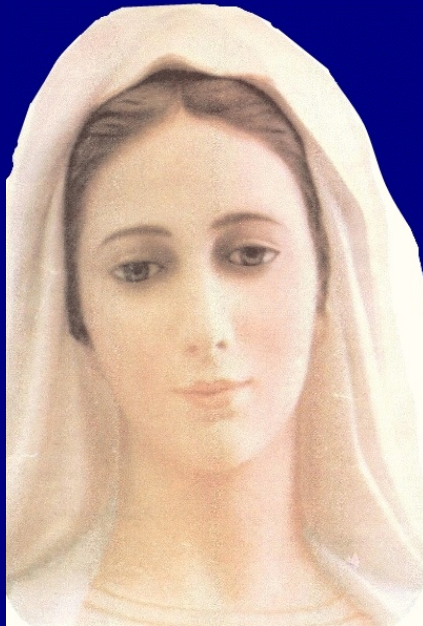


# *Why Mary?*



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## **TO THE READER**

**The purpose of this little booklet is to help people understand in the briefest and simplest of terms some of the most asked questions concerning Mary, the mother of Jesus.**

**Is She for Roman Catholics only?**

**Is it more expedient to go directly to Jesus?**

**Did She remain a virgin?**

**Did She have other children?**

**Why is She not mentioned very often in the Bible?**

**What scriptural proof do we have of the ‘immaculate conception’?**

**Was She really assumed body and into Heaven?**

**For a clear, concise insight and understanding of these and other questions, this booklet will be of tremendous help to the worthy seeker.**

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## **DEDICATION**

This little pamphlet is dedicated to all those mummies and daddies, brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, priests and religious, who taught the beauties of Mary, Mother of God, (for Jesus is God and Lord of all).

## FOREWORD

Before the Lord called me out of the world to serve Him in a very particular way, I had already devoted my life to Him.

This little publication was written before the understanding of the fulfillment of Christianity was revealed to me. As the fulfillment of Judaism is Christianity, so too, the fulfillment of Christianity has to be in the New and Eternal Testament, and the New and Eternal Covenant which Jesus gave us in His Own Body, and Blood. We call this Sacramental Gift “Holy Eucharist.”

This gift of Holy Eucharist is what Saint Paul says when he wrote: “For I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.”<sup>1</sup> The fulfillment of Christianity is the Eternal Virgin Eucharistic Church, from which I now write.

May God bless you abundantly.

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<sup>1</sup> *2Co 11:2*



## *Why Mary?*

Many sincere Christian people today ask “Why Mary?” Why do Catholics 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 His Second Person of His 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 His Holy Spirit upon her that we pay special attention to her.

**WHY DO CATHOLICS PUT MARY BEFORE GOD?** Catholics 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 Christians. 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,”<sup>2</sup> we come to understand some of the mystery and meaning of the Annunciation by the Angel Gabriel to Mary. For Catholics 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...”<sup>3</sup> In this creation of Heaven, and it follows the heavenlies, that is the angels, God made known 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 mortals 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.”<sup>4</sup> 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 the outside of the gates of Heaven, but never again enter. “He has put down

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<sup>2</sup> *Ep 1:9*

<sup>3</sup> *Gn 1:1*

<sup>4</sup> *Apoc 12:7*

the mighty from their thrones.”<sup>5</sup>

“Now on a certain day when the sons of God came to stand before the Lord, Satan also was present among them.”<sup>6</sup> 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, “I have gone ‘round about the earth, and walked through it.”<sup>7</sup>

After God made man, Satan overcame man and God told him “I will put enmity 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.”<sup>8</sup> 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 the Son in her

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<sup>5.</sup> *Lk 1:52*

<sup>6.</sup> *Jb 1:6*

<sup>7.</sup> *Jb 1:7*

<sup>8.</sup> *Gn 3:15*

through the Holy Spirit, 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.”<sup>9</sup>

The prophecy in Genesis begins to be more fully revealed in Jacob’s time. “And 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 thy father, and the God of Isaac; the land wherein thou sleepest, I will give to thee and to thy seed...and IN THEE and thy seed all the tribes of the earth SHALL BE BLESSED.’”<sup>10</sup> This prophecy was fulfilled when these angels were seen again ascending and descending at the birth of Jesus.

When Jacob obtained his father’s blessing, Isaac said, “Be thou lord of the brethren (brothers) and let thy mother’s brothers bow down before thee.”<sup>11</sup> 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 septre is rising from Israel.”<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> *Lk 1:35*

<sup>10</sup> *Gn 28:12-14*

<sup>11</sup> *Gn 27:29*

<sup>12</sup> *Nu 24:17*

Isaiah says “Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and His name shall be called Emmanuel.”<sup>13</sup> 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,”<sup>14</sup> and “The Lord sent a WORD into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel.”<sup>15</sup>

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 Spirit” and the words of Gabriel. The Holy Spirit is **IMMACULATE** and is the flowering of the love of the Father and the Son.

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. When Joachim and Ann conceived Mary in the natural way of man and wife, the union formed Mary. This was the moment of the **IMMACULATE** conception. This was different from all other conceptions. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Satan was not allowed to enter the gates of God’s temple! Mary was the creation and the spouse of the Holy Spirit. Satan therefore, was not allowed to enter this specially prepared temple, this immaculate ark without original sin. Mary was not an ordinary woman, and she would not have an ordinary son,

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<sup>13.</sup> *Is 7:14*

<sup>14.</sup> *Is 9:6*

<sup>15.</sup> *Is 9:8*

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 Spirit 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.”<sup>16</sup> The “Hail Mary” is an exact prayer from God the Father, offering and asking her to be the mother of His only Begotten Son.

“There was silence in Heaven for about half an hour” 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.”<sup>17</sup> 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 Spirit and planted in the womb of Mary. At that moment “The Word became

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<sup>16.</sup> *Lk 1:28,35*

<sup>17.</sup> *Lk 1:28*

flesh.”<sup>18</sup> She thus became the espoused of the Holy Spirit. Now the Holy Spirit 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 You are the Son of God...”<sup>19</sup> 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.”<sup>20</sup>

Mary is at the same time the daughter of the Father, the mother of the Son and the spouse of the Holy Spirit. She was chosen by the Father, she was chosen for the Son. She is the **WOMAN** foretold in Genesis 3:15. On the cross

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<sup>18.</sup> *Jn 1:14*

<sup>19.</sup> *Lk 4:3*

<sup>20.</sup> *1Co 2:7,8*

Jesus said to His mother, “**WOMAN** behold, thy son.”<sup>21</sup> 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, “Behold thy mother.”<sup>22</sup> 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, she is the **WOMAN** foretold in Canticles, she is the **WOMAN** at the foot of the cross, she 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.<sup>23</sup>

**WHY IS THE ROSARY SO IMPORTANT FOR CATHOLICS?** Because Holy Scripture tells us so. “Blessed be the Lord my God, who teaches my hands to fight, and my fingers to war.”<sup>24</sup> 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

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<sup>21.</sup> *Jn 19:26*

<sup>22.</sup> *Jn 19:27*

<sup>23.</sup> *Jos 3:16*

<sup>24.</sup> *Ps 143:1(Ps144)*



Mary's and the Glorys to the Trinity.

“Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to the land, full of great fish, one hundred and fifty three.”<sup>25</sup> 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.

1) In Scriptural numbers, “153” represents:

“1” is the Godhead,

“50” is the fulfillment of a promise,

“3” is the Holy Spirit.

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

2) One Rosary consists of 5 decades for each of the 3 Mysteries. 1,5,3.

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

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.

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<sup>25</sup> *Jn 21:11*

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 is 18 days

June - 30 days

July - 31 days

August - 31 days

September - 30 days

October 13 -13 days

TOTAL - 153 days

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.

### **WHY DO CATHOLICS 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 hath regarded the humility of his handmaid, for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.”<sup>26</sup> Elizabeth said to her “Blessed art thou among women.”<sup>27</sup>

She was prophetically blessed in Judith, “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

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<sup>26.</sup> *Lk 1:48*

<sup>27.</sup> *Lk 1:42*

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.”<sup>28</sup>

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.’”<sup>29</sup>

## **WHY DO CATHOLICS THINK SO HIGHLY OF MARY?**

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, hath 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;

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<sup>28.</sup> *Jdt 13:23,25,31*

<sup>29.</sup> *Lk 11:27*

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.<sup>30</sup>

In this passage “sons are born to thee” refers prophetically to the priests of the True Church, of which the Pope is the first of Mary's beloved sons. “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.”<sup>31</sup> Those faithful priests who remain faithful to the teachings of the Holy Father, are princes of the Church which governs the whole earth, in the earthly Kingdom of God, which is administered from the Vatican. The word Vatican comes from the Latin word Vaticanus, one of the

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<sup>30.</sup> *Ps 44:7-18 (45:6-18)*

<sup>31.</sup> *Lk 1:32,33*

hills of Rome, but not one of the seven hills. It is also the root of the verb ‘vaticinare’ which means to prophecy. The Pope witnesses for Jesus. “The witness of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”<sup>32</sup> From the Vatican through the Pope, the spirit of the prophecy of the witness of Jesus is being fulfilled. Saints Peter and Paul were sent by the Holy Spirit to establish the True Church there, “and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”<sup>33</sup> There has not been a reversal of this order by the Holy Spirit.

Again it says of Mary, “Many daughters have gathered together riches: thou hast surpassed them all.”<sup>34</sup>

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.”<sup>35</sup>

“I am the mother of fair love, and of fear, and of knowledge and of holy hope.”<sup>36</sup> The ‘fear’ here is holy fear.

“And 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

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<sup>32.</sup> *Apoc 19:10*

<sup>33.</sup> *Mt 16:18*

<sup>34.</sup> *Pr 31:29*

<sup>35.</sup> *Sg 2:1-2*

<sup>36.</sup> *Si 24:24*

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.’”<sup>37</sup> All this shows the supreme excellence of Mary.

**WHY ARE CATHOLICS SO REPETITIOUS WITH PRAYERS?** Because it is Scriptural. In Psalm 135 (136) 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!

**WHY DO CATHOLICS 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.”<sup>38</sup>

“How long wilt thou be dissolute in deliciousness, O wandering daughter? for the Lord hath created a new thing upon the earth: A WOMAN SHALL COMPASS A MAN.”<sup>39</sup> Another translation says “the Woman sets out to

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<sup>37.</sup> *Lk 1:28-31*

<sup>38.</sup> *Is 7:14*

<sup>39.</sup> *Jr 31:22*

find her Husband.” 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 Spirit. 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 Spirit. 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."<sup>40</sup> 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."<sup>41</sup> 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 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."<sup>42</sup> 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.

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<sup>40.</sup> *Mt 1:18-25*

<sup>41.</sup> *Ex 13:2*

<sup>42.</sup> *Ez 44:2*



“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 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 happen, since I do not know man?” And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit 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.”<sup>43</sup>

“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.’”<sup>44</sup> Mary, a virgin for the sake of the kingdom of heaven.

With reference to other children, remember that in the Middle Eastern countries, brothers and sisters are titles

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<sup>43.</sup> *Lk 1:30-35*

<sup>44.</sup> *Mt 19:10-12*

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.”<sup>45</sup> 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 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?”<sup>46</sup> 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.’”<sup>47</sup> Also here “the son of Mary” designates the only son of a widow.

**WHY DO CATHOLICS 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

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<sup>45.</sup> *Jn 19:25*

<sup>46.</sup> *Mt 13:55*

<sup>47.</sup> *Gn 13:8*

for all others.”<sup>48</sup> 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 through sin or something contaminated by Satan in order to bring redemption to the world. “A house divided against itself cannot stand.”<sup>49</sup>

“As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters.”<sup>50</sup> 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*) Mary is totally enclosed by the Holy Spirit 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.

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<sup>48.</sup> *Es 15:12,13*

<sup>49.</sup> *Mk 3:25*

<sup>50.</sup> *Sg 2:2*

“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 Spirit.

**WHY DO CATHOLICS 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.’”<sup>51</sup> Consider here the seven sorrows of Mary.

1. The prophecy of Simeon.
2. The flight into Egypt.
3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple.
4. The meeting of Jesus on the Way of the Cross.
5. The Crucifixion.
6. The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross.
7. The burial of Jesus.

“For the zeal of thy house hath eaten me up: and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.”<sup>52</sup> Here Mary is carrying the reproach, the hurt of her children.

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<sup>51.</sup> *Lk 2:34,35*

<sup>52.</sup> *Ps 68:10(69:9)*

“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.”<sup>53</sup>

Is it any wonder that Scripture says of her, “My sorrow is above sorrow, my heart mourns within me.”<sup>54</sup>

“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.’”<sup>55</sup> Jesus gave us all to Mary from the cross. It is understandable that she, a true mother, is weeping for her children’s misfortunes.

“O all ye that pass by the way, attend, and see if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow: for he hath made a vintage of me, as the Lord spoke in the day of his fierce anger.”<sup>56</sup>  
How great a sorrow on the way of the cross.

“And when they saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, ‘Son, why hast thou done so to us? Behold, in sorrow thy father and I have been seeking thee.’ And he said to them, ‘How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father’s

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<sup>53.</sup> *Is* 22:4

<sup>54.</sup> *Jr* 8:18

<sup>55.</sup> *Jr* 31:15

<sup>56.</sup> *Lm* 1:12

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**WHY DO CATHOLICS CALL MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD?** Because Scripture says so. Elizabeth said “Whence is this to me that the MOTHER OF MY LORD doth come to me?”<sup>58</sup> 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, she is my mother, she is your 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.”<sup>59</sup>

**WHY DO CATHOLICS CALL MARY THEIR OWN MOTHER?** Because Scripture says so. “And the third day a marriage took place at Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Now Jesus too was invited to the marriage, and also his disciples. And the wine having run short, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine’” And Jesus said to her, ‘What wouldst thou have me do, woman? My hour has not yet come.’ His mother said to the

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<sup>57.</sup> *Lk 2:48,49*

<sup>58.</sup> *Lk 1:43*

<sup>59.</sup> *2Th 2:15*

attendants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’”<sup>60</sup>

We are brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus. Jesus Himself was subject to her<sup>61</sup> and called Mary “Mother.” Now if our example, Jesus, 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 into his home.”<sup>62</sup>

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.”<sup>63</sup>

“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

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<sup>60.</sup> *Jn 2:1-5*

<sup>61.</sup> *Lk 1:51*

<sup>62.</sup> *Jn 19:26,27*

<sup>63.</sup> *Ga 4:4,5*

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.’”<sup>64</sup>

**WHY DO CATHOLICS SAY THAT THOSE WHO HONOR MARY WILL BE CRITICIZED?** Because Scripture tells us so. “Why dost thou declare my justices, and take my covenant in thy mouth? Seeing thou hast hated discipline, and hast cast my words behind thee. If thou didst see a thief thou didst run with him, and with adulterers thou hast been a partaker. Thy mouth has abounded with evil, and thy tongue framed deceits. Sitting thou didst speak against thy brother, and didst lay a scandal against thy mother’s son: these things hast thou done, and I was silent. Thou thought unjustly that I should be like to thee: but I will reprove thee, and set before thy face.”<sup>65</sup> 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.”<sup>66</sup>

“...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

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<sup>64.</sup> *Mt 12:46-50*

<sup>65.</sup> *Ps 49:16-21(50)*

<sup>66.</sup> *Pr 8:35,36*



lowly.”<sup>67</sup> How sad for those who are too proud to accept the humility of Mary.

**WHY DO CATHOLICS 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.”<sup>68</sup> Now we all believe that Jesus ascended into Heaven, why not the ark which He has sanctified?

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.

**WHY IS TRADITION SO IMPORTANT TO CATHOLICS?** 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.”

**WHY DO CATHOLICS 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

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<sup>67.</sup> *Lk 1:52*

<sup>68.</sup> *Ps 131:8(132)*

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.”<sup>69</sup> Also it says in Scripture, that when He went up to Nazareth with His parents and was subject to them that He “advanced in wisdom and age and grace before God and men.”

**WHY DO CATHOLICS CALL MARY THE CAUSE OF OUR JOY?** By saying “Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to thy word.”<sup>70</sup> Mary brought Jesus to us, the cause of our joy.

**WHY DO CATHOLICS CALL MARY VESSEL OF HONOR?** By the very fact that Mary carried in the vessel of her womb, the infant Jesus,<sup>71</sup> is in itself enough of an honor to bestow upon her such a title.

**WHY DO CATHOLICS 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 Spirit.<sup>72</sup> This was the first miracle worked by Jesus, through His mother, His first miracle of grace. At the marriage feast of Cana He

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<sup>69.</sup> *Pr 8:12-17*

<sup>70.</sup> *Lk 1:38*

<sup>71.</sup> *Jn 1:14*

<sup>72.</sup> *Lk 1:41*

worked His first miracle of nature through the intercession of His mother.<sup>73</sup>

**WHY DO CATHOLICS 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.”<sup>74</sup> 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.”<sup>75</sup>

**WHY DO CATHOLICS 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.”<sup>76</sup> Mary is the gate through which the Father reached us. Mary, the ladder in Jacob’s dream,<sup>77</sup> is the Gate of Heaven.

Mary is **THE EAST GATE**. “And behold the glory of the

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<sup>73.</sup> *Jn 2:1-11*

<sup>74.</sup> *Hb 9:4*

<sup>75.</sup> *Apoc 11:19-12:1*

<sup>76.</sup> *Ps 117:20(118)*

<sup>77.</sup> *Gn 28:12-14*

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, hath entered in by it, and it shall be shut for the Prince.”<sup>78</sup> Mary, the gate through which the Prince entered, 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.”

**WHY DO CATHOLICS CALL MARY THE MORNING STAR WHEN CLEARLY JESUS IS THE 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,”<sup>79</sup> this is Mary, who was given to Him 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.”<sup>80</sup>

Saint Paul tells us that “star differs from star in glory.”<sup>81</sup> Astronomy teaches that the morning star is a cluster of stars

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<sup>78.</sup> *Ez 44:2-7*

<sup>79.</sup> *Apoc 2:28*

<sup>80.</sup> *Apoc 22:16*

<sup>81.</sup> *1Co 15:41*

making up the one unit which we call the “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,<sup>82</sup> 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 worshipped Him.”<sup>83</sup> So also do wise men today find Jesus with Mary!

Mary is the perfect temple created by the Holy Spirit, and we are the temple of the Holy Spirit. 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 cometh forth as the morning rising, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army set in array?” It is Mary, the mother of the body of Christ! She will crush the head of the enemy and just as Joseph in Genesis was a foreshadow of Jesus, so too Judith was a foreshadow of Mary. “The Lord hath blessed thee by His power, because

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<sup>82.</sup> *Mt 2:2*

<sup>83.</sup> *Mt 2:11*

by thee He hath brought our enemies to nought...Blessed art thou, O daughter, by the Lord the most high God, above all women upon earth. Blessed be the Lord Who made heaven and earth, Who directed thee to the cutting off the head of the prince of our enemies...Blessed art thou 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.” And Mary replied, “My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid, for behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.”

**WHY DO SOME CATHOLICS ALLEGE THAT MARY IS APPEARING IN MANY PLACES AROUND THE WORLD TODAY?** 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.”<sup>84</sup> 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.”<sup>85</sup> 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

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<sup>84.</sup> *Is 26:19*

<sup>85.</sup> *Dn 12:2,3*

into the city and appeared to many.”<sup>86</sup>

Is it so unusual that we should have a Heavenly Messenger today? Of course not. One of those now allegedly appearing to the world is Mary, the Mother of Jesus, who died and was assumed body and soul into Heaven. She is presently appearing and is instructing “many to justice.” Her messages today to all the world are the same as when she said to the servants “Do all that He tells you.”<sup>87</sup> 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 monthly.

**CONCLUSION.** I pray that these few words will in some way bring people 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.<sup>88</sup> 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<sup>89</sup> that the servants went, not to Jesus, but to His mother, and Jesus

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<sup>86.</sup> *Mt 27:52*

<sup>87.</sup> *Jn 2:5*

<sup>88.</sup> *Lk 1:45*

<sup>89.</sup> *Jn 2:2*

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 Spirit on all who read this booklet, 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.