, and ‘consecrated’ by a bishop who had been deposed by Rome for inappropriate behaviour. The error of Photius has never been corrected. Between the years 850 and 1450, many attempts were made to reconcile Rome and Constantinople. Orthodoxy therefore was formed in disobedience, and because disobedience is a sin against God, all of their priests, and bishops, and patriarchs, are false. They denied and still deny the Primacy of Peter. Their ordinations are illicit because those who separated from the then one true Church were in sin, and because they were in sin, God would not obey their request and come on their altar. It was in this period that Orthodoxy became established as the religion of the area.

The Blessed Mother came to the rescue, making two major appearances, in 1214 and again in 1251. She encouraged the people to prayer, giving spiritual medicine to cure the problems, by turning to God and seek His protection, as well as praying the Holy Rosary.

### *Apparition to Saint Dominic.*

In the eleventh century, when Orthodoxy and the Albigensian heresy was spreading rapidly, and the people were living in grave sin, our Blessed Lady, accompanied by three angels, appeared to Saint Dominic in France in 1214 and said: “Dear Dominic, do you know which weapon the Blessed Trinity wants to use to reform the world?” Saint Dominic answered: “Oh, my Lady, you know far better than I do, because next to your Son Jesus Christ, you have always been the chief instrument of our salvation.” Then Our Lady replied: “I want you to know that, in this kind of warfare, the battering ram has always been the Angelic Psalter which is the foundation stone of the New Testament. Therefore if you want to reach these hardened souls

and win them over to God, preach my Psalter.” The Angelic Psalter is the Holy Rosary.

He went directly to the Cathedral, and immediately unseen angels rang the bells to gather the people together and Saint Dominic began to preach. At the beginning of his sermon a great storm broke out, the earth shook, the sun became darkened, and there was such devastating thunder and lightning that all the people were in great fear. They trembled when in a picture of Our Lady in the front of the Cathedral they saw her raise her arms to Heaven three times calling down God’s vengeance upon them if they failed to be converted, to amend their lives, and seek the protection of the Holy Mother of God. God wished, by means of these supernatural phenomena to spread the new devotion of the Holy Rosary and to make it more widely known. At the prayerful request of Saint Dominic, the storm ended, and he went on preaching. So compellingly did he explain the importance and value of the Holy Rosary, that almost all the people of Toulouse, France, embraced it and renounced Albigensianism. Devotion to the Rosary spread rapidly throughout Christendom, and the raging Albigensian heresy was repelled and great numbers returned to the true faith. In addition, the spread of Orthodoxy westward was halted.

#### *Apparition of the Brown Scapular.*

Saint Simon Stock (1165-1265), was born in England, became a hermit there and joined other hermits living on Mount Carmel in Israel. He returned to England when the Moslems drove them out of what was then called Palestine. The order of Carmelites as they became known, lived in caves, and wore a garment like an apron over their shoulder to keep themselves clean during their work. This loose garment gave way to the name ‘scapular’ from the Latin word for shoulder - scapula. On 16 July, 1251, Simon received a vision from the Blessed Mother Mary holding the Rosary in one hand and a Scapular in the other. The Scapular given here is to keep the soul clean from sin. Mary promised salvation to all Carmelites who wore the brown scapular which she had shown him. The Scapular is worn as a reminder to keep the soul clean, and follow the advice of Our Blessed Mother. This vision led to the widespread devotion to Mary over the next centuries, and of wearing the ‘scapular’ in her honor,

and seeking her protection. The use of the Rosary and Scapular helped overcome much of the sin, schism, secularism at that time.

### *The Apparition of the 1500's.*

The 1500's saw the rise and spread of the Protestant Revolution, and its liberal teachings, denying the Holy Sacraments, the Supremacy of Peter, and the abandoning of the true faith.

Again Our Lady came to the rescue, calling for people to pray to the One True God.

#### *Apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe.*

Our Blessed Mother appeared to the 57 year old Juan Diego, at Tepayac, near Mexico City, four times, from 9-12, December, 1531. Our Blessed Mother said to Juan: "Know, know for sure, my dearest, littlest, and youngest son, that I am the perfect and ever Virgin Holy Mary, Mother of the God of truth, through Whom everything lives, the Lord of all things near us, the Lord of Heaven and earth. I want very much to have a little house built here for me, in which I will show Him, I will exalt Him, and make Him manifest. I will give Him to the people in all my personal love, in my compassion, in my help, in my protection, because I am truly your merciful Mother, yours and all the people who live united in this land and of all the other people of different ancestries, my lovers, who love me, those who seek me, those who trust in me. Here I will hear their weeping, their complaints, and heal all their sorrows, hardships and sufferings."

At the last appearance, Our Lady sent Juan to the top of Tepayac Hill, and there he found beautiful Castilian roses (out of season in December). She arranged them in his tilma, (his cloak), and sent him to the Bishop, with a request that a Basilica be built there in her honor. When the Bishop saw the magnificent picture of our Lady in the tilma, he immediately believed, and consented to the Heavenly requests. Our Lady is known to the Aztecs as Teccoatlatlope (or de Guadalupe in Spanish), meaning "She will crush the serpent of stone."

The Holy Tilma has been preserved in Mexico now for nearly five hundred years, even though such fibre garments usually disintegrate

within twenty years. All attempts at a natural explanation have been defied, and so we have full confidence in the historical of accounts of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Tilma is still available for viewing to all pilgrims at this time.

A brief description of some of the features of the Holy Tilma will help understand the mystical meaning of the Apparition, as well as the prophecy contained therein of events to come right up to the end of the world.

The overall picture shows our Blessed Mother, Mary Ever Virgin, in beautiful garments, clothed with the sun, crushing the head of the serpent, and being carried by the Archangel Michael.

At the neckline of the gown of the Blessed Mother, there is a brooch, with a Cross in it, showing us that Mary is the Mother of the Church.

There are seven brown ribbons in the front of her gown in the form of a bow which are the symbol of an expectant Jewish mother. In this case it represents the “great sign appeared in Heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. And being with child, she cried travailing in birth, and was in pain to be delivered.” (*Apoc 12:1,2*) The ribbons also represent the seven seals of the Apocalypse: “I saw, in the right hand of Him that sat on the throne, a book, written within and without, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel, proclaiming with a loud voice: ‘Who is worthy to open the book and to loose the seals thereof?’” (*Apoc 5:1,2*) Mary is revealing the meaning of the seven seals for us and their effect. This opening of the seals is now taking place, the year being 2005. (At another time and in another venue, I will expand on this statement).

The praying hands of Mary show the fingers joined in a 3+1 form, and represent the adoration by the Blessed Ever Virgin Mary for the Holy Trinity (3), showing that they are always One, yet Three. The Father, together with His Only-begotten Son, and the Holy Ghost, are “one God, and one Lord, not in the oneness of a single person, but in the Trinity of one substance.” (*Hb 1:3*) The praying hands also represent the desire of Almighty God to be forever united One (1) in

His man, His creation, as it is written: “That they all may be one, as Thou, Father, in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be One in Us.” (*Jn 17:21*)

The Heart visible in Mary’s left hand, shows her care for her Divine Son, always protecting Him. The hands are joined and as long as hands are joined in prayer, signifying the Church united in prayer to the Holy Trinity, the Church is always protected. But if the Church is not united in prayer, but separated and splintered, then her hands would be separated and she can no longer hold back the hand of Jesus from releasing the hand of the Father in chastisement upon the world. Unfortunately at the Apparitions of La Salette, Lourdes, Knock, Fatima, Garabandal and Medjugore, the hands are no longer joined, as first we see our Mother Mary crying, then pleading, and then revealing, and then turning to the children, asking them to pray for help for all those in error. This is not to say that the hands were not joined in prayer at those apparitions, for indeed they were for a time, but they were opened in pleading for the people to return to God with their whole heart and soul. Many pictures and statues show her hands joined, and some with her hands opened, all according to the artists’ intent.

Around the wrists of our Blessed Mother are two chains of Holy Rosary, calling us to pray the 15 Mysteries of the Rosary which contain 153 ‘Hail Mary’s.’ It is also interesting to note that there are to be found the same number of veins (153) in the flowers of the Holy Tilma. We are reminded to pray the Rosary, a message which she gives over and over again, especially Lourdes, Fatima, Garabandal and Medjugore, yet so few listen.

Underneath the chains are two hearts, representing the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so intertwined. Mary is inviting us to enter into her Immaculate Heart, and to pray to Jesus to have Him receive us into His Sacred Heart to be one in Him, as it is written: “I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in One.”

Outside these two hearts are two wide bands of the next outer garment, made in the shape of Alpha and Omega. All points to Jesus

Who says three times in the Apocalypse: "I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, saith the Lord God, Who is, and Who was, and Who is to come, the Almighty...It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End...I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." (*Apoc 1:8; 21:6; 22:13*) Mary is showing us that we have reached the end of time. Believe Mary, believe Jesus, please. This was emphasized at Knock and Fatima.

Mary is looking to the shadowed right side of her gown, over the pagan world and the sins of mankind. But, look again, there is the gentle fisherman's hook to save the sinner. The hook is light in color, representing Jesus Who speaks of this 'light' three times in the Gospels: "You are the light of the world." (*Mt 5:14*) And again: "I am the Light of the world. He that follows Me walks not in darkness, but shall have the Light of Life." (*Jn 8:12*) And again: "As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the world." (*Jn 9:5*) Holy Mary is reminding us that her Son said: "Yet a little while, the Light is among you. Walk whilst you have the Light, and the darkness overtake you not. And he that walks in darkness knows not whither he goes." (*Jn 12:35*)

On the left side of Mary's gown the color is bright, representing the Christians who are free of sin. But look closely, there is the devil's black ugly meat hook to snare the good. There is also the black urn of hell into which he casts those who fall for his wicked plans, and we are warned by the first fisherman, Peter: "Be sober and watch, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, goes about seeking whom he may devour." (*1P 5:8*) Our Blessed Mother is warning us of the sinful events in our time. This was emphasized at Fatima when Our Lady showed the children hell and purgatory.

On the Mantle of Mary there is a large gentle fold over the left arm and held close to her body. This fold is over the white area of her gown, reminding the apostles of our time that Jesus said: "Come after Me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." (*Mk 1:17*) It also means that the apostles of today must protect those entrusted to their care.

Also on the Mantle of Mary draped over her Immaculate body there are visible seven folds along the golden outer trim. These seven folds represent the Seven Spirits of God, (*Is 11:2,3*) and also the seven Sacraments of the Church. Our Blessed Mother is encouraging us to seek the Seven Spirits of God which we received in the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation, and always live in the Seven Sacraments. This was emphasized at La Salette, Lourdes, Fatima, Garabandal and Medjugore.

The Sunburst around Mary, 'the Woman Clothed in the Sun' has 144 rays, representing the number of 144,000 mentioned in Scripture: "And I heard the number of them that were signed. A hundred forty-four thousand were signed, of every tribe of the children of Israel. And I beheld, and lo a Lamb stood upon Mount Sion, and with Him a hundred forty-four thousand, having His Name and the Name of His Father written on their foreheads." (*Apoc 7:4;14:1*) Our Blessed Mother is encouraging us to renew our trust in God, repent and come into the Light - Jesus. This was emphasized most dramatically at Fatima when our Blessed Mother caused the sun to 'dance' in the sky.

There are 46 stars in Mantle of Mary, 24 on left side, and 22 on right side. Adding these numbers,  $2+4+2+2=10$ , perfection of Divine Order, however dividing them in their order of  $2+4=6$  which signifies man, and  $2+2=4$  which signifies complete, we must understand that in Christ Jesus, God-Man, all is completed in Him, the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last. Another interesting note - the stars on the Mantle are in the exact position of the Winter solstice over Mexico in 1531. Mary is Queen of Heaven and earth, angels and men

The angel carrying Mary is Saint Michael, who is the prince of the angels. (*Apoc 12:7*) He appears with the face of a child, but with the forehead of an adult, signifying that we must serve God with childlike trust. Michael means "Who is like God." He is the leader of the Heavenly host, and protects us in the Virtue of Faith, against the deadly sin promoted by the arch-demon of Pride. Our Heavenly Mother is showing us the power and importance of Saint Michael before God.

The black moon under the feet of Mary foretold the she would end the annual slaughter of 25,000 innocent human victims offered by the priests of the ruler Montezuma II, to the false god Quezelcoatl of the Aztecs. The title “Guadalupe” is probably the phonetic equivalent of the title: “She who breaks, stamps, or crushes the serpent,” a perfect image of the way devotion to Mary was able to destroy the vestiges of the satanically inspired Aztec religion which involved human sacrifice. Snake symbolism was very prevalent in this religion.

Mary did stop the slaughter of the 500 people sacrifices each week by the pagan worshipers of Montezuma. It must be noted that since the Protestant Revolution of Luther and his ilk was raging in Europe tearing many millions away from the true faith at this time, many millions were being converted to the true faith in Mexico at the same time. It is estimated that somewhere between eight and ten million Mexicans came into the true faith.

One side note to all of this. In 1570 a portrait of the Holy Tilma was sent by the Archbishop of Mexico to the King Phillip II of Spain. The Tilma portrait was placed in the cabin of the Admiral Don Juan of Austria, the commander of the Christian Naval fleet who was fighting against the Muslim invaders.

After the fall of Christian Constantinople in 1452 to the Ottoman Empire, the Turks were threatening to overrun and destroy Europe, and establish their pagan Muslim religion of Islam, which denies the Triune God.

A great naval battle took place near Lepanto (which is a waterway between mainland Greece and an island south of it), along the cities of Athens, Corinth, and Patra, connecting the Aegean Sea and the Adriatic Sea), and if the Turks won this battle against the Christian forces, there was no resistance to stop them from overrunning Rome and the rest of the world. The Christian fleet were under severe pressure from the Muslims. The Admiral went into his cabin and beseeched Our Lady of Guadalupe to help. At the same time his Christian fleet prayed the Rosary. The Christian fleet was victorious, and thanks is given to Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Rosary for

fulfilling her promise to protect all who pray for her intercession. The Rosary is a very powerful weapon. The Blessed Virgin kept her promise as stated to Juan Diego: "... I will give Him (*Jesus*) to the people in all my personal love, in my compassion, in my help, in my protection, because I am truly your merciful Mother..." This great victory is attributed to Our Blessed Mother's intercession and answer to the prayers of the Holy Rosary.

The defeat at Lepanto, on October 7th, 1571, broke the forces of Islam in their threatened overrun of Europe. It also marked the end of Turkish naval supremacy and the beginning of the decline of the Ottoman Empire on both land and sea. Turkey, for the first time in several centuries, was left without a navy. Perhaps the most important result of the battle was its effect on men's minds, the victory had ended the myth that the Turks could not be beaten, and that Our Lady crushes the head of Satan.

In 1572, Pope Gregory VIII ordered the feast to be celebrated in certain churches on 7<sup>th</sup> October, and later called the Feast of the Holy Rosary. The Holy Rosary is a summary of the liturgical year, as we meditate on the mysteries of the joyful, sorrowful, and glorious events in the lives of Jesus and Mary.

'He came unto His own. (*The Joyful Mysteries*).

His own received Him not (*The Sorrowful Mysteries*).

As many as received Him,

He gave them power to be made the sons of God,

to them that believe in His Name." (*The Glorious Mysteries*).

### ***The Apparitions of the 1800's.***

The 1800's saw the increase of liberalism and impurity within the Catholic Church, as well as the other so-called Christian Churches.

Again Our Lady came to the rescue in three powerful apparitions:

1. At La Salette: All people must leave the sinful life, and be reconciled to God.
2. At Lourdes: We must go to the Sacrament of Confessions, and become pure and immaculate.
3. At Knock: Fathers protect your family, all people turn to Jesus, read the Holy Scriptures.

*Apparition of Our Lady of La Salette.*

In French Alps, on the Mountain of La Salette, (south of Grenoble, near the village of Corps), the 19th of September, 1846, Our Lady appeared to Melanie Calvat, Shepherdess of La Salette, and to her neighbor boy Maximin. (Melanie later entered the convent and took the name, Sister Maria of the Cross). The Blessed Mother Mary was sitting in a nearby hollow, with her head in her hands, crying. The two children drew near and here are some of the words Mary said to them:

‘If my people do not wish to submit themselves, I am forced to let go of the hand of my Son. It is so heavy and weighs me down so much I can no longer keep hold of it.

I have suffered all the time for the rest of you! If I do not wish my Son to abandon you, I must take it upon myself to pray for this continually, and the rest of you think little of this. In vain you will pray, in vain you will act, you will never be able to make up for the troubles I have taken over for the rest of you.

I gave you six days to work, I kept the seventh for myself, and no one wishes to grant it to me. This is what weighs down the arm of my Son so much.

Those who drive carts cannot speak without putting the Name of my Son in the middle...

The priests, ministers of my Son, the priests, by their wicked lives, by their irreverence and their impiety in the celebration of the Holy Mysteries, by their love of money, their love of honors and pleasures, the priests have become cesspools of impurity. Yes, the priests are asking vengeance, and vengeance is hanging over their heads. Woe to the priests and to those dedicated to God who by their unfaithfulness and their wicked lives are crucifying my Son again! The sins of those dedicated to God cry out towards Heaven and call for vengeance, and now vengeance is at their door, for there is no one left to beg mercy and forgiveness for the people. There are no more generous souls, there is no one left worthy of offering a stainless sacrifice to the Eternal for the sake of the world.

God will strike in an unprecedented way.

Woe to the inhabitants of the earth! God will exhaust His wrath upon them, and no one will be able to escape so many afflictions together.

The chiefs, the leaders of the people of God have neglected prayer and penance, and the devil has bedimmed their intelligence. They have become wandering stars which the old devil will drag along with his tail to make them perish. God will allow the old serpent to cause divisions among those who reign in every society and in every family. Physical and moral agonies will be suffered. God will abandon mankind to itself and will send punishments which will follow one after the other...

The Society of men is on the eve of the most terrible scourges and of gravest events. Mankind must expect to be ruled with an iron rod and to drink from the chalice of the wrath of God...

All the civil governments will have one and the same plan, which will be to abolish and do away with every religious principal, to make way for materialism, atheism, spiritualism and vice of all kinds...

The seasons will be altered, the earth will produce nothing but bad fruit, the stars will lose their regular motion, the moon will only reflect a faint reddish glow. Water and fire will give the earth's globe convulsions and terrible earthquakes which will swallow up mountains, cities, etc...

Rome will lose the faith and become the seat of the Antichrist..

I make an urgent appeal to the earth. I call on the true disciples of the living God Who reigns in Heaven; I call on the true followers of Christ made man, the only true Saviour of men; I call on my children, the true faithful, those who have given themselves to me so that I may lead them to my Divine Son, those whom I carry in my arms, so to speak, those who have lived on my spirit. Finally, I call on the Apostles of the Last Days, the faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who have lived in scorn for the world and for themselves, in poverty and in humility, in scorn and in silence, in prayer and in mortification, in

chastity and in union with God, in suffering and unknown to the world. It is time they came out and filled the world with light. Go and reveal yourselves to be my cherished children. I am at your side and within you, provided that your faith is the light which shines upon you in these unhappy days. May your zeal make you famished for the glory and the honor of Jesus Christ. Fight, children of light, you, the few who can see. For now is the time of all times, the end of all ends...”

*Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes.*

In the year 1854, Pope Pius IX made the dogmatic acclamation of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Ever Virgin Mary. Four years later, there began the series of wonderful visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary seen by the humble uneducated, and asthmatic maid Bernadette Soubirous, who lived in abject poverty with her parents.

On February 11, 1858, while collecting firewood on the banks of the Gave River near Lourdes, Bernadette saw a vision of the Virgin Mary in a cave called Massabielle, above the riverbank. Her report provoked skepticism, but her daily visions of the Lady from February 18 through March 4 drew great crowds of people. Despite tremendous hostility on the part of the civil authorities. Bernadette persisted in her claims, and on February 25, our Blessed Mother caused a spring to flow where none had been before. On March 25, the Virgin Mary said to Bernadette: “I am the Immaculate Conception,” and directed her to build a chapel on the site. Miracles were reported at the shrine, and in the waters of the spring, and after painstaking investigation the apparitions were ecclesiastically approved.

Our Blessed Mother wants people to become immaculate, and the way to do that is going to Confessions at least once a month as we promised in our First Holy Communion.

*Apparition of Our Lady of Knock (County Mayo, Ireland).*

On 21 August, 1879, Mary McLoughlin, housekeeper to the local priest, thought that the three figures outside the church were holy statues purchased by the priest. A passer by thought the same thing, and a third person noticed “something luminous” by the south gable,

but rain discouraged her from looking further. When Mary McLoughlin passed by the church again that evening with Mary Beirne, the sixteen year old daughter of a friend, the young lady realized that the figures were not statues and that they seemed to be floating on air. Two of the figures were recognized as the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. Mary Beirne assumed the third figure was St. John the Evangelist because it resembled a statue of the saint she had recently seen. To one side and slightly behind the figures there was an Altar with a Cross and a Lamb on it. Around Jesus and the Altar were angels representing the seven angels of the Apocalypse.

Standing next to the Altar was Saint John the Evangelist who wrote the Book of the Apocalypse with the Book opened and facing away from him. He was pointing to the open pages telling us that we must read Holy Scripture, and understand the seven seals of the Book of the Apocalypse. (*I say in private that the fulfillment of the Apocalypse will begin from Ireland*). Standing next to Saint John is our Blessed Mother with her hands raised toward Heaven, telling us to turn to Jesus. Standing next to Holy Mary is Blessed Saint Joseph, with his hands joined in prayer, telling us to protect the family.

The apparition, which was silent the entire time, lasted from about eight p.m. to nine-thirty p.m. The Virgin wore a large cloak of a white color, hanging in full folds and had a large crown on her head. In spite of the rain the ground under the apparition remained completely dry. Soon after, miraculous cures were reported. This apparition is apocalyptic in nature.

### ***The Apparitions of the 1900's.***

World War I was raging, the Royal family of Russia had been massacred and atheistic Communism was born. The majority of world population had again abandoned the faith, and only the poor and oppressed turned to Heaven for help.

Again Our Lady came to the rescue.

*Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima (Portugal).*

The apparitions at Fatima began on 13 May, 1917 as twelve year old Lucia and her younger cousins Jacinta and Francisco were tending sheep in a vale known as the Cova da Iria. When they ran for shelter during a storm, they saw, hovering over the branches of an oak tree, “a Lady dressed all in white, more brilliant than the sun, shedding rays of light clearer and stronger than a crystal glass filled with the most sparkling water and pierced by the burning rays of the sun.” When Lucia asked where she came from, the Lady said she came from Heaven. The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared six times in all on the thirteenth of the month. She asked the children to continue praying the Rosary. Our Lady gave three secrets and showed the children hell and warned of God’s threatened punishment. The end of World War and the beginning of World War II were foretold, and she spoke of a sign, “a night illuminated by an unknown light,” that will mean that God “is going to punish the world for its crimes by means of war, hunger, and persecution of the Church and of the Holy Father.” This was the first secret. The second secret was both a request and a prophecy. She said that in order to prevent the punishment she came to ask the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart and Communion of reparation on the first Saturday of each month. She said if they listened to her requests, Russia would be converted and there would be peace. If not, Russia would spread her errors throughout the entire world, provoking wars and persecutions of the Church, the good would be martyred and the Holy Father would have much to suffer, and various nations would be annihilated. Our Lady also said that in the end her Immaculate Heart would triumph. The Holy Father would consecrate Russia to Her and it would be converted and a certain period of peace would be granted to humanity.

The Third Secret was to be revealed to the world upon the death of Lucia (who became Sister Lucia), or in 1960, whichever came first. Although the apparitions and messages were accepted by Popes Benedict XV; Pius XI; and Pius XII, the pope in 1960 was John XXIII and he disobeyed the Mother of Jesus Christ and refused to reveal the message to the world as requested.

There is much controversy about the third secret which was ‘revealed’ in 2000. It seems to have nothing to do with Our Blessed

Mother's request especially in light of the messages at Garabandal prophesying four great supernatural events.

On October 13th our Lady asked for a chapel there in her honor. She showed herself as the Lady of the Rosary, as Our Lady of Sorrows with a sorrowful Christ by her side, and as Our Lady of Mount Carmel with her infant son on her knee, crowned as the Queen of Heaven and the Queen of the World. There was also a tableau of the Holy Family: St. Joseph held the Christ Child, Mary was dressed in white with a blue mantle. As proof of all, a miracle that the Virgin Mary had promised took place. First, the sun "danced" and whirled, then it plunged in a zigzag course toward, the earth, before resuming its original place in the sky. Francisco died of influenza a year and a half later on April 4, 1918, the day after he received his First Communion. Jacinta also fell victim to the epidemic and died on February 20, 1920. Lucia became a Carmelite sister and died on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2005.

#### *Apparition of Our Lady of Garabandal.*

The Blessed Ever Virgin Mary appeared to four humble children at Garabandal, near Santander in Northern Spain, over 2000 times between the years 1962 and 1965, during the time of the Vatican II Council. In 1961 the Archangel Michael appeared to the children with a message from Our Lady which said: "We must make many sacrifices, perform much penance, and visit the Blessed Sacrament frequently. If we do not, a chastisement will befall us. The cup is already filling up and if we do not change, a very great chastisement will come upon us." In 18 June 1965 she said to the children, again through Saint Michael: "As my message of 18 October 1961, has not been complied with and has not been made known to the world, I am advising you that this is the last one. Before, the cup was filling up. Now it is flowing over. Many cardinals, many bishops and many priests are on the road to perdition and are taking many souls with them. Less and less importance is being given to the Eucharist. You should turn the wrath of God away from yourselves by your efforts. If you ask His forgiveness with sincere hearts, He will pardon you. I, your mother, through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel, ask you to amend your lives." This message of warning was given while many cardinals, many bishops, and many priests

were in session during the Vatican II Council.

Our Lady said: “We must make many sacrifices, perform much penance, and visit the Blessed Sacrament frequently. But first, we must lead good lives. If we do not, a Chastisement will befall us. The cup is already filling up and if we do not change, a very great Chastisement will come upon us.” She also added: “We must come to the Blessed Sacrament. We must lead good lives. We must reverence Jesus.”

At Garabandal Our Lady tells us of four great supernatural events:

1. A World wide Warning from our God will be seen, and then felt interiorly by everyone on earth, sent to correct the conscience of the world, and prepare it for the great Miracle.
2. The Great Miracle will take place at the grove of pine trees. As a result of the Miracle, Russia will be converted.
3. After the Miracle, a permanent visible supernatural sign will remain at the pines until the end of time.
4. If the world still does not change after the Miracle, then our God will send the Chastisement.

Our Lady also said to Conchita that after Pope John XXIII (who died in 1963) that there would be only 3 more popes until the end of time. That would mean that Paul VI, John Paul I, and then John Paul II would be the last popes until ‘the end of time.’ This is true, and in my opinion, this has been fulfilled! Let me explain. The term ‘the end of time’ is not to be confused with ‘the end of the world.’ The Council of Trent (1545-64), decreed that there would be three signs which will announce ‘the end of time,’ namely:

- 1). The preaching of the Gospel to the whole world.
- 2). The general apostasy of the nations of the world.
- 3). The appearance of the Antichrist (and although not stated, the appearance of the False Prophet).

On the First point, I cannot say with certitude that the first has been completed, as we have seen a watered down version of the Bible and it’s teachings. Jesus said: “This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in the whole world, for a testimony to all nations: and then shall the consummation come.” (*Mt 24:14*) Saint Paul said: “I wonder that you are so soon removed from him that called you into

the grace of Christ, unto another gospel, which is not another: only there are some that trouble you and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from Heaven, preach a gospel to you besides that which we have preached to you, let him be anathema...For I give you to understand, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man, for neither did I receive it of man: nor did I learn it but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.” (*Ga 1:6-8,11,12*)

On the Second point, I would say that the general apostasy of the nations of the world has happened.

On the Third point, Pope John Paul II did see the end of time. Remember that Our Blessed Mother said: “Many cardinals, many bishops and many priests are on the road to perdition and are taking many souls with them. Less and less importance is being given to the Eucharist.” Pope John Paul II advanced the teachings and cemented the practices of that ill-fated Council, and so with his acceptance of ‘Eucharistic Ministers’ to desecrate the Body of Christ, he brought in ‘the end of time.’ Holy Mary did not say that he would be the last pope, but She did say that he would be the last pope at ‘the end of time.’

What does this ‘the end of time’ mean? The ‘time’ completed according to the message was a ‘bad time.’ Evil had its sway, and the ‘good’ seemed to have been eliminated. In the transition from that ‘end of time’ to the beginning of a ‘new time’ there would be a ‘Battle of the Ages.’ We are definitely in this transition ‘time.’ The Prophecies of St. Malachy confirm that there will be 2 popes after John Paul II, namely Gloria Olivae (who is Benedict XVI - the Order of St. Benedict is also known as the ‘Olivetans’), and finally Petrus Romanus.

If one of these popes is the False Prophet, then the work of Satan is being manifested. Remember that Jesus said: “Simon, Simon, behold Satan has desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat,” (*Lk 22:31*) for here He was foretelling what would happen at the end of time to ‘Peter’ as well as confirming what was already written: ‘Behold the eyes of the Lord God are upon the sinful kingdom, and

I will destroy it from the face of the earth: but yet I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the Lord. For behold I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, as corn is sifted in a sieve: and there shall not a little stone fall to the ground. All the sinners of my people shall fall by the sword: who say: The evils shall not approach, and shall not come upon us.” (*Am 9:8-10*)

This being said, we can conclude quite certainly that we have entered into that new time which is the beginning of the Great Tribulation, and we await for the final time, which is ‘the end of the world’ as we know it.

We know that the Antichrist is in place. Who then is the False Prophet? If it were Petrus Romanus then Benedict is the leader who will lead us out of the errors of Ecumenism and Vatican II. If it is not Petrus Romanus, then we have arrived at an identification of frightening proportions.

What then do we expect to happen with regard to the other general predictions not yet fulfilled at Garabandal?

1. The Warning. This is a moment in time when everyone in the world no matter where they may be will see their souls as God sees them. This will be a terrifying experience. The whole world will stop in place, and God will have His way, so people can decide for or against Him.
2. The Great Miracle. This will be greater than the Miracle at Fatima, and will coincide with an important event in the Church.
3. The Chastisement. This will be a direct intervention from God. It will not be man-made like wars and such, but it is a dreadful period of the chastising hand of God upon all mankind. Jesus said: “Immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun shall be darkened and the moon shall not give her light and the stars shall fall from heaven and the powers of heaven shall be moved, and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven. And then shall all tribes of the earth mourn...” (*Mt 24:29,30*) Previously Jesus had said: “For there shall be then great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, neither shall be. And unless those days had been shortened, no flesh should be saved: but for the sake

of the elect those days shall be shortened.” (Mt 24:21,22)

#### *Apparition of Our Lady of Akita.*

In the Japanese village of Akita, a statue of our Blessed Mother shed blood, sweat and tears, according to the testimony of more than 500 Christians and non-Christians, including the Buddhist mayor of the town. She gave messages to a nun, Sister Katsuko Sasagawa, who in addition to receiving messages from Our Lady, has also received the stigmata. On April 22, 1984, after eight years of extensive investigations, and after consultation with the Holy See, the messages of Our Lady of Akita were approved by Most. Rev. John Shojiro Ito, Bishop of Niigata, Japan, bishop of the Diocese, to be of supernatural origin, and authorizes throughout the entire diocese the veneration of the Holy Mother of Akita. In June 1988, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Prefect, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, gives definitive judgement on the Akita events and messages as reliable and worthy of belief.

#### *Apparitions of Our Lady of Medjugore.*

Our Lady of Medjugore. On 24 June, 1981, Our Blessed Mother appeared to children in the village of Medjugore. Reflecting on young David and his battle against Goliath when he confronted the giant with just five pebbles in his pouch, (1K 17:40) our Lady gave the children five pebbles to fight Satan: 1) Frequent Confessions, 2) Holy Mass, 3) the Holy Eucharist, 4) fasting, and 5) the daily Holy Rosary. Our Blessed Mother Mary, has been appearing almost daily since then, with messages of hope, prayer, and fasting.

*On 15 March 2004, 2:20 pm. Jesus gave a message to a victim soul prophetic as follows: “I am Jesus the Life of the world, the Fruit of the Womb of the Blessed Mary Ever Virgin. Amen! I am Jesus the Revelation of the Father. Our Holy Mother has withdrawn from Medjugore. Messages will cease. Appalled she has been that, after all her words to them, her miracles, her pilgrims that have come in faith, that all has been disregarded by them, that many who had conversions have fallen by the wayside, I am Jesus the Beginning and the End. The pity and love of a mother caused her to succor her people for so long a time. Even the salvation of one soul is worth the time, beloved, but still her disappointment is so great. Holy Mary!*

Mother of Love. Grateful she is that you have taken her to your heart. I am Jesus Righteous Judge. Catastrophe to come. Amen!...I keep you safe, beloved. Jesus the Light of the world Who blesses you in Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen. Your Jesus, Lord of lords.”

*In the same message, Our Lord also gave confirming Scriptures:*  
‘For there are also many disobedient, vain talkers and seducers, especially they who are of the circumcision. Who must be reproved, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre’s sake. They profess that they know God, but in their works they deny Him, being abominable and incredulous and to every good work reprobate.” (Tt 1:10,11,16. 1:10) I AM. Jesus the Father of the world which is come. “I am afraid for you, lest perhaps I have labored in vain among you.” (Ga 4:9,11) I am, Jesus the Living Bread. I am Jesus, True God and True Man.

## The Holy Rosary

*Why is the Rosary so important for us?*

Because Holy Scripture tells us so. “Blessed be the Lord my God, Who teaches my hands to fight, and my fingers to war.” (*Ps 143:1*) As one prays the Rosary, they take the rosary beads in their hands and pass them through their fingers, saying the Lord’s Prayer, the Hail Mary’s and the Glorys to the Trinity.

1) There are 153 “Hail Mary’s” in a full Rosary.

“Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to the land, full of great fish, one hundred and fifty three” (*Jn 21:11*).

153 is a prophetic number. It was not until Our Blessed Mother appeared to Saint Dominic (1170-1221) and gave him the Rosary that the meaning of 153 begins to unfold.

2) In Scriptural numbers, “153” represents:

“1” is the Godhead,

“50” is the fulfillment of a promise,

“3” is the Holy Ghost.

“153” is only found in one place in Sacred Scriptures, in the Gospel of Saint John.

3) One Rosary consists of 5 decades for each of the 3 Mysteries. Note the sequence of the numbering: 1,5,3.

4) 153 is the first three numbers of the date in which Our Blessed Mother appeared to Juan Diego in Guadalupe in the year 1531.

5) An examination of the miraculous picture left on the “tilma” of Juan Diego, shows that in the flowers of Our Lady’s gown there are 153 veins.

6) 153 is the number of days from the first apparition at Fatima until the last apparition at Fatima in 1917:

May 13 remaining in May	18 days
June	30 days
July	31 days
August	31 days
September	30 days
October 13	13 days
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>153 days</b>

7) In fulfillment of the promise noted above, the prophecy is found

in Genesis, made in the Garden of Eden, when God said to the serpent “She shall crush your head,” verse 15, chapter 3 = 153.

8) There are 150 Psalms in the Bible.

There are 150 Hail Mary’s in the main body of the Holy Rosary.

The Verses of Scripture in:

**THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:** In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. (*Mt 28:19*)

**Total Verses of Scripture in “Sign of the Cross”** 1

The Announcement of the Holy Rosary:

He came unto His own,

His own received Him not. But to as many as received Him

He gave them power to be made the sons of God. (*Jn 1:11,12*)

**Total Verses of Scripture Announcing Rosary** 2

**THE CREED:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, (*Jn 14:1*)

the Creator of heaven and earth; (*Gn 1:1*)

and in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord; (*Ac 8:37*)

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary, (*Lk 1:35*)

suffered under Pontius Pilate, (*Mk 15:15*)

was crucified, (*Mk 15:24*)

died, (*Mk 15:37*)

and was buried. (*Mk 15:46*)

He descended into Hell; (*1P 3:19*)

the third day He arose again from the dead; (*Mk 16:6*)

He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God,

the Father Almighty; (*Mk 16:19*)

from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

(*Ac 10:42*)

I believe in the Holy Ghost, (*Jn 14:26*)

the Eternal Virgin Eucharistic Church, (*Mt 16:18*)

the communion of saints, (*Mk 9:3*)

the forgiveness of sins, (*Jn 20:23*)

the resurrection of the body, (*Lk 14:14*)

and life everlasting. Amen. (*Jn 3:16*)

**Total Verses of Scripture in the “Creed”** 18

**THE LORD’S PRAYER:**

Our Father Who art in Heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name. (*Mt 6:9*)

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth,  
as it is in Heaven. (*Mt 6:10*)

Give us this day our daily bread. (*Mt 6:11*)

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us. (*Mt 6:12*)

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen. (*Mt 6:13*)

**Total Verses of Scripture in the “Lord’s Prayer”** 5

**THE HAIL MARY:** Hail Mary, full of grace!

The Lord is with thee;

blessed art thou amongst women, (*Lk 1:28*) 1

and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. (*Lk 1:42*) 1

Holy Mary, Mother of God, (*Lk 1:43*) 1

pray for us sinners, (*Jm 5:16*) 1

now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Total Verses of Scripture in the “Hail Mary”** 4

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, (*Jn 17:5*) 1

and to the Holy Ghost, (*Jn 4:23*) 1

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. (*Hb 13:8*) 1

**Total Verses of Scripture in the “Glory Be”** 3

**Hail Holy Queen,** Mother of Mercy.

Hail our life, our sweetness our hope.

To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve,

To thee do we send up our sighs

mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.

Turn then Most Gracious Advocate,

thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile,

show unto us the Blessed Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us O Holy Mother of God,

that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

## THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES.

The Annunciation. ( <i>Lk 1:28</i> )	1
The Visitation. ( <i>Lk 1:39</i> )	1
The Birth of Jesus. ( <i>Lk 2:7</i> )	1
The Presentation. ( <i>Lk 2:22</i> )	1
The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple. ( <i>Lk 2:46</i> )	1

## THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES.

The Agony in the garden. ( <i>Mt 26:38</i> )	1
The Scourging at the pillar. ( <i>Jn 19:1</i> )	1
The Crowning with thorns. ( <i>Mt 27:29</i> )	1
The Carrying of the Cross. ( <i>Jn 19:17</i> )	1
The Death on the Cross. ( <i>Jn 19:30</i> )	1

## THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES.

The Resurrection. ( <i>Mk 16:6</i> )	1
The Ascension. ( <i>Lk 24:51</i> )	1
The Descent of the Holy Ghost. ( <i>Ac 2:3</i> )	1
The Assumption. ( <i>Sg 6:10</i> )	1
The Coronation. ( <i>1P 5:4</i> )	1
<b>Total Verses of Scripture in the “Mysteries”</b>	<b>15</b>

## THE ORDER OF THE ROSARY IS:

1 Sign of the Cross at the beginning	1
1 Creed	18
1 Our Father	5
3 “Hail Marys”	12
1 Glory be to the Father	3
1 Announcement of the Rosary	2
3 Titles of the Mysteries	15
15 “Our Fathers”	75
150 “Hail Marys”	600
15 “Glorys”	45
1 Sign of the Cross at the conclusion	<u>1</u>

**Total Verses of Scripture in the Rosary** **777**

## How to say the Rosary

Begin by making the Sign of the Cross.

Say the Creed on the Crucifix.

Say one Our Father on the first bead of the string of five beads.

Say 1 ‘Hail Mary’ on each of the next 3 beads.

Say the ‘Glory be to the Father’ on the fifth of the five beads.

Next announce the Mystery of the day.

On the set of five groupings of ten beads,

announce the particular mystery for each decade (10).

Begin each decade with the ‘Our Father’ on the single bead.

Next say the ‘Hail Mary’ on each of the ten beads.

Complete each decade by saying the ‘Glory be.’

When the five mysteries are completed,

Say the Hail Holy Queen.

Conclude by making the Sign of the Cross.

We pray each of the mysteries on the following days:

Joyful - Monday

Sorrowful - Tuesday

Glorious - Wednesday

Joyful - Thursday

Sorrowful - Friday

Glorious - Saturday

Glorious - Sunday

## The Fifteen Mysteries of The Holy Rosary

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth  
And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell,  
the third day He arose again from the dead,  
He ascended into Heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
And from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
The Holy Eucharistic Church,  
The communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

### The Fatima Prayer.

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins,  
save us from the fires of hell,  
lead all souls to Heaven,  
especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

### Unity Prayer.

O God, our Heavenly Father,  
make us like unto Jesus Thy Son.  
Implant upon us Thy Most Holy Name.  
Send upon us Thy Holy Spirit, for we are Thine.  
We seek Thy will and Thine alone, O Holy Father.  
Amen and Amen.

## The Five Joyful Mysteries

1. The Annunciation - The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that God wishes her to become the Mother of His Son. Mary obeys with humility.

**Pray for a profound humility.\***

2. The Visitation - Mary visits St. Elizabeth, who is to be mother of St. John the Baptist. She assists Elizabeth for three months.

**Pray for charity, towards our neighbor.\***

3. The Birth of Christ - Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is born in a stable. His Mother places Him in a manger. Shepherds and Wise Men visit Him.

**Pray for detachment from things of the world, contempt of riches, and love of poverty.\***

4. The Presentation - Mary and Joseph take the Child Jesus to the Temple at Jerusalem to present Him to His Heavenly Father.

**ray for purity of body and soul.\***

5. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple - Having lost Jesus, Mary and Joseph seek Him. After three days they find Him in the Temple.

**Pray for the gift of true wisdom.\***

## The Five Sorrowful Mysteries

1. The Agony in the Garden - Jesus prays in the Garden of Olives. The thought of His coming sufferings and of our sins causes Him to sweat blood.

**Pray for contrition for our sins.\***

2. The Scourging at the Pillar - Jesus is stripped, bound to a pillar, and scourged until His body is covered with wounds and blood.

**Pray for mortification of our senses.\***

3. The Crowning with Thorns - A crown of thorns is pressed into the head of Jesus. His eyes fill with tears and blood. He is mocked and spat upon.

**Pray for contempt of the world.**

4. The Carrying of the Cross - Jesus carries His heavy cross to Calvary. Mary makes the stations of the cross with her suffering Son.

**Pray for patience in bearing our crosses.\***

5. The Crucifixion - Nailed to the Cross, Jesus, after three hours of agony, dies in the presence of His Mother.

**Pray for the conversion of sinners, the perseverance of the just, and**

the relief of the souls in Purgatory.\*

### The Five Glorious Mysteries

1. The Resurrection - Victorious over death, Jesus rises from the grave, glorious and immortal, on Easter Sunday. He reopens the gates of Heaven.

**Pray for the love of God and fervor in His service.\***

2. The Ascension - Forty days after His Resurrection, Jesus ascends, in the presence of His Mother and His disciples, into Heaven.

**Pray for an ardent desire for Heaven.\***

3. The Descent of the Holy Ghost - Ten days after the Ascension, the Holy Ghost descends in tongues of fire upon Mary and the disciples.

**Pray for the coming of the Holy Ghost into our souls.\***

4. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven - Mary, Mother of God, was taken body and soul into heavenly glory after the course of Her earthly life.

**Pray for a tender devotion to Mary.\***

5. The Crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven - The Mother of God, to the joy of all the angels and saints, is crowned Queen of Heaven by her Son. **Pray for perseverance in grace and a crown of glory.\***

**\*Petitions**

recommended by St. Louis de Montfort.

**HAIL, Holy Queen**, Mother of Mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

**P. Pray** for us, O holy Mother of God.

**A.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Let us pray:** O God, Whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that while meditating upon these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

that we may imitate what they contain,  
and obtain what they promise,  
through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

We include here some other Rosary reflections which are very helpful in understanding the “mystery” of each “Mystery.” WE hope that you find them very beneficial.

### **The Scriptural Rosary**

The Rosary is among other things an expression of faith, of love, of hope, of victory, of truth, of power, of miracles and of tradition. It was given by Mary, the Mother of God to Saint Dominic (1170-1221).

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST. (*Mt 28:19*)

This invocation calls God and His glory into our prayers. “And this is the confidence which we have towards Him: That, whatsoever we shall ask according to His will, He hears us. And we know that He hears us whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions which we request of Him.” (*1Jn 5:14-15*)

“In the name of”...God. We actually call the Father, Son and Holy Ghost of all creation, starting in Genesis 1:1, the Trinity of Gn 18:1-5 and all “power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, blessing, praise, thanksgiving and salvation” of Apocalypse 5:12,13; 7:12 and 12:10 to be with us in our deliberations. With this power, and knowing that we have called upon this power, and having faith in this power we have victory. “And this is the victory which overcomes the world - our faith” 1Jn 5:4.

When we make the “Sign of the Cross” we do seven things:

- 1.Plead the Blood of Jesus and the protection of the Cross.
- 2.Declare that we are followers of Christ.
- 3.Declare that we take up our cross daily and follow Jesus.

“If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.” (*Lk 9:23*)

By this simple but symbolic act, we join Simon the Cyrene and “...they laid the cross on him to carry after Jesus.” (*Lk 23:26*)

4. Proclaim victory over sin. “They overcame him by the Blood of the Lamb, and by the word of the testimony.” (*Apoc 12:11*)

5. Preach the gospel. “...they going forth preached every where, the Lord working withal, and confirming the word with signs that followed.” (*Mk 16:20*) “For the word of the Cross, to them indeed that perish, is foolishness, but to them that are saved, that is, to us, it is the power of God.” (*1Co 1:18*)

6. Fulfill the word from Exodus 13:9 and Apoc 7:3 “...it shall be as a sign in thy hand, and as a memorial before thy eyes, and that the law of the Lord be always in thy mouth.” (*Ex 13:9*)

7. Keep the traditions taught to us. “Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which you have learned, whether by word, or by our epistle.” (*2Th 2:1*)

AMEN. “The Lord do so.” (*Jr 28:6*)

“These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, Who is the beginning of the creation of God ...” (*Apoc 3:14*)

When we say the “*Glory be...*” we are proclaiming The Trinity’s

1. presence in our midst,

2. majesty and,

3. honor,

“to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,” and that God “Jesus Christ, yesterday, and to day, and the same for ever.” (*Hb 13:8*)

Every article in the Creed is based on and has its foundation in scripture, there are no exceptions. This fulfills the word of Jesus in John 14:1 “...believe in God, believe also in Me” and again in 17:3 “And eternal life is this: to know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou have sent.”

We say the ‘OUR FATHER’ which is a reminder of the gift by the Father of His Son to us, and by Jesus of the gift of His Father to us. And thanks also to our father Abraham for his faith in God in his willingness to sacrifice his son. Just as Isaac carried his wood up the mountain for the would-be sacrifice, so too did Jesus carry His wood

cross up for the completed sacrifice at Calvary. We are reminded of the sacredness of God, the promise of His Kingdom, the hope for His will to be carried out, the generosity, the forgiveness, the direction and the safeguard because of His power. This is but a brief thought on a prayer which would take volumes to even mention some of the teachings contained.

“HAIL,” an exclamation of tribute, of victory and an acclamation. What an opening salutation from God’s personal messenger! (*Lk 1:28*)

“HAIL...,” the first word of greeting announcing the incarnation of Jesus to His mother.

“HAIL...,” the first word of greeting announcing the resurrection of Jesus to His sisters (Mary Magdala and Mary the mother of James). (*Mt 28:9*)

“MARY” is Morning Star, Jesus is the Bright and Morning Star. (*Apoc 22:16*)

“A Star shall rise out of Jacob.” (*Nu 24:17*)

“I am the Lord God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac. The land, wherein you sleep, I will give to you and to your seed. And your seed shall be as the dust of the earth, you shall spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south, and in you and your seed all the tribes of the earth SHALL BE BLESSED. And I will be your keeper whithersoever you go, and will bring thee back into this land, neither will I leave you, till I shall have accomplished all that I have said.” (*Gn 28:13-15*)

Mary, the Ark of the New Covenant.

The first ark was created by man according to the Word of God. The Ark of the New Covenant was created by man and woman and by the Word of God.

The Ark built by Moses carried:

1.the word, the ten commandments. (*Ex 25:16*)

2.Aaron’s branch that budded, “Whomsoever of these I shall choose, his rod shall blossom.” (*Nu 17:5*)

3.the golden jar of manna. (*Ex 16:32-33; Hb 9:4*)

Mary's ark womb carried:

1.The Word. "The Word was made flesh." (*Jn 1:14*)

2.The Branch "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, and I will raise up to David a just branch." (*Jr 23:5*)

"...for behold I will bring My Servant the Orient." (*Zc 3:8*)

"I am the

Vine, you are the branches." (*Jn 15:5*)

3.The Manna. "the taste of bread tempered with oil." (*Nu 11:8*) "In all truth I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from Heaven, it is My Father Who gives you the bread from Heaven, the True Bread, for the Bread of God is the Bread which comes down from Heaven and gives Life to the world...I am the Bread of life. He that comes to Me shall not hunger, and he that believes in Me shall never thirst ..." (*Jn 6:32-35*)

"FULL OF GRACE" Grace is the love and faithfulness of God. It is also the spiritual power, strength, favor, and elegance, which God gives to us.

"THE LORD IS WITH THEE" The sanctity of Mary is here stated as the Lord being already present in her.

"BLESSED ART THOU AMONG WOMEN" Jesus never called women to follow Him, they already fell down and adored Him, and here is Mary blessed among women. Elizabeth said "Blessed art thou among women." (*Lk 1:42*)

"And blessed is the fruit of thy womb." (*Lk 1:42*)

"Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and His Name shall be called Emmanuel" Is 7:14. "Behold thou shall conceive in thy womb, and shall bring forth a Son, and thou shall call His Name Jesus." (*Lk 1:31*)

"How shall this be done, because I know not man?" (*Lk 1:34*)

Mary knew God not man. She worshiped and adored Him. "Because no word shall be impossible with God." (*Lk 1:37*)

If we refer to Jacob's wrestle with God and God says "Thy name shall not be called Jacob, but Israel, for if you have been strong

against God, how much more shall you prevail against men?" (*Gn 32:28*) The words were fulfilled when Moses stood in the breach and interceded with God to turn His anger away from destroying the people (*Ex. 32:11*)...man prevailed. Mary said "They have no wine"...and prevailed. (*Jn 2:3*) Jacob's fight was also symbolic and he fought with all those in the genealogical descent which would lead to Mary "...and prevailed." From his seed came The Victor. The Son of God as the God-Man, Jesus, became the Servant of His servant. In the wrestle God did violence to Jacob disjuncting his hipbone as a sign that He Himself would come out of Jacob's descendants and they would do violence to Him disjunct all His bones, (*Ps 22:14*) and crucify Him. Finally, God rose up before him, (*Gn 35:13*) showing that from the descendants of Jacob would come the total victory...the resurrection and ascension. "...Him God raised up the third day, and gave Him to be made manifest, not to all the people, but to witnesses preordained by God..." (*Ac 10:40-41*)

Joseph, son of Jacob and Rachel, suffered violence when he was thrown into the dry well and then sold into slavery by his brothers for thirty pieces of silver. The government of Egypt was placed upon his shoulders, and he provided a place of refuge for his people in the land of Goshen. His life prefigured the life of Jesus. His mother Rachel died in Bethlehem after giving birth to 'Ben-Oni' which means 'son of my sorrows'. His father Jacob changed his name to 'Benjamin' which means 'son of the right hand'. This was the only son named by the father, Jacob!

Mary gave birth in Bethlehem. Bethlehem means 'House of Bread.' "AND YOU, BETHLEHEM Ephrata, art a little one among the thousands of Juda, out of thee shall He come forth unto Me that is to be the ruler in Israel." (*Mi 5:2*)

"But while he thought on these things, behold the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in his sleep, saying: 'Joseph, son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her, is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a Son, and you shall call His Name Jesus...' (*Mt 1:20,21*) The Son, named by the Father!

Mary is the tree that bore good fruit, blessed fruit, direct from the

Tree of Life.

“JESUS” “For a CHILD IS BORN to us, and a Son is given to us, and the government is upon His shoulder, and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, God the Mighty, the Father of the world to come, the Prince of Peace.” (*Is 9:6*) “...Who has entered Heaven and is at God’s right hand, with angels, ruling forces and powers subject to Him.” (*1P 3:22*) Jesus, ‘Name above all names, Lord above all lords, King of all kings.’

“HOLY MARY” “For I am the Lord your God. Be holy because I am Holy.” (*Lv 11:44*)

“MOTHER OF GOD” “And it came to pass that when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the infant leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost. And she cried out with a loud voice and said: Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” (*Lk 1:41-43*)

“PRAY FOR US SINNERS” “Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it done to me according to thy word.” (*Lk 1:38*) Submission. Totally yours Lord. Whatever Lord.

“A faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” (*1T 1:15*) “It is not the healthy who need the doctor, but the sick. Go and learn the meaning of the words: ‘Mercy is what pleases Me, not sacrifice’. And indeed I came to call not the upright, but sinners.” In accepting the responsibility as Mother of God at the Annunciation and again during those sorrowful moments at the foot of the cross when Jesus said of John and mankind “Woman behold thy son,” Mary is our great petitioner before Jesus. “They have no wine,” (*Jn 2:3*) and Jesus performed even though His time had not yet come. “They that are in health need not a physician, but they that are ill. Go then and learn what this means: ‘I will have mercy and not sacrifice. For I am not come to call the just, but sinners.’” (*Mt 9:12,13*)

“NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH” The powerful

intercessor is able to achieve so much. Even after being quoted seven times in scripture, Jesus shows the greatness and the strength of His Blessed Mother when He committed us into her care, and she to be our mother. She will crush the head of the serpent. “I will put enmities between you and the woman, and thy seed and her seed, she shall crush your head, and you shall lie in wait for her heel.” (*Gn 3:15*) “And the God of peace crush Satan under your feet speedily.” (*Rm 16:20*) Since we are the Mystical Body of Christ, and this body has been formed from the Head down, Jesus being the head, then we today are the feet of the body. Since the woman will crush the serpent with her feet, then when we ask the woman to intercede for us with her Divine Son, then we know that our petitions are joined in the “...golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.” (*Apoc 5:8*) “Behold your mother.” (*Jn 19:27*) “Hear all things that the Lord our God shall say to you, and you shall speak to us, and we will hear and will do them.” (*Dt 5:27*) “All that the Lord hath spoken, we will do.” (*Ex 19:8*)

“Can a woman forget her infant, so as not to have pity on the son of her womb?” (*Is 49:15*) Mary has compassion for us and by her example teaches us and guides us. “...forsake not the law of thy mother. Bind them in your heart continually, and put them about thy neck...because the commandment is a lamp, and the law a light.” (*Pr 6:20-23*) “He that curses his father, and mother, his lamp shall be put out in the midst of darkness.” (*Pr 20:20*)

## The Five Joyful Mysteries

First. The Annunciation.

“The sceptre shall not be taken away from Juda, nor a ruler from his thigh, till He come that is to be sent, and He shall be the expectation of nations.” (*Gn 49:10*) *Our Father...*

1. “A Star shall rise out of Jacob and a sceptre shall spring up from Israel.” (*Nu 24:17*) *Hail Mary...*

2. “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign. Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son and His Name shall be called Emmanuel.” (*Is 7:14*) *Hail Mary...*

3. “The angel said to her: ‘Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women.” (Lk 1:28) *Hail Mary...*

4. “Who having heard, was troubled at his saying and thought with herself what manner of salutation this should be.” (Lk 1:29)

*Hail Mary...*

5. “And the angel said to her: Fear not, Mary, for thou have found grace with God.” (Lk 1:30) *Hail Mary...*

6. “Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a Son.” (Lk 1:31) *Hail Mary...*

7. “Thou shall call His Name Jesus.” (Lk 1:31) *Hail Mary...*

8. “And Mary said to the angel: How shall this be done, because I know not man?” (Lk 1:34) *Hail Mary...*

9. “The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee, and therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.” (Lk 1:35) *Hail Mary...*

10. “Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word.” (Lk 1:38) *Hail Mary... Glory be...*

## Second. The Visitation.

“And behold thy cousin Elizabeth, she also hath conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren.” (Lk 1:36) *Our Father...*

1. “And it came to pass that when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the infant leaped in her womb.” (Lk 1:41) *Hail Mary...*

2. “Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb!” (Lk 1:42) *Hail Mary...*

3. “And whence is this to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” (Lk 1:43) *Hail Mary...*

4. “And blessed art thou that hast believed, because those things shall be accomplished that were spoken to thee by the Lord.” (Lk 1:45) *Hail Mary...*

5. “And Mary said: ‘My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.’” (Lk 1:46,47) *Hail Mary...*

6. “Because He has regarded the humility of His handmaid, for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.” (Lk 1:48) *Hail Mary...*

7. “He has shown might in His arm, He has scattered the proud in the

conceit of their heart.” (Lk 1:51) *Hail Mary...*

8. “He that is mighty has done great things in me, and Holy is His Name.” (Lk 1:49) *Hail Mary...*

9. “He has put down the mighty from their seat and has exalted the humble.” (Lk 1:52) *Hail Mary...*

10. “He has received Israel His servant, being mindful of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for ever.” (Lk 1:54,55) *Hail Mary... Glory be...*

Third. The Birth of Jesus in the stable in Bethlehem (*which means ‘House of bread’*). (Lk 2:1-20; Is 7:14)

“For a CHILD IS BORN to us, and a Son is given to us, and the government is upon His shoulder.” (Is 9:6) *Our Father...*

1. “His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, God the Mighty, the Father of the world to come, the Prince of Peace.” (Is 9:6) *Hail Mary...*

2. “When as His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with Child, of the Holy Ghost.” (Mt 1:18) *Hail Mary...*

3. “Joseph, son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her, is of the Holy Ghost.” (Mt 1:20) *Hail Mary...*

4. “And she shall bring forth a Son, and you shall call His Name Jesus.” (Mt 1:21) *Hail Mary...*

5. “She brought forth her First-born Son and wrapped Him up in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” (Lk 2:7) *Hail Mary...*

6. “There came wise men from the east.” (Mt 2:1) *Hail Mary...*

7. “Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to adore Him.” (Mt 2:2) *Hail Mary...*

8. “Entering the house they found the Child with Mary His mother, and falling down they adored Him. And opening their treasures they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” (Mt 2:11) *Hail Mary...*

9. “This day is born to you a Saviour, Who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David.” (Lk 2:11) *Hail Mary...*

10. “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good

will.” (Lk 2:14) *Hail Mary... Glory be...*

#### Fourth. The Presentation.

“And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: ‘Sanctify unto Me every firstborn that opens the womb among the children of Israel.’” (Ex 13:1,2) *Our Father...*

1. “If a woman having received seed shall bear a man child, she shall be unclean seven days...” (Lv 12:2) *Hail Mary...*

2. “When the days of her purification are expired, for a son, or for a daughter, she shall bring to the door of the Tabernacle of the Testimony, a lamb of a year old for a holocaust, and a young pigeon or a turtle for sin, and shall deliver them to the priest.” (Lv 12:6) *Hail Mary...*

3. “And if her hand find not sufficiency, and she is not able to offer a lamb, she shall take two turtles, or two young pigeons, one for a holocaust, and another for sin.” (Lv 12:8) *Hail Mary...*

4. “The priest shall pray for her, and so she shall be cleansed.” (Lv 12:8) *Hail Mary...*

5. “Sanctify unto Me every firstborn that opens the womb among the children of Israel.” (Ex 13:2) *Hail Mary...*

6. “After eight days were accomplished, that the Child should be circumcised, His Name was called JESUS, which was called by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.” (Lk 2:21)

*Hail Mary...*

7. “And after the days of her purification, according to the law of Moses, were accomplished, they carried Him to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord.” (Lk 2:22) *Hail Mary...*

8. “They...offered in sacrifice...a pair of turtledoves...” (Lk 2:24)

*Hail Mary...*

9. “A Light to the revelation for the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.” (Lk 2:31,32) *Hail Mary...*

10. “And after they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their city Nazareth.” (Lk 2:39)

*Hail Mary... Glory be...*

#### Fifth. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple. (Lk 2:41-50; Ps 25:8-12)

“His parents went every year to Jerusalem, at the solemn day of the Pasch.” (*Lk 2:41*) *Our Father...*

1. “The Child grew and became strong, full of wisdom, and the grace of God was in Him.” (*Lk 2:40*) *Hail Mary...*

2. “And having fulfilled the days, when they returned, the Child Jesus remained in Jerusalem, and His parents knew it not.” (*Lk 2:43*) *Hail Mary...*

3. “And not finding Him, they returned into Jerusalem, seeking Him.” (*Lk 2:45*) *Hail Mary...*

4. “It came to pass, that, after three days, they found Him in the Temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them and asking them questions.” (*Lk 2:46*) *Hail Mary...*

5. “All that heard Him were astonished at His wisdom and His answers.” (*Lk 2:47*) *Hail Mary...*

6. “Seeing Him, they wondered.” (*Lk 2:48*) *Hail Mary...*

7. “Son, why have Thou done so to us? Behold Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing.” (*Lk 2:48*) *Hail Mary...*

8. “How is it that you sought Me?” (*Lk 2:49*) *Hail Mary...*

9. “Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?” (*Lk 2:49*) *Hail Mary...*

10. “The zeal of Thy house has eaten Me up.” (*Ps 68:10*) *Hail Mary... Glory be...*

### The Five Sorrowful Mysteries

First. The Agony in the Garden at Gethsemane, (*which means ‘oil-press’*).

“Command the children of Israel that they bring you the purest oil of the olives, and beaten with a pestle, that a lamp may burn always, in the Tabernacle of the Testimony, without the veil that hangs before the Testimony.” (*Ex 27:20,21*) *Our Father...*

1. “Jesus came with them into a country place which is called Gethsemane” (*Mt 26:36*) *Hail Mary...*

2. “My soul is sorrowful even unto death.” (*Mt 26:38*) *Hail Mary...*

3. “Abba, Father, all things are possible to Thee, remove this Chalice from Me, but not what I will, but what Thou wilt.” (*Mk 14:36*)

*Hail Mary...*

4. "And being in an agony, He prayed the longer. And His sweat became as drops of Blood, trickling down upon the ground." (*Lk 22:43,44*) *Hail Mary...*

5. "What? Could you not watch one hour with Me? Watch ye, and pray that ye enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (*Mt 26:40,41*) *Hail Mary...*

6. "Judas, do you betray the Son of man with a kiss?" (*Lk 22:48*) *Hail Mary...*

7. "If an ox gore a man or a woman, and they die..he shall give thirty sicles of silver to their master, and the ox shall be stoned." (*Ex 21:28,32*) *Hail Mary...*

8. "Put up again thy sword into its place, for all that take the sword shall perish with the sword." (*Mt 26:52*) *Hail Mary...*

9. "This is your hour and the power of darkness." (*Lk 22:53*) *Hail Mary...*

10. "Then the disciples, all leaving Him, fled." (*Mt 26:56*) *Hail Mary... Glory be...*

## Second. The Scourging at the Pillar.

"...The Son of man shall be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes and ancients. And they shall condemn Him to death and shall deliver Him to the Gentiles." (*Mk 10:33*) *Our Father...*

1. "If they see that the offender be worthy of stripes: they shall lay him down, and shall cause him to be beaten before them. According to the measure of the sin shall the measure also of the stripes be, yet so, that they exceed not the number of forty, lest your brother depart shamefully torn before your eyes." (*Dt 25:2,3*) *Hail Mary...*

2. "Then did they spit in His face and buffeted Him." (*Mt 26:67*) "And the servants struck Him with the palms their hands." (*Mk 14:65*) *Hail Mary...*

3. "If I have spoken evil, give testimony of the evil, but if well, why strike you Me?" (*Jn 18:23*) *Hail Mary...*

4. "I have given My body to the strikers, and My cheeks to them that plucked them, I have not turned away My face from them that rebuked Me, and spit upon Me." (*Is 50:6*) *Hail Mary...*

5. "And the men that held Him mocked Him and struck Him. And they blindfolded Him and smote His face. And they asked Him

saying: ‘Prophesy: Who is it that struck Thee?’ And blaspheming, many other things they said against Him.” (*Lk 22:63-65*)

*Hail Mary...*

6. “And the soldiers led him away into the court of the palace, and they called together the whole band.” (*Mk 15:16*) *Hail Mary...*

7. “As many have been astonished at Thee, so shall His visage be inglorious among men, and His form among the sons of men.” (*Is 52:14*) *Hail Mary...*

8. “Despised, and the most abject of men, a Man of sorrows, and acquainted with infirmity.” (*Is 53:3*) *Hail Mary...*

9. “He was wounded for our iniquities, He was bruised for our sins, and by His bruises we are healed.” (*Is 53:5*) *Hail Mary...*

10. “Then therefore Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him.” (*Jn 19:1*) *Hail Mary... Glory be...*

Third. The Crowning with Thorns.

“And the light of Israel shall be as a fire, and the Holy One thereof as a flame, and His thorns and His briars shall be set on fire, and shall be devoured in one day.” (*Is 10:17*) *Our Father...*

1. “And plating a crown of thorns, they put it upon His head, and a reed in His right hand.” (*Mt 27:29*) *Hail Mary...*

2. “And spitting upon Him, they took the reed and struck His head.” (*Mt 27:30*) *Hail Mary...*

3. “And they came to Him and said: ‘Hail, king of the Jews.’ And they gave Him blows.” (*Jn 19:3*) *Hail Mary...*

4. “Jesus therefore came forth, bearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment.” (*Jn 19:5*) *Hail Mary...*

5. “When the chief priests, therefore, and the servants had seen Him, they cried out, saying: ‘Crucify Him, Crucify Him.’” (*Jn 19:6*)

*Hail Mary...*

6. “Herod with his army set him at nought and mocked Him, putting on Him a white garment.” (*Lk 23:11*) *Hail Mary...*

7. “Now when Pilate had heard these words, he brought Jesus forth and sat down in the judgment seat.” (*Jn 19:13*) *Hail Mary...*

8. “Pilate saith to them: ‘Shall I crucify your King?’ The chief priests answered: ‘We have no king but Caesar.’” (*Jn 19:15*)

*Hail Mary...*

9. "And after they had mocked Him, they took off the purple from Him and put His own garments on Him, and they led Him out to crucify Him." (*Mk 15:20*) *Hail Mary...*

10. "He was offered because it was His own will, and He opened not His mouth, He shall be led as a sheep to the slaughter, and shall be dumb as a lamb before His shearer, and He shall not open His mouth." (*Is 53:7*) *Hail Mary... Glory be...*

Fourth. The Carrying of the Cross.

"So Abraham rising up in the night, saddled his ass, and took with him two young men, and Isaac his son, and when he had cut wood for the holocaust, he went his way to the place which God had commanded him." (*Gn 22:3*) *Our Father...*

1. "And he took the wood for the holocaust, and laid it upon Isaac his son." (*Gn 22:6*) *Hail Mary...*

2. "Isaac said: 'Where is the victim for the holocaust?' And Abraham said: 'God will provide Himself a victim for the holocaust.'" (*Gn 22:8*) *Hail Mary...*

3. "For the bodies of those beasts whose blood is brought into the holies by the high priest for sin are burned without the camp. Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people by His own Blood, suffered without the gate..." (*Hb 13:11,12*) *Hail Mary...*

4. "As they led Him away, they laid hold of one Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country; and they laid the Cross on him to carry after Jesus." (*Lk 23:26*) *Hail Mary...*

5. "There followed Him a great multitude of people and of women, who bewailed and lamented Him." (*Lk 23:27*) *Hail Mary...*

6. "Jesus turning to them, said: 'Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not over Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.'" (*Lk 23:28*) *Hail Mary...*

7. Jesus said: "For if in the green wood they do these things, what shall be done in the dry?" (*Lk 23:31*) *Hail Mary...*

8. "Surely He has borne our infirmities and carried our sorrows." (*Is 53:4*) *Hail Mary...*

9. "All we like sheep have gone astray, every one has turned aside into his own way, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." (*Is 53:6*) *Hail Mary...*

10. "Bearing His own Cross, He went forth to the place which is

called Calvary, but in Hebrew Golgotha.” (*Jn 19:17*) *Hail Mary... Glory be...*

#### Fifth. The Crucifixion and Death.

“The God of our fathers has raised up Jesus, Whom you put to death, hanging Him upon a tree.” (*Ac 5:30*) *Our Father...*

1. “When a man has committed a crime for which he is to be punished with death, and being condemned to die is hanged on a gibbet. His body shall not remain upon the tree, but shall be buried the same day, for he is accursed of God that hangs on a tree.” (*Dt 21:22,23*) *Hail Mary...*

2. “The chastisement of our peace was upon Him.” (*Is 53:5*)  
*Hail Mary...*

3. “For God so loved the world, as to give His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him may not perish, but may have life everlasting.” (*Jn 3:16*) *Hail Mary...*

4. “The council of the malignant has besieged Me. They have dug My hands and My feet, they have numbered all My bones.” (*Ps 21:17*)  
*Hail Mary...*

5. “My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?” (*Mt 27:46*) *Hail Mary...*

6. “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.” (*Lk 23:34*)  
*Hail Mary...*

7. “Afterwards, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, said: ‘I thirst.’” (*Jn 19:28*) *Hail Mary...*

8. “Jesus therefore, when He had taken the vinegar, said: ‘It is consummated.’” (*Jn 19:30*)

#### **These completed the Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross:**

i. “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

ii. “This day thou shalt be with Me in Paradise.”

iii. “Woman, behold thy son.”

iv. “Behold thy mother.”

v. “My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?”

vi. “I thirst.”

vii. “It is consummated.” *Hail Mary...*

9. “And bowing His head He gave up the ghost.” (*Jn 19:30*)

*Hail Mary...*

10. "But after they were come to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers with a spear opened His side, and immediately there came out Blood and Water." (*Jn 19:33,34*) *Hail Mary... Glory be...*

## The Five Glorious Mysteries

First. The Resurrection.

"Command therefore the sepulchre to be guarded until the third day, lest perhaps His disciples come and steal Him away and say to the people: 'He is risen from the dead. And the last error shall be worse than the first.'" (*Mt 27:64*) Our Father...

1. "He is not here, but is risen. Remember how He spoke unto you, when He was yet in Galilee, saying: 'The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and the third day rise again.'" (*Lk 24:6,7*) *Hail Mary...*

2. "In the end of the Sabbath, when it began to dawn towards the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalen and the other Mary, to see the sepulchre." (*Mt 28:1*) *Hail Mary...*

3. "And behold there was a great earthquake. For an angel of the Lord descended from Heaven and coming rolled back the stone and sat upon it." (*Mt 28:2*) *Hail Mary...*

4. "He is risen, He is not here. Behold the place where they laid Him." (*Mk 16:6*) *Hail Mary...*

5. "And going quickly, tell ye His disciples that He is risen. And behold He will go before you into Galilee. There you shall see Him." (*Mt 28:7*) *Hail Mary...*

6. "But He rising early the first day of the week, appeared first to Mary Magdalen, out of whom He had cast seven devils." (*Mk 16:9*) *Hail Mary...*

7. "And behold, Jesus met them, saying: 'All hail.' But they came up and took hold of His feet and adored Him." (*Mt 28:9*) *Hail Mary...*

8. "Jesus said to them: 'Fear not. Go, tell My brethren that they go into Galilee. There they shall see Me.'" (*Mt 28:10*) *Hail Mary...*

9. "And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and feet." (*Lk 24:40*) *Hail Mary...*

10. "Be not faithless, but believing." Thomas answered and said to

Him: "My Lord and my God." (*Jn 20:27,28*)  
*Hail Mary... Glory be...*

### Second. The Ascension.

"And the land which I gave to Abraham and Isaac, I will give to thee, and to thy seed after thee.' And He departed from him." (*Gn 35:12,13*) *Our Father...*

1. "And she brought forth a Man Child, Who was to rule all nations with an iron rod. And her Son was taken up to God and to His throne." (*Apoc 12:5*) *Hail Mary...*

2. "He led them out as far as Bothnia, and lifting up His hands, He blessed them." (*Lk 24:50*) *Hail Mary...*

3. "And it came to pass, whilst He blessed them, He departed from them and was carried up to Heaven." (*Lk 24:51*) *Hail Mary...*

4. "And when He had said these things, while they looked on, He was raised up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight." (*Ac 1:9*) *Hail Mary...*

5. "One like the Son of man came with the clouds of Heaven." (*Dn 7:13*) *Hail Mary...*

6. "And He came even to the Ancient of Days, and they presented Him before Him." (*Dn 7:13*) *Hail Mary...*

7. "And He gave Him power, and glory, and a kingdom." (*Dn 7:14*) *Hail Mary...*

8. "The Lord Jesus...was taken up into Heaven and sits on the right hand of God." (*Mk 16:19*) *Hail Mary...*

9. "All power is given to Me in Heaven and in earth." (*Mt 28:18*) *Hail Mary...*

10. "Jesus Christ, Who is the faithful witness, the First begotten of the dead and the Prince of the kings of the earth, Who has loved us and washed us from our sins in His Own Blood." (*Apoc 1:5*)

*Hail Mary... Glory be...*

### Third. The Descent of The Holy Ghost

"The Lord God formed man of the slime of the earth, and breathed into his face the breath of life, and man became a living soul." (*Gn 2:7*) *Our Father...*

1. "Thou shalt send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created." (*Ps 103:30*) *Hail Mary...*
2. "I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh." (*Jl 2:28*) *Hail Mary...*
3. "Amen, amen, I say to thee, unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Ghost, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." (*Jn 3:5*) *Hail Mary...*
4. "Stay you in the city till you be endued with power from on high." (*Lk 24:49*) *Hail Mary...*
5. "The Paraclete, the Holy Ghost, Whom the Father will send in My Name, He will teach you all things." (*Jn 14:26*) *Hail Mary...*
6. "When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will teach you all truth." (*Jn 16:13*) *Hail Mary...*
7. "I send the promise of My Father upon you." (*Lk 24:49*) *Hail Mary...*
8. "Suddenly there came a sound from Heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting." (*Ac 2:2*) *Hail Mary...*
9. "There appeared to them parted tongues, as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them." (*Ac 2:3*) *Hail Mary...*
10. "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak." (*Ac 2:4*) *Hail Mary... Glory be...*

#### Fourth. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven.

"I will be sanctified in them that approach to Me, and I will be glorified in the sight of all the people." (*Lv 10:3*) *Our Father...*

1. "Enoch pleased God, and was translated into Paradise, that he may give repentance to the nations." (*Si 44:16*) *Hail Mary...*
2. "Who is she that comes forth as the morning rising, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army set in array?" (*Sg 6:9*) *Hail Mary...*
3. "Arise, make haste, My love, My dove, My beautiful one, and come." (*Sg 2:10*) *Hail Mary...*
4. "Draw me, we will run after Thee to the odours of Thy ointments. The King has brought me into His storerooms." (*Sg 1:3*) *Hail Mary...*
5. "The queen stood on Thy right hand, in gilded clothing,

surrounded with variety.” (Ps 44:10) *Hail Mary...*

6. “Behold my Beloved speaks to me: ‘Arise, make haste, my love, my dove, my beautiful one, and come.’” (Sg 2:10) *Hail Mary...*

7. “Put me as a seal upon Thy heart, as a seal upon Thy arm.” (Sg 8:6) *Hail Mary...*

8. “Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions, which you have learned, whether by word or by our epistle. (2Th 2:14) *Hail Mary...*

9. “Arise, O Lord, into Thy resting place, Thou and the ark, which Thou have sanctified.” (Ps 131:8) *Hail Mary...*

10. “The Temple of God was opened in Heaven, and the ark of His Testament was seen in His Temple.” (Apoc 11:19) *Hail Mary... Glory be...*

#### Fifth. The Crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven.

“My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.” (Lk 1:46,47) *Our Father...*

1. “Blessed art thou that have believed, because those things shall be accomplished that were spoken to thee by the Lord.” (Lk 1:45) *Hail Mary...*

2. “Behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.” (Lk 1:48) *Hail Mary...*

3. “Many daughters have gathered together riches, you have surpassed them all.” (Pr 31:29) *Hail Mary...*

4. “And a great sign appeared in Heaven, a woman clothed with the sun.” (Apoc 12:1) *Hail Mary...*

5. “The moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.” (Apoc 12:1) *Hail Mary...*

6. “And the Lord said to the serpent: ‘I shall put enmities between thee and the woman...she shall crush thy head.’” (Gn 3:14,15) *Hail Mary...*

7. “Blessed art thou, O daughter, by the Lord the most High God, above all women upon the earth. Blessed be the Lord Who made Heaven and earth, Who has directed thee to the cutting off the head of the prince of our enemies.” (Jud 13:23,24) *Hail Mary...*

8. “Forsake not the law of thy mother” (Pr 6:20) *Hail Mary...*

9. “I am the flower of the field, and the lily of the valleys.” (Sg 2:1)

*Hail Mary...*

10. "He that shall overcome and keep My words unto the end, I will give him power over the nations. And he shall rule them with a rod of iron, and I will give him the Morning Star." (*Apoc 2:26-28*)

*Hail Mary... Glory be...*

## The Divine Will Rosary

This Rosary was given by our Blessed Mother and by Jesus, to an Italian mystic, Louisa Pecarreta (*who lived solely on the Holy Eucharist and water for many years in the early to mid 1900's*). We must leave our own stubborn will, and seek only to live in the Will of our Divine Savior, fulfilling His prayer: “Thy Will be done.” (*Mt 6:10*) We call on the prayer of the psalmist, “Teach me to do Thy Will, for Thou art my God,” (*Ps 142:10*) and make our genuine prayer to be always, “Behold, I come to do Thy Will.” (*Hb 10:9*)

### The Five Joyful Mysteries

First. The Annunciation

The Divine Word, incarnating Himself in the virginal womb of Mary, has also conceived us and all creatures with His adorable Humanity. Each one of us has brought Him the burden of our sins, miseries and pains. And Jesus has accepted everything, He has not refused anyone. He incarnated Himself in pain, even from His Conception, in the cross of each one of us. We adore Thee, oh Jesus, we thank Thee, and with the Love of our Mother we love Thee.

Oh prodigy of prodigies that only a God could do! The Immense One became small; the Powerful One became impotent; His inaccessible Highness has lowered Himself down to the abyss of the Womb of a Virgin. *Our Father...*

1. “Thy Mother felt herself inflamed with love and, echoing the love of My Creator, I wanted to form a single sea of love.” *Hail Mary...*
2. “My prayers were unceasing and, while I prayed in My little room, an Angel came to Me, sent from Heaven as a messenger of the great King.” *Hail Mary...*
3. “He came before Me and, bowing down, he greeted Me, ‘Hail, oh Mary, our Queen.’” *Hail Mary...*
4. “The Divine FIAT has filled You with grace. God has already pronounced His FIAT because He wants to descend.”  
*Hail Mary...*
5. “He is already behind me, but He wants Your FIAT in order to form the fulfillment of His FIAT.” *Hail Mary...*
6. “I was astonished at such a great announcement, so desired by Me,

but I had never thought that I was the chosen one and I hesitated an instant.” *Hail Mary...*

7. “But the Angel of the Lord said to Me, ‘Our Queen, do not fear! You have found favor before God.’” *Hail Mary...*

8. “You have won Thy Creator; therefore, pronounce Thy FIAT in order to complete the victory.” *Hail Mary...*

9. “I pronounced My FIAT and, oh, how wonderful, the two FIATS united together and the Divine Word descended into Me.”  
*Hail Mary...*

10. “My FIAT, which was confirmed by the same value of the Divine FIAT, formed from the seed of My humanity the tiny Humanity which had to hold the Word, and thus was performed the grand prodigy of the Incarnation of the Word.”

*Hail Mary...Glory be...*

## Second. The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth

Behold Jesus in the womb of His Mother, the Infinite One inclosed for nine long months in the most narrow prison. His Love devours Him; It makes Him suffer agonies; It drowns Him; and He wants to unbosom It with creatures for whom He became incarnate. So He lets His Mother bring Him to visit Elizabeth and to sanctify His Precursor. Oh excess of Jesus’ Love, Who does not want to be alone and searches for our company! Hidden in everything, He is constantly in the act of visiting us. Are we still going to be so ungrateful as to close the door of our heart in His Face to make His grow numb? Rather, together with our Mother, let us run to bring Jesus to all creatures.

“How much I wish that also you, My children, upon approaching persons and making visits, were always the bearer of Jesus, capable of making Him be known and eager for making Him be loved.”  
*Our Father...*

1. “Scarcely had I become the Mother of Jesus and your Mother, than My seas of love doubled; and, unable to contain all of them, I felt the need to diffuse them and to be, even at the cost of great sacrifices, the first bearer of Jesus to creatures.” *Hail Mary...*

2. “I departed, therefore, from Nazareth, accompanied by Saint Joseph, facing a long journey and crossing mountains, in order to go

into Judea to visit Elizabeth, who in her old age had miraculously become a mother.” *Hail Mary...*

3. “After several days journey, I finally arrived in Judea and hastily went to Elizabeth’s house.” *Hail Mary...*

4. “She met Me rejoicing. At the greeting she gave Me, a marvelous phenomenon occurred.” *Hail Mary...*

5. “My little Jesus rejoiced in My Womb and, piercing little John in his mother’s womb with the rays of His own Divinity, He sanctified him; He gave him the use of reason and made him know that He was the Son of God.” *Hail Mary...*

6. “John then jumped so strongly for love and joy that Elizabeth felt herself shaken.” *Hail Mary...*

7. “Touched as well by the Light of the Divinity of My Son, she knew that I had become the Mother of God.” *Hail Mary...*

8. “And in the emphasis of her love, trembling with gratitude, she exclaimed, ‘How have I deserved that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?’” *Hail Mary...*

9. “I did not deny the most lofty Mystery. In fact, I humbly confirmed it.” *Hail Mary...*

10. “I announced that the Lord had done great things in Me, His handmaid, and that for this all peoples would call Me blessed, by exalting God with the Canticle of the Magnificat, sublime canticle by means of which the Church continuously honors Me.”

*Hail Mary... Glory be...*

### Third. The Birth of Jesus in the Manger at Bethlehem

In order to not scare the creature, the Creator becomes a small Child.

“I am born,” He tells us, “in the darkness of your night to illuminate you; in the cold which your heart reserved for Me, to warm you; in the poverty of your misery, to enrichen you. I do not come to harm you, but to take away your evils and that which renders you unhappy, your ungrateful will. Give it to Me, I beg you, and I shall burn all with My Love; and in exchange, I shall give you My goods, My eternal happiness, and My Kingdom, at the price of My Love. As a little beggar, I ask you to give it to Me if you please. My children, open up to Me; give Me room in your heart; I have descended from Heaven to earth in order to form My Life in each one of you.” *Our Father...*

1. "Now listen, My children. Madly in love, little Jesus was in the act of taking a step toward coming out into the light of day."

*Hail Mary...*

2. "His anxieties, His ardent sighs and desires no longer gave Him rest; as if He wanted to embrace the creature, make Himself seen and look at the creature in order to rapt it to Himself." *Hail Mary...*

3. "Just as He placed Himself sentinel one day at the doors of Heaven watching for the moment to close Himself in My Womb; so also He was now in the act of placing Himself sentinel at the doors of my Womb, Which was more than Heaven to Him; and the Sun of the Eternal Word rose in the midst of the world and formed His full noon there." *Hail Mary...*

4. "So for poor creatures neither night, nor twilight, nor daybreak shall any longer be, but always sun, more than the fullness of midday." *Hail Mary...*

5. "Your Mother felt that She could no longer contain Him in Herself." *Hail Mary...*

6. "Seas of light and of love flooded Me and, as I conceived Him in a sea of light, so He came out of My Womb in a sea of light."

*Hail Mary...*

7. "Dear children, for whoever lives on Divine Will, everything is light everything converts into light." *Hail Mary...*

8. "Therefore in this light, enraptured, I waited to press My little Jesus between My arms and, as He came out of My Womb, I heard His first loving cries." *Hail Mary...*

9. "The Angel of the Lord handed Him over into My arms and I pressed Him so very hard to My Heart." *Hail Mary...*

10. "I gave Him My first kiss and little Jesus gave Me His."

*Hail Mary... Glory be...*

Fourth. The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple  
Forty days have passed since Jesus' birth. His sweet Mother brings Him to Jerusalem to present Him in the Temple to God His Father. Jesus sleeps in Her arms, close to Her Heart, unaware of the surrounding world. And His Mother delivers Him, heroically tearing Him from Her Heart, that Heart which one day will be transfixed by a sword of sorrow; and She offers Him to the sovereign Will of the Father. United to Jesus, let us beg His Mother, to offer us to the Father in sacrifice. We must be immolated in the Temple of the

Divine Will. And let us say with Jesus: ‘Here I am, oh Father, who come to do Thy Will.’

“This dear Child will be the Salvation and the ruin of many, and will be the sign of contradictions.” *Our Father...*

1. “Now, being that the forty days had come, the dear Baby Boy, more than ever overwhelmed by His infinite Love, wanted to obey the law, and present Himself to the Temple, in order to offer Himself for the salvation of everyone.” *Hail Mary...*

2. “It was the Divine Will that called Us to the great sacrifice and We immediately obeyed.” *Hail Mary...*

3. “Reaching the Temple, We prostrated Ourselves and adored the Supreme Majesty, and then We placed Him in the arms of the priest, who was Simeon, who offered Him to the Eternal Father, offering Him for the salvation of everybody.” *Hail Mary...*

4. “While Simeon, inspired by God, offered Him, he recognized the Divine Word and, exulting with immense joy, adored and thanked the dear Baby Boy and, after the offering, assumed the attitude of a prophet, and predicted all of My sorrows.” *Hail Mary...*

5. “Oh, how painfully did the Supreme FIAT make My maternal Heart hear with vibrant sound, the fatal tragedy of all the pains that My Divine Son would have to suffer! Each word was a sharp sword that pierced Me.” *Hail Mary...*

6. “But that which most pierced My Heart, was hearing that this Celestial Infant would be not only the salvation, but also the ruin of many and the target of contradictions. What pain! What sorrow!” *Hail Mary...*

7. “If the Divine Volition had not sustained Me, I would have instantly died of pure pain.” *Hail Mary...*

8. “Instead He gave Me life in order to begin to form in Myself, the Kingdom of sorrows, in the Kingdom of His very Divine Will.” *Hail Mary...*

9. “Therefore, with the right of Mother that I had over everyone, I also acquired the right of Mother, and Queen of all Sorrows.” *Hail Mary...*

10. “Oh yes, I acquired with My pains, the little coin for paying the debts of My children and even for the ungrateful children.” *Hail Mary... Glory be...*

## Fifth. The Finding of The Child Jesus in the Temple

“Why did You look for Me? Did You not know that I must occupy Myself with My Father’s business?” Thus does Jesus answer His Mother, but through Her, He answers the Church, because in this passage of Her life, Mary especially represented the Church. Many search here and there for the Jesus they have lost; but the only ones who find Him, are those who return to the Temple of their own hearts to occupy themselves, as He, with the things of His and our Father.

Oh Jesus, I desire Thee; I long for Thee; I want Thee; I search for Thee; I love Thee in the weary and crying Heart of Thy Mother, and ours! “I anxiously asked the Angels who surrounded Me, ‘But tell Me, where is My beloved Jesus? Where must I direct My steps to be able to find Him? Ah, My Angels, have mercy on My tears, help Me, bring Jesus to Me!’” *Our Father...*

1. “He had just reached the age of twelve a short time before when, according to custom, He went to Jerusalem to solemnize the Passover. At Jerusalem, We went straight to the Temple and, upon arriving, We prostrated Ourselves with Our faces to the ground. We profoundly adored God and prayed for a long time.” *Hail Mary...*

2. “Our prayer was so fervent and recollected that it opened the Heavens, attracted and bound the Heavenly Father and, therefore, accelerated the reconciliation between God and man.” *Hail Mary...*

3. “After having fulfilled Our duty in the Temple and celebrated the Passover, We prepared to return to Nazareth. In the confusion of the crowds, We lost each other. I remained with the women and Joseph joined the men.” *Hail Mary...*

4. “I looked around to assure Myself that My dear Jesus had come with Me but, not seeing Him, I thought that He had remained with His father, Joseph.” *Hail Mary...*

5. “On the contrary, what was the astonishment and the anxiety that I felt when, having reached the point where We were to reunite, I did not see Him at his side!” *Hail Mary...*

6. “After three days of most bitter sighs, tears, anxieties and fears We entered into the Temple. I was all eyes and I looked about everywhere!” *Hail Mary...*

7. “When behold, finally, overwhelmed by jubilation, I saw My Son,

Who was in the midst of the doctors of the law! He spoke with such wisdom and majesty as to enrapture and surprise all who listened to Him.” *Hail Mary...*

8. “Children of My maternal Heart, listen. When I lost My Jesus, the pain which I felt was more than ever intense, yet, to this, still a second one was added, that of your becoming lost.” *Hail Mary...*

9. “In fact, foreseeing that you would have gone away from the Divine Will, I felt at a time deprived of the Son and of you, and therefore My Maternity suffered a double blow.” *Hail Mary...*

10. “My children, when you will be at the point of doing your will rather than that of God’s, reflect that, by abandoning the Divine FIAT, you are about to lose Jesus and Me, and about to precipitate into the kingdom of miseries and of vices.” *Hail Mary... Glory be...*

### The Five Sorrowful Mysteries

First. The Agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

“Father, if it is possible, let this chalice pass from Me; but not My will but Thine be done.” And exhausted, Jesus moans, sweats Blood and agonizes. His Love devours Him, consumes Him, and makes Him suffer unto the most profound part of His soul, unutterably more than the degree the executioners will make Him suffer. His Love spares Him nothing. And He sees all sins come against so much Love, as so many rabid dogs, as horrifying snakes that want to devour Him alive. And in the midst of this nightmare of horror, Jesus sees Himself nauseating, guilty of all sins and rejected by His infinitely loved Father, and alone. Just like He needed the Angel of comfort, Jesus needs our loving company as well.

“My child, all that which I suffered in the course of My Passion, I suffered it all together in the Agony, but in a more intense, more painful, more intimate way, because Love penetrated unto the marrow of My bones, and into the most intimate fibers of My Heart, where the creatures could never have reached.” *Our Father...*

1. In this Garden, all is terror; all is fear, and profound silence; but I try to prick up my ears. I hear a labored breath, and it is precisely Jesus Whom I find. *Hail Mary...*

2. But what woeful change. It is no longer the sweet Jesus of the Eucharistic Supper, Whose Face shone with a glowing and

enrapturing beauty, but His Face is sad with such a mortal sadness as to disfigure His natural beauty. *Hail Mary...*

3.He already agonizes; and I get upset thinking that maybe I will no longer hear His voice, because it seems that He dies. *Hail Mary...*

4.Therefore, I embrace His feet; I become more bold; I come nearer to His arms; I put my hand on His forehead to sustain it, and I call Him very softly, “Jesus, Jesus.” *Hail Mary...*

5.And, shaken by my voice, He looks at me and says, “Child, are you here? I was waiting for you; and this was the sadness which most oppressed Me, the total abandonment of everyone.”

*Hail Mary...*

6.“And I waited for you so that you would be a spectator of My pains, and make you drink together with Me, the chalice of the bitternesses which My Heavenly Father will soon send Me by means of the Angel.” *Hail Mary...*

7.“We will sip it together because it will not be a chalice of comfort, but of intense bitternesses.” *Hail Mary...*

8.“And I feel the need that some loving soul drink at least some drops of it, therefore, I called you so that you accept, and divide with Me My pains, and assure Me of not leaving Me alone in complete abandonment.” *Hail Mary...*

9.Ah, yes, my troubled Jesus, We will drink the chalice of Thy bitternesses together; We will suffer Thy pains, and I will never move myself away from Thy side.” *Hail Mary...*

10.And afflicted Jesus assured by me, enters into mortal agony; He suffers pains never seen nor understood. *Hail Mary... Glory be...*

## Second. The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar

Jesus is stripped. What daring! Jesus is barbarously whipped until His scourgers are tired. From head to foot, Jesus is completely reduced to a wound without visible Flesh; one does not see other than Blood. When the cords were cut, He falls in the pool of His own Blood. Jesus makes reparation for all the times our body was an accomplice in the rebellions of our will against the Will of God. He wants to cover us with His Blood, heal and beautify us with His wounds. May our body and blood be only Jesus’, and, together with Him, let us make reparation to the Father.

“Oh child, it was necessary that I was stripped in order to make

reparation for so many who strip themselves of all modesty, unstained purity and innocence, who strip themselves of every good and virtue, of My grace, and dress themselves with every brutishness, living like brutes.” *Our Father...*

1. My purest Jesus, Thou are already near the column. The ferocious soldiers untie Thy hands to tie Thee to the column. *Hail Mary...*

2. But that is not enough! They then strip Thee of Thy clothes in order to make a cruel butchery of Thy Most Holy Body.

*Hail Mary...*

3. My Love, my Life, I feel myself faint for the pain upon seeing Thee nude. Thou tremble from head to feet, and Thy most Holy Face becomes virginally blushed. Thy confusion and the weariness is such that, unable to support Thyself, Thou are about to fall at the foot of the above mentioned column, but the soldiers, supporting Thee, not to help Thee, but in order to be able to tie Thee, do not let Thee fall.

*Hail Mary...*

4. They already take the cords and tie Thy arms so tightly that they swell immediately and spray Blood from the tips of Thy fingers. *Hail Mary...*

5. Scourged Jesus, Thy love passes from excesses to excesses. I see that the executioners take the cords; they beat Thee without pity and so much as to turn all Thy most holy Body livid. *Hail Mary...*

6. And the ferocity and the fury in beating Thee is such that, they are already tired, but two others take their place. *Hail Mary...*

7. They take thorny rods and beat Thee so much that Blood begins to flow in streams directly from Thy most Holy Body. Then they pound It completely; they form furrows, and they wound It.

*Hail Mary...*

8. But that is not enough. Two others take their place, and with chains of iron hooks, they continue the painful butchery.

*Hail Mary...*

9. At the first blows that pounded and wounded flesh is rent more and falls in pieces upon the earth. The bones are uncovered; so much Blood pours out as to form a pool of Blood around the column. *Hail Mary...*

10. My Jesus, my stripped Love, while Thou are under this storm of blows, I hug Thy feet so that I might take part in Thy pains and be all covered with Thy most Precious Blood. *Hail Mary... Glory be...*

### Third. The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns

Jeered at, made fun of and slapped, Jesus does not move; He does not resist; He does not say anything. Wearing a horrible crown of thorns, a purple cloth with an empty reed in hand and, nevertheless, what sweetness do His eyes not show behind that veil of spit and of Blood. What ocean of peace and of abandonment to the Will of the Father; what infinite Majesty is seen! Behold the Man, the only One! Behold our King! Behold our God! We adore Thee, Jesus, and we beg Thee to reign in our hearts with Thy Will.

‘My child, these thorns that prick My Head will prick the pride, the haughtiness, the most hidden wounds of man, in order to make the pus that they contain go out; and the thorns tintured with My Blood, will heal him, and will restore to him the crown which sin has taken from him. *Our Father...*

1. My Jesus, infinite Love, the more I look at Thee the more I understand how much Thou suffer. Thou are already completely lacerated. There is no sound part in Thee. *Hail Mary...*

2. The ferocious executioners, upon seeing that in so many pains Thou look at them with so much Love, that Thy loving glance, forming a sweet enchantment, almost like so many voices, prays and supplicates more pains and new pains; and these, although inhuman, but also forced by Thy love, put Thee on Thy feet, and not supporting Thyself, Thou fall again in Thine own Blood.

*Hail Mary...*

3. And these irritated ones, by kicking and shoving, make Thee reach the place where they will crown Thee with thorns.

*Hail Mary...*

4. Crowned Jesus, Thy enemies become more cruel, making Thee sit down. They place a purple rag on Thee. *Hail Mary...*

5. They then make a crown of thorns and, with infernal fury, place it upon Thy adorable Head, and make the thorns penetrate unto Thy forehead. Part reaches even into Thine eyes, into Thine ears, into Thy skull and as far as the back of Thy neck. *Hail Mary...*

6. My Love, what torture! What indescribable pains! How many cruel deaths dost Thou not suffer. Blood already flows upon Thy Face in such a way that only Blood is seen, but under those thorns and Blood Thy most Holy Face is seen radiant with sweetness, with peace, and

with love. *Hail Mary...*

7. And wanting to finish the tragedy, the executioners blindfold Thee; they place a cane in Thy hand for a scepter and begin their "jokes." *Hail Mary...*

8. They greet Thee, "King of the Jews;" they strike the crown; they slap Thee and say to Thee, "Guess who hit Thee!" *Hail Mary...*

9. My King Jesus, Thine enemies continue their insults; and the Blood that flows from Thy most Holy Head is such that, reaching as far as Thy mouth, It keeps Thee from making me hear clearly Thy sweetest voice; and, therefore, I cannot do that which Thou do. *Hail Mary...*

10. Therefore, I come into Thy arms; I want to support Thy transfixed and painful Head; I want to put my head under those thorns in order to feel their punctures. *Hail Mary... Glory be...*

Fourth. The Carrying of the heavy Cross to Calvary

Embracing the Cross, Jesus embraces all of us. But how heavy we are! With difficulty Jesus walks, bent over and panting. He seems to be dying at each step; He can no longer go forward. Let us go out toward Jesus together with our sweet Mother, pushing ourselves on amid the crowd. Let us adore Him with Her and, to correspond to His Love, let us make His Volition ours, and let us give Him His own Love. Let us give Him His own Life and, at His every step, each time His Heart is pierced, each drop of Blood, each tear of His Flesh, let us place our little, "I love Thee," as a seal.

"My children, when I received the Cross, I embraced It as My dearest treasure, because I endowed souls with the Cross to espouse them to Me." *Our Father...*

1. They already make Thee find the prepared Cross, which Thou search for with so many sighs; and Thou look at It with love; and with an earnest stride Thou go near It to embrace It; but first Thou kiss It; and with Thy greatest contentment Thou return to look at It and measure Its length and width, as a rush of joy runs through Thy most Holy Humanity. *Hail Mary...*

2. In It Thou already establish the portion for all creatures. Thou let It be placed upon Thy most holy shoulders. Ah my Jesus, for Thy love the Cross is too light, but to the weight of the Cross is added that

of our faults, enormous and immense as the expanse of the heavens.

*Hail Mary...*

3. Thou feel Thyself crushed below the weight of so many faults. Thy pain is such that Thou feel Thyself as it were, broken into pieces below the Cross. *Hail Mary...*

4. Barely dost Thou take Thy first steps and Thou already fall under It; and while Thou fall, Thou strike the rocks; the thorns are driven more into Thy Head, while all the wounds are worsened and give new Blood. And, since Thou have no strength to get up, Thine irritated enemies try to get Thee to Thy feet with kicks and with shoves. *Hail Mary...*

5. Another pain for Thy sorrowful Heart is while Thy most Holy Mother tries to get near Thee to give Thee Her last goodby, the soldiers notice, and with pushes and shoves, they keep the Mother and Son from giving each other the last goodby, and with these pushes Thou fall again under the Cross. *Hail Mary...*

6. The soldiers fear that Thou might die under the weight of so many martyrdoms, and from the shedding of so much Blood; therefore, with difficulty they come to get Thee on Thy feet again.

*Hail Mary...*

7. My Love Jesus, Thou already tremble all over. At the continuous pushing that Thou receive, the thorns penetrate always more inside Thy most Holy Head. *Hail Mary...*

8. The Cross, because of Its heavy weight penetrates into Thy shoulder so much as to form a wound so profound, as to uncover the bones; and at each step it seems to me that Thou die and are therefore unable to go ahead. But Thy Love, Which can do everything, gives Thee strength. *Hail Mary...*

9. My worn out Jesus, even with the help of the Cyrenian, Thou walk with difficulty and, all bent over, Thou try to look for someone. It is Veronica, who fearing nothing, courageously dries Thy Face, all covered with Blood, with a cloth; and Thou leave Thy face impressed upon it in sign of gratification. *Hail Mary...*

10. With the pushing of Thy enemies, Thou fall for the third time. I see that Thou touch the earth and gasp in Thy Blood, but Thy enemies want to get Thee on Thy feet. They pull Thee with the cords; they lift Thee by the hair; they kick Thee, but all in vain. My Jesus, Thou are dying! What pain! My heart breaks for the pain! And, almost dragging Thee, they take Thee to Mount Calvary.

*Hail Mary... Glory be...*

Fifth. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus upon the Cross

Jesus is raised on the Cross and placed between Heaven and earth. He no longer moves. He is the true portrait of He Who lives in His Will. Thus does He return all the rights to His Father. He asks pardon for everyone. He pardons everyone. He gives thanksgiving for all. He receives everyone in His Heart; and He gives Himself completely to everyone, and He even gives us His Mother. United to Her, at the foot of the Cross, let us offer Jesus and ourselves to the Will of the Father to disarm His Justice.

“This is My Body...this is the chalice of My Blood.” “My child, My crucifixion was complete, and do you know why? Because it was done in the Eternal Will of My Father. In this Will, the Cross became as long and as wide so as to embrace all centuries, to penetrate into each heart present, past and future, in such a way that I remained crucified in each creature’s heart.” *Our Father...*

1. But here new pains await Thee. They strip Thee again and they tear off the clothes and crown of thorns. Ah, Thou groan upon feeling them tear the thorns from Thy Head and, while they tear off the clothes, they also tear off the lacerated Flesh attached to it. The wounds are rent; the Blood flows in streams to the earth, and the pain is such that Thou fall almost dead. *Hail Mary...*

2. But no one is moved to compassion over Thee, my Good! On the contrary, with beastly fury they place the crown of thorns on Thee again! They beat it on vigorously; and the torment from the lacerations and from the tearing which they are doing to Thy hair, amassed in coagulated Blood, is such that only the Angels could say that which Thou suffer. While horrified, they turn away their heavenly glances and cry! *Hail Mary...*

3. But, while Thou look at the Cross, I hear Thee say, “My Love, dear Cross, My precious bed, you have been My martyrdom in life and now you are My rest. Ah, oh Cross, receive Me quickly into your arms! I am impatient in waiting.” *Hail Mary...*

4. But while Jesus unbosoms Himself with the Cross, the enemies command Him to extend Himself upon It, and He promptly obeys their wishes in order to make reparation for our disobediences.

*Hail Mary...*

5.The executioners with inhuman ferocity take Thy right hand; they hold the nail, and with blows of a hammer the nail comes out the opposite side of the Cross. *Hail Mary...*

6.But the pain that Thou suffer, oh my Jesus, is such and so much that Thou tremble; the light of Thy beautiful eyes is eclipsed; Thy most Holy Face becomes pale and livid. Then they take Thy left hand and pull it so much to make it reach the marked hole that Thou feel the joints of Thy arms and shoulders dislocate; and, for the force of the pain, Thy legs become retracted and convulsed.

*Hail Mary...*

7.My Love Jesus, Thy enemies are not content yet. With diabolical ferocity, they take Thy most holy feet, always untiring in search of souls, retracted as they were from force of the pain in the hands; they pull them so much that the knees, the ribs and all the bones of the chest become dislocated. *Hail Mary...*

8.My heart cannot stand it, my Good. I see that for the force of the pain Thy beautiful eyes, eclipsed and veiled with Blood, roll; Thy lips, livid and swollen from the punches, twist; Thy cheeks become hollow; Thy teeth gnash; Thy chest weary; Thy Heart, because of the force in stretching hands and feet, is all smashed. *Hail Mary...*

9.My Jesus, I see that they place one foot upon the other; and the nail furthermore, is even blunt; they nail it into Thy most holy feet. *Hail Mary...*

10.My Jesus, the Crucifixion is complete; and, after having stayed thus upon the Cross in such bitter agony for three hours, I hear Thee give the last cry, "Father, into Thy hands I commend My Spirit!" And, lowering Thy head, Thou die. *Hail Mary...Glory be...*

### **The Five Glorious Mysteries**

First. The Resurrection of Jesus from the Dead

At daybreak of the third day, rising in virtue of the power of His Divine Will, Jesus triumphed over death, making it be from hereafter, as the door to the true Life. This door, which only He could open, was the entrance way for all of us, His beloved children, to enter into His Kingdom, which He earnestly prayed His Father for while on earth. His Resurrection is the beginning of the realization of His eternal Decree; that the Kingdom of His Divine Will shall come and be done on earth AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. Oh Jesus, come

hastily, and introduce us into, and reign in us, in Thy Kingdom on earth as Thou do in Heaven!

“My children, in these three days that He was buried, I felt so anxious to see Him risen that I went repeating in My unbosoming of love, ‘Rise, My Glory! Rise, My Life!’ My desires were ardent; My sighs of fire unto feeling Myself be consumed.” *Our Father...*

1. “With the anxiety of wanting to see My Dear Son, all of a sudden I saw Him in triumphant act, accompanied by that great multitude of people which went out of Limbo; and He went to the sepulcher.” *Hail Mary...*

2. “It was the dawn of the third day, and as all nature cried over Him, so now it rejoiced so much that the sun anticipated its course in order to be present in the act in which My Son rose.” *Hail Mary...*

3. “But, oh marvel, before He rose He made that multitude of people see His most Holy Humanity bloody, wounded, disfigured and how It had been reduced for love of them and of everyone.” *Hail Mary...*

4. “All were moved and admired the excess of Love and the great portent of the Redemption.” *Hail Mary...*

5. “My dear Jesus triumphed over death saying, ‘Death, you will no longer be death, but life.’” *Hail Mary...*

6. “With this triumphant act, He fixed the seal that He was Man and God.” *Hail Mary...*

7. “And with His Resurrection, He confirmed not only the Gospel, the miracles, the life of the Sacraments and all the life of the Church; but He gave the triumph over the human wills, weakened and almost extinguished in the true good, in order to make the life of that Divine Volition, which was to bring the fullness of the Sanctity and of all goods to creatures, triumph over them.”

*Hail Mary...*

8. “At the same time, in virtue of His Resurrection, He spread the seed in bodies to rise to imperishable glory.” *Hail Mary...*

9. “My children, the Resurrection of My Son encloses all, It says all, confirms all and is the most solemn act He did for the love of creatures.” *Hail Mary...*

10. “Dearest children, thank you for your company, but if you want your company to be sweet and dear and bearer of comfort to My pierced Heart, I want to find in you the Divine Will working,

dominating, and that you give not even a breath of life to your human will." *Hail Mary... Glory be...*

## Second. The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven

Jesus goes up to the ineffable embrace of His Heavenly Father. He goes to prepare a place for us, and then He will return according to His promise so that we may also be where He is. He goes to prepare all that is necessary to return again, bringing His Kingdom as a Gift to us, the Kingdom of His adorable Will. Let us stay, as the Apostles, with our gaze fixed upon Jesus, Who goes up to Heaven, and let us also feel that without Him this world is a sad place of exile. Let us long for the Fatherland. Let us long for Jesus, and pray Him with all our hearts, "Return, Jesus! Come, Divine Will; come to reign in us!"

"From the Heavenly Fatherland, Jesus looks at everyone. No one escapes Him; and His love is so much that He leaves His Mother still on earth for comfort, help, and teaching, and company for His and My children." *Our Father...*

1. "My beloved Son Jesus, remained risen upon the earth for forty days." *Hail Mary...*

2. "He very often appeared to the Apostles and disciples, to confirm them in the faith and certainty of the Resurrection." *Hail Mary...*

3. "And when He was not with the Apostles, He was together with His Mother in the Supper room, surrounded by the souls gone out from Limbo." *Hail Mary...*

4. "But as the end of the forty days came, beloved Jesus instructed His Apostles." *Hail Mary...*

5. "And leaving His Mother as Guide and Teacher, He promised Us the descent of the Holy Ghost." *Hail Mary...*

6. "And blessing all of Us, He departed, taking flight for the vault of the Heavens, together with that great multitude of people gone out of Limbo." *Hail Mary...*

7. "All those who were there saw Him go up, and they were in great numbers." *Hail Mary...*

8. "But when He reached high up, a cloud of light took Him from their sight." *Hail Mary...*

9. "Now, My child, your Mother followed Him into Heaven and assisted at the great Feast of the Ascension." *Hail Mary...*

10. "Much more so because the Heavenly Fatherland was not unfamiliar to Me; and then the feast of My Son ascended into Heaven would not have been complete without Me."

*Hail Mary...Glory be...*

Third. The Descent of the Holy Ghost upon Mary and the Apostles  
At the beginning of Creation, the Divine Spirit hovered over the chaotic waters to imprint order, beauty, and life in them. He descended again upon the Virginity of Mary to make Her fruitful and to incarnate the Word. And He descended again on the Holy Church in its pastors, who are the Apostles, to give them the Divine Fecundity. They were with the Most Holy Virgin Mary and received Him from Her. After His descent, from being weak, they became intrepid; from rough and ignorant, they became light of the world; from cold, they became flames of love. The Holy Ghost did not make human promotion with them, but Divine. Let us supplicate Him to descend again upon the Pope, upon the Pastors and Priests, to dissipate and burn all that which is not His, and to fill them with Light, Divine Love, and of Zeal for His Divine Volition.

"I can say that I gave birth to the newborn Church upon My maternal knees, and My arms were the Boat in which I guided It to secure port and I still guide It." *Our Father...*

1. "As My Son departed to Heaven, I continued to be together with the Apostles in the Supper room awaiting the Holy Ghost."

*Hail Mary...*

2. "All close around Me, We prayed together. They did nothing without My advice." *Hail Mary...*

3. "And oh, how attentive they were to listen to Me, when I took the Word to teach them, or to tell some anecdote which they did not know of My Son; as, for example, the particularities of His birth, His tears as an Infant, His loving traits, the incidents which happened in Egypt, or the many marvels of the hidden life in Nazareth." *Hail Mary...*

4. "And how they were enraptured upon hearing the many surprises and teachings, that He gave Me, which were to be useful for them, because little or nothing did My Son speak of Himself with the Apostles, reserving to Me the duty of making them know how much

He loved them, and the particularities which only His Mother knew.”

*Hail Mary...*

5. “So the time came for the Holy Ghost, promised by My Son in the Supper room, to descend.” *Hail Mary...*

6. “What a transformation, My children! As they were invested they acquired new science, invincible fortitude, ardent love.”

*Hail Mary...*

7. “In them flowed a new Life, Which rendered them fearless and courageous. In such a manner they divided themselves and went out to all the world to make the Redemption known, and to give their lives for their Master.” *Hail Mary...*

8. “My children, you must know that I still continue My Magestero in the Church: there is nothing that does not descend from Me.” *Hail Mary...*

9. “Now, in these times, I want to show a more special love by making known how all My life was formed in the Kingdom of the Divine Will.” *Hail Mary...*

10. “Therefore, I call you upon My knees, between My maternal arms in which, forming a boat for you, you may be sure of living in the Sea of the Divine Will. I could not give you a greater grace.” *Hail Mary... Glory be...*

Fourth. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven

The vehemence of Love, the flames that devour Her at each heartbeat and at each breath, doubled and rose always more; they penetrated Heaven and consumed Her pure nature which was never touched by natural sicknesses. Mary, the Immaculate Virgin, the Ark of the Alliance, has nothing of earth, and the earth does not even retain Her body. The Divine Will, Which is all in Her, gloriously brings Her into Heaven to the embrace of the Three Divine Persons. It is the first triumph and feast which was in Heaven to the Divine Will, triumphant in a pure creature. It was the last excess of Love of our Mother for us Her children. She brought us with Her in Her Heart.

“Now that I am about to depart, accept My testament. May your soul be the paper upon which I write, with the gold pen of the Divine Volition, and with the ink of My ardent Love which consumes Me, the proof of the gift that I give you.” *Our Father...*

1. "Dearest children, your Mother is celebrating, because I want to speak to you about My departure from earth to Heaven, the day in which I completed the fulfillment of the Divine Will upon the earth."

*Hail Mary...*

2. "Now, you must know that before departing for the Heavenly Fatherland, I, with My beloved John, returned to Jerusalem again."

*Hail Mary...*

3. "It was the last time that I tread the earth in mortal flesh; and all the creation, as if it had sensed it, prostrated itself around Me."

*Hail Mary...*

4. "Even from the fish of the sea I crossed, to the smallest little bird, all wanted to be blessed by their Queen; and I blessed all and gave them My last goodbye." *Hail Mary...*

5. "So I reached Jerusalem, withdrawing Myself inside an apartment where John brought Me, I closed Myself in to never go out of there."

*Hail Mary...*

6. "Now, dear children, listen to Me. I was already sick from love. The Divine FIAT, to console the Apostles and Myself also, permitted almost in a prodigious way, that all the Apostles, except one, form a crown around Me in the act in which I was about to depart for Heaven. Everyone felt heartbroken and cried bitterly." *Hail Mary...*

7. "I consoled them. To all I recommended the newborn Holy Church in a special way." *Hail Mary...*

8. "And I gave to all My maternal blessing, leaving in their hearts, in virtue of it, the Paternity of love toward souls." *Hail Mary...*

9. "My dear Son did nothing but go and come from Heaven; He could no longer be without His Mother." *Hail Mary...*

10. "And giving My last yearning of pure love in the interminability of the Divine Volition, My Son received Me between His arms and took Me to Heaven in the midst of Angelic hosts which exalted their Queen." *Hail Mary... Glory be...*

Fifth. The Coronation of Mary, Mother and Queen of the Divine Will  
Mary Most Holy is crowned Mother and Queen of the Divine Will, by the Most Holy Trinity, because She always lived her nothingness and let the Divine Will have the absolute primacy in each and every one of Her acts. The Supreme Will reigned triumphant from the very first instant of Her Immaculate Conception unto Her last sigh of Love. She gave birth to the God-Man and was Mother to Him, and

to we in Him. She corresponded in a Divine way to everything for everyone, so no greater title than Mother, and Queen of the Divine Will, could be given to Her. She could not love Her children more. Her love had reached to the last degree; so that among so many titles which She has, the most beautiful one that could be given to Her is that of MOTHER AND QUEEN OF THE DIVINE WILL.

My Mother, my Queen, teach us how to live as You, only on the Divine Will. *Our Father...*

1. "I, your Mother, can say that Heaven emptied itself to come to meet Me. All made merry over Me and, upon seeing Me, they were enraptured and said in chorus..." *Hail Mary...*

2. "Who is She, Who comes from the exile, completely backed by Her Lord, all beautiful, all Holy, with the scepter of Queen?" And Her greatness is such that the Heavens have lowered themselves to receive Her." *Hail Mary...*

3. "No other creature has entered into these Heavenly Regions so adorned and precious, so powerful, Who has the supremacy over all." *Hail Mary...*

4. "Now, My children, do you want to know Who is She that all Heaven exalts and is enraptured over? I am She, Who never did Her will." *Hail Mary...*

5. "And the Divine Volition abounded Me so much, that He spread more beautiful Heavens, more refulgent Suns, seas of beauty, of love, of sanctity, with which I could give light to everyone, love, sanctity to everyone, and hold everything and everyone inside My Heaven." *Hail Mary...*

6. "It was the Working of the Divine Will operating in Me that had worked prodigies so great." *Hail Mary...*

7. "I was the only creature that entered Heaven Who had done the Divine Will on earth as It is done in Heaven, Who had formed Its Kingdom in My soul." *Hail Mary...*

8. "Now, blessed children, you must know that it was the first feast that was made in Heaven to the Divine Will, Which had worked so many prodigies in Its creature." *Hail Mary...*

9. "Therefore, in My entrance into Heaven, what was celebrated by all the Heavenly Court, was that which the Divine FIAT can work of beauty, of greatness in the creature." *Hail Mary...*

10. "Since that moment these feasts have not been repeated, and therefore your Mother loves so much that the Divine Will reign in an absolute way in souls, in order to give It the occasion of letting It repeat Its great prodigies and Its marvelous feasts."

*Hail Mary... Glory be...*

## Eucharistic Rosary of Oneness with God

In the mystery of the mysteries of the Holy Rosary, is revealed the ultimate union of man in God, and God in man. Our purpose and goal in this life is revealed therein, so that we “may be filled unto all the fulness of God.” (*Ep 3:19*)

**The First Mystery.** The **Annunciation** that Jesus wishes to come and live in us, and invites us to live in Him, the New Creation, of which He, the Father of the world which is come, is the First Born of all creation in Eucharistic man. Few accept His offer, and the majority reject Him and cause great **Agony** in the world. Jesus assures us, His New Creation, Eucharistic man, that we will have a glorious **Resurrection**, as He raises us up from the faithless and perverse generation. (*Lk 9:41*) Few people accept. Jesus said: “Enter ye in at the narrow gate, for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many there are who go in thereat. How narrow is the gate, and strait is the way that leads to life, and few there are that find it!” (*Mt 7:13,14*)

“If we be dead with Him, we shall live also with Him.” (*2T 2:11*)  
“You are come to mount Sion and to the city of the living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to the company of many thousands of angels, and to the Church of the firstborn who are written in the heavens, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the just made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of the New Testament, and to the sprinkling of blood which speaks better than that of Abel. See that you refuse Him not that speaks. For if they escaped not, who refused Him that spoke upon earth, much more shall not we, that turn away from Him that speaks to us from Heaven.” (*Hb 12:22-25*) Jesus prayed to the Father: “I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one.” (*Jn 17:23*) It is written: “Without faith it is impossible to please God.” (*Hb 11:6*)

For this, we Thy New Creation, Eucharistic man, thank Thee, Almighty God. *Our Father... Hail Mary... 10 times; Glory be...*

**The Second Mystery.**

Eucharistic man is sent on **Visitation**, bringing the joyful news to

others. The glad tidings will be welcomed by few, while the majority will scorn the message, and **Scourge** the messenger. Jesus told us: “Beware of men. For they will deliver you up in councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues. And you shall be brought before governors, and before kings for My sake, for a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. But when they shall deliver you up, take no thought how or what to speak, for it shall be given you in that hour what to speak, for it is not you that speak, but the Spirit of your Father that speaks in you.” (Mt 10:17-20) Jesus assures us that He will **Ascend** us above all worldly persecutions.

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### **The Third Mystery.**

With the **Birth** of Jesus in us, and we in Him, the New Creation, we see the allurements of worldly living as a **Crown of Thorns**. Almighty God sends the Paraclete, the **Holy Ghost**, upon us, to direct and guide us, fulfilling the promise: “I will give My law in their soul, and I will write it in their heart: and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying: Know the Lord: for all shall know Me from the least of them even to the greatest, says the Lord.” (Jr 31:33,34) “And I will ask the Father, and He shall give you another Paraclete, that He may abide with you for ever, the spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it sees Him not, nor knows Him. But you shall know Him, because He shall abide with you and shall be in you. If any one love Me, he will keep My word. And My Father will love him, and we will come to him, and will make our abode with him. But the Paraclete, the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My Name, He will teach you all things, and bring all things to your mind, whatsoever I shall have said to you.” (Jn 14:16,17,23,26)

For this, we Thy New Creation, Eucharistic man, thank Thee, Almighty God.

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### The Fourth Mystery.

Our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph **Present us** in Jesus to our Heavenly Father. Jesus is the first born of the Blessed Ever Virgin Mary, of whom we, Eucharistic man, are the next born. We **Carry our Cross** with patience, and help others to carry theirs. God the Father **Assumes** us body and soul into the Kingdom of God on earth, as it is in Heaven. Jesus said: “Come, ye blessed of My Father, possess you the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” (*Mt 25:34*)

For this, we Thy New Creation, Eucharistic man, thank Thee, Almighty God.

*Our Father... Hail Mary...10 times; Glory be...*

### The Fifth Mystery.

We **Crucify** the world and all its allurements in our selves, and we die to the world. We **Find Jesus in the Temple** of our hearts. Know you not that you are the Temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? For the Temple of God is holy, which you are. (*1Co 3:16,17*) You are the Temple of the living God. (*2Co 6:16*)

Almighty God gives us a **Crown of Glory**, that is, He gives us His very Self, the Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, living in Oneness in us. “In that day you shall know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.” (*Jn 14:20*)

For this incomprehensible gift, we Thy New Creation, Eucharistic man, thank Thee, Almighty God.

*Our Father... Hail Mary...10 times; Glory be...*

“I have finished the work which Thou gave Me to do.” (*Jn 17:4*)

## The Angelus

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary (*Lk 1:26*),  
And she conceived by the Holy Ghost (*Lk 1:35*).

Hail Mary...

Behold the handmaid of the Lord,  
Be it done unto me according to Thy word (*Lk 1:38*).

Hail Mary...

The Word was made flesh, (*genuflect*)  
And dwelt among us (*Jn 1:14*).

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,  
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ (*Jn 6:55*).

Let us pray:

Pour fourth Thy grace O Lord into our hearts,  
that we to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son,  
was made known by the message of an angel (*Lk 1:26*),  
grant by His Passion and Cross,  
that we are brought to the glory of His resurrection,  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## The Angelus in the Virgin Eucharistic Church

The mystery of the revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave (*Apoc 1:1*), became more clearly revealed when Gabriel (*Lk 1:26*), the angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, And she conceived by the Holy Ghost (*Lk 1:35*).

Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee,  
Blessed art thou amongst women (*Lk 1:28*),  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus (*Lk 1:42*).  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
we thank thee for thy faith, love and assistance.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord,  
Be it done unto me according to Thy word (*Lk 1:38*).  
HAIL MARY...

The Word is made flesh, (*genuflect*)  
And dwells in me (*Jn 1:14*).  
HAIL MARY....

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,  
That we continue to grow to the fulness  
of the promises of Christ (*Jn 6:55*).

Let us pray:  
O Lord, Almighty God,  
Thy Supernatural grace is poured forth into our hearts,  
and we to whom the incarnation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son,  
was made known by the message of an angel (*Lk 1:26*),  
thank Thee, that by His Baptism, Passion and Cross,  
we are transformed into the completion  
of His glorious resurrection,  
in Eucharistic man, Christ Jesus. Amen.

## Conclusion

I pray that these few words will in some way bring you closer to Jesus, through Mary. When you ask “Why Mary...?” ask her and she will tell you. Mary was blessed because she carried Jesus in her womb. But she was more blessed because she believed that those things promised her by the Lord would be accomplished. (*Lk 1:45*)

We have in her a perfect example of humility, of faith and of trust. God knew well His perfect choice. He has given us a perfect example. He has shown us that when Jesus and His mother were together at the marriage feast of Cana (*Jn 2:2*) that the servants went, not to Jesus, but to His mother, and Jesus could not refuse His mother’s request.

I personally use this example and ask her to accompany me to Jesus. What a sublime honor we give Jesus by honoring His Blessed Mother. You ask her too. She will teach us as she taught Jesus and together we can grow in wisdom in the sight of God and man.

I ask the Blessings of Almighty Father, Son, and Holy Ghost on all who read this book, on all who touch it, and on all who even hear of it. May you be blessed and a blessing to all you meet.

Mary,  
correct us,  
direct us,  
protect us.

## Spiritual Numbers

1. God the Father. Primacy. Unity.
2. God the Son. The two distinct natures in Christ, Divine and human. There is Another. Opposition. Division.
3. God the Holy Ghost. Holy Trinity. Divine Perfection.
4. Universal. Creation.
5. Grace. Five wounds of Christ. Divine favour.
6. Man, created on day 6. Imperfection. Iniquity.
7. Spirit. Spiritual Perfection.
8. New Beginning.
9. Judgment. Nine choirs of angels.
10. Order. Perfection of Divine Order. Fullness.
11. Disorder. Incomplete as evidenced by Judas' defection.
12. Divine order (Government). Maturity.
13. Treachery. Recalling the presence of the traitor at the Last Supper, beyond Christ and the faithful eleven apostles.
40. Trials, testing or waiting.
50. Divine fulfillment of a promise.
100. Plenitude.
- 1,000. An immense number. Eternity. All higher numbers are either an addition to a thousand or multiplications of the same.

**Abbreviations of the Books of the Bible**  
*in Alphabetical Order of Abbreviations*

1Ch	1 Chronicles	Ho	Hosea
1Co	1 Corinthians	Is	Isaiah
1Jn	1 John	Jm	James
1K	1 Kings	Jr	Jeremiah
1M	1 Maccabees	Job	Job
1P	1 Peter	Jl	Joel
1S	1 Samuel	Jn	John
1T	1 Timothy	Jon	Jonah
1Th	1 Thessalonians	Jos	Joshua
2Ch	2 Chronicles	Jude	Jude
2Co	2 Corinthians	Jg	Judges
2Jn	2 John	Jdt	Judith
2K	2 Kings	La	Lamentations
2M	2 Maccabees	Lv	Leviticus
2P	2 Peter	Lk	Luke
2S	2 Samuel	Mal	Malachi
2T	2 Timothy	Mk	Mark
2Th	2 Thessalonians	Mt	Matthew
3Jn	3 John	Mi	Micah
3K	3 Kings	Na	Nahum
4K	4 Kings	Ne	Nehemiah
Ac	Acts	Nu	Numbers
Am	Amos	Obd	Obadiah
Apoc	Apocalypse	Phm	Philemon
Ba	Baruch	Phil	Philippians
Col	Colossians	Pr	Proverbs
Dn	Daniel	Ps	Psalms
Dt	Deuteronomy	Rm	Romans
Ec	Ecclesiastes	Ru	Ruth
Ep	Ephesians	Si (Ecclesiasticus)	Sirach
Es	Esther	Sg (Canticles)	Songs
Ex	Exodus	Tb	Tobit
Ez	Ezekiel	Tt	Titus
Ezr	Ezra	Ws	Wisdom
Ga	Galatians	Zc	Zechariah
Gn	Genesis	Zp	Zephaniah
Hk	Habakkuk		
Hg	Haggai		
Hb	Hebrews		