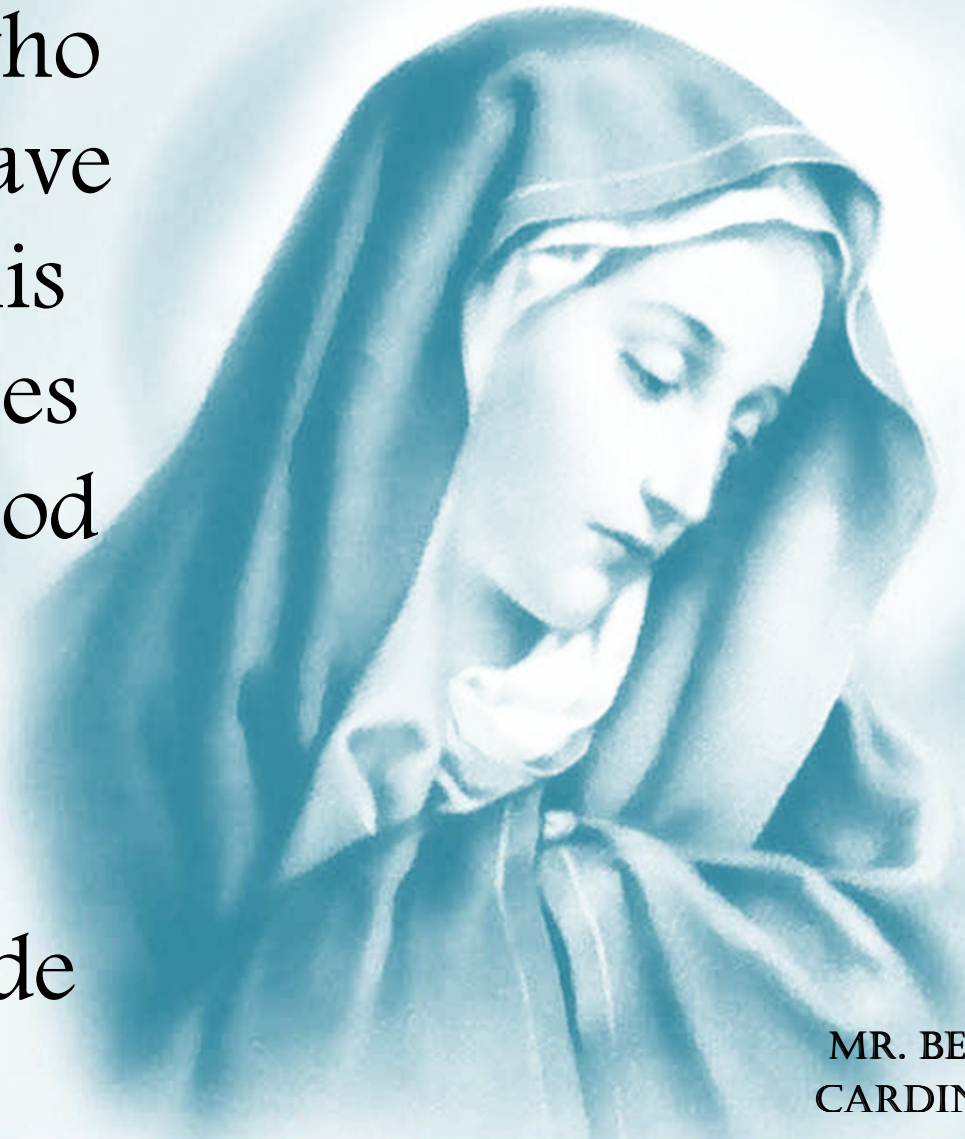


INTRODUCTION TO MARIOLOGY

“Anyone who
does not have
Mary for his
mother, does
not have God
for his
Father.”

~St. Louis de
Montfort



“What a joy to
remember that
she [Mary] is
our Mother!
Since she loves
us and knows
our weakness,
what have we
to fear?”

~Saint Therese
of Lisieux

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Do Catholics Worship Mary?

NO!

Worship and Adoration is due only to God– This is called **Latria**

Based on our belief in the communion of Saints we give Mary a place of Honor as God did when he chose her to be the mother of His son.

We honor and revere the saints as those whose example we can follow and who can now pray for us at the right hand of God– This is called **Dulia**

Mary is in a category by herself as the best of all created beings – She is “Fallen man’s solitary boast.”

Devotion to Mary

Hyperdulia– honor that created person receives beyond any other created being.

this is owed to Mary for the following reasons:

1. Only Mary in all of creation is Full of Grace
(*kekaritomene*–Greek, *She who has been graced*)

“...it was unfitting that men be shown reverence until someone should be found in this (human) nature who exceeds the angels... And this was the Blessed Virgin.

~St. Thomas Aquinas, Sermon on the Hail Mary

2. Only Mary has an intrinsic connection to the
hypostatic union

“in the fruit of the Virgin we find sweetness and salvation. "He who eats My Flesh has eternal life"

~St. Thomas Aquinas, Sermon on the Hail Mary

3. Mary had a constant Fiat to God's Will

“The words: "Let it be to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38), show in her who declared herself handmaid of the Lord, a total obedience to God's will.”

~Pope St. John Paul II, General Audience Sept 4, 1996

Dogma 1: Mary: Mother of God

“[B]ecause the holy virgin bore in the flesh God who was united hypostatically with the flesh, for that reason we call her **Mother of God (Theotokos)**, not as though the nature of the Word had the beginning of its existence from the flesh but because, as we have said, he united to himself hypostatically the human and underwent a birth according to the flesh from her womb.”

~Third Letter from Cyril to Nestorius (Read and approved by the Council of Ephesus 381)

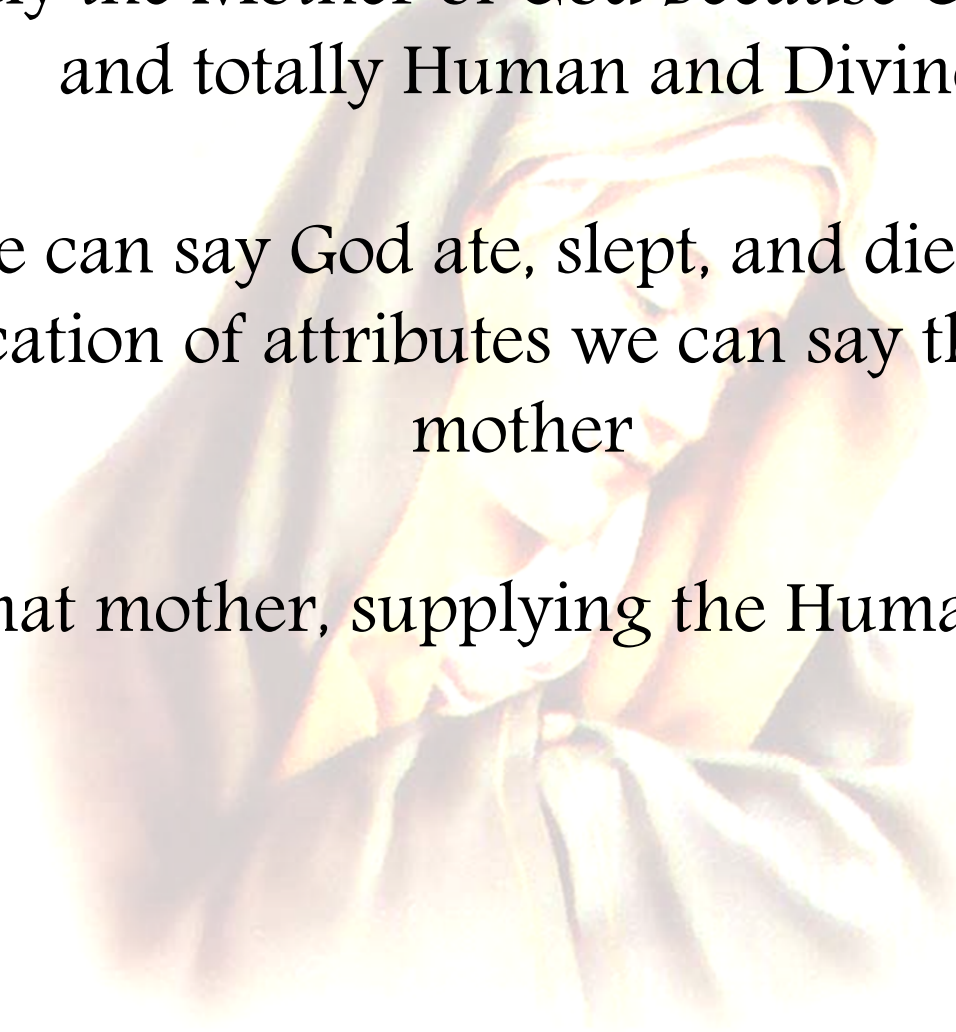


Dogma 1: Mary: Mother of God

Mary is truly the Mother of God because Christ was fully
and totally Human and Divine

Just as we can say God ate, slept, and died due to the
communication of attributes we can say that God has a
mother

Mary is that mother, supplying the Humanity of Jesus



Dogma 1: Mary: Mother of God

“God the Word, the only-begotten Son, and was of the seed of David
according to the flesh, by the Virgin Mary”

~St. Ignatius of Antioch to the Smyrnans (1st Century)

“The Word Himself, born of Mary who was still a Virgin, rightly
received in birth the recapitulation of Adam...

~ St. Irenaeus ; Against Heresies (2nd Century)

“In the womb of Mary, the infant was formed... He became a mortal
like us and joined his life to ours. . .

~ St. Ephraim, Songs of Praise (4th Century)

“He takes a body of our kind, and not merely so, but from a spotless
and stainless virgin, knowing not a man, a body clean and in
very truth pure...”

~ St. Athanasius, On the Incarnation of the Word(4th Century)

Dogma 2: Mary: Perpetual Virgin



“Without any doubt whatever we must assert that the Mother of Christ was a **virgin** even in His Birth: for the prophet says not only: "Behold a virgin shall conceive," but adds: "and shall bear a son.”

~St. Thomas Aquinas, ST. III, 28, 2

Dogma 2: Mary: Perpetual Virgin

Mary was a Virgin before, during and after the birth of Christ.

Objections:

1. The “until” argument

This states that the biblical passage Matt. 1:25 proves that Mary and Joseph had marital relations

“He had no relations with her until she bore a son...”

2. The brothers of the Lord argument

This states that there are many biblical passages that call people brothers of the Lord, which proves that Mary had other children

3. The “Firstborn” son argument

This states that because in Luke 2:7 Jesus is called the first born son, that means there must be other children.

Reply to Objections:

1. The “until” argument

This argument places the modern use of until on the ancient writing

See other biblical use: "And so Saul's daughter Michal was childless until the day of her death (2 Sam 6:23)."

Did she bare children after her death?

2. The brothers of the Lord argument

Neither Aramaic, nor Hebrew has a separate word for cousin or close male relative.

See other biblical use: Genesis 14:14, Lot is depicted as Abraham's brother, while it is clear that Lot is actually his nephew

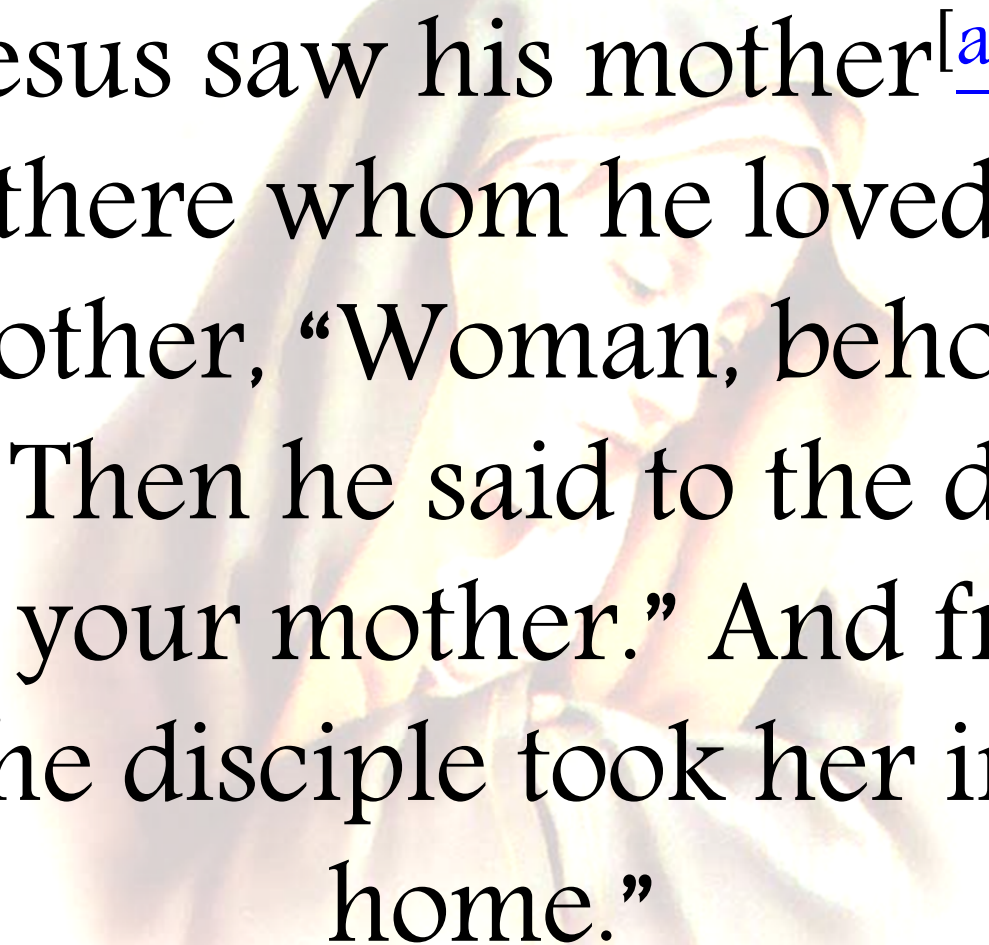
3. The “Firstborn” son argument

According to Jewish law the first born must be sanctified in the temple... did this wait until a second child was born?

Biblical Evidence

John 19:26–27 New American Bible

“When Jesus saw his mother^[a] and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son.”²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.”



Dogma 2: Mary: Perpetual Virgin

“It was decided by God's almighty power that Mary should conceive as a virgin, give birth as a virgin, and remain a Virgin.”

~Pope St. Leo the Great Sermon 22 (5th Century)

"In being born of a Virgin who chose to remain a Virgin even before she knew who was to be born of her, Christ wanted to approve virginity rather than to impose it. And he wanted virginity to be of free choice even in that woman in whom he took upon himself the form of a slave"

~St. Augustine– *On Holy Virginity* 4:4 (4th Century)

“I must call upon the Holy Spirit to express His meaning by my mouth and defend the virginity of the Blessed Mary. I must call upon the Lord Jesus to guard the sacred lodging of the womb in which He abode for ten months. And I must also entreat God the Father to show that the mother of His Son, who was a mother before she was a bride, continued a Virgin after her son was born.”

~St. Jerome, *On the Perpetual Virginity of Blessed Mary* (4th Century)

Dogma 3: Mary: Immaculately Conceived

"We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was **preserved free from all stain of original sin**, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful."

~Pope Pius IX, *Ineffabilis Deus*

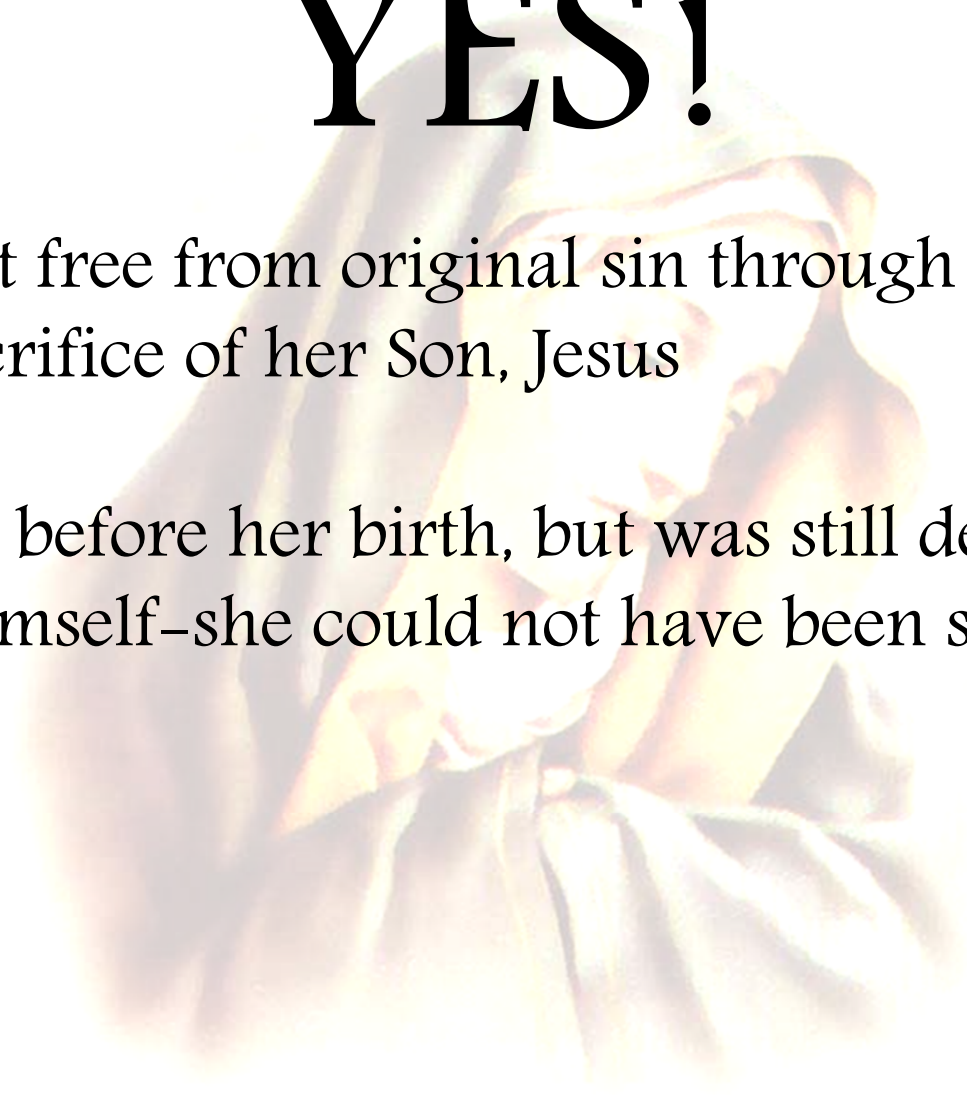


Did Christ Die for Mary?

YES!

Mary was kept free from original sin through the merits of the **eternal** sacrifice of her Son, Jesus

She was saved before her birth, but was still delivered from sin by Jesus himself—she could not have been saved if He had not died.



Dogma 3: Mary: Immaculately Conceived

“Mary, a virgin not only undefiled but a virgin whom grace has made inviolate, free from every state of sin.”

~St. Ambrose, *Commentary on Psalm 118* (3rd/4th Century)

"We deem it fitting, and even our duty, to invite by means of indulgences and the remission of sins all the faithful of Christ to offer thanks and praise to God...for the wondrous Conception of his same Immaculate Virgin, and to celebrate or to be present at Masses and at other divine functions which have been instituted for this purpose."

~Sixtus IV, Papal bull *Cum praeclsa* , (15th Century)

"If anyone shall say that a man once justified....can through the whole of life avoid all sins, even though they be venial, except by a special privilege of God, as the Church holds to have been the case with the Blessed Virgin, let him be anathema."

~Council of Trent, Session VI, canon 23 (15th Century)

Dogma 4: Mary: Assumed into Heaven



”[The Blessed Virgin Mary] by an entirely unique privilege, completely overcame sin by her Immaculate Conception, and as a result she was not subject to the law of remaining in the corruption of the grave, and she did not have to wait until the end of time for the redemption of her body.”

~ Pope Pius XII,
Munificentissimus Deus

Dogma 4: Mary: Assumed into Heaven

Possibilities:

Death of Mary

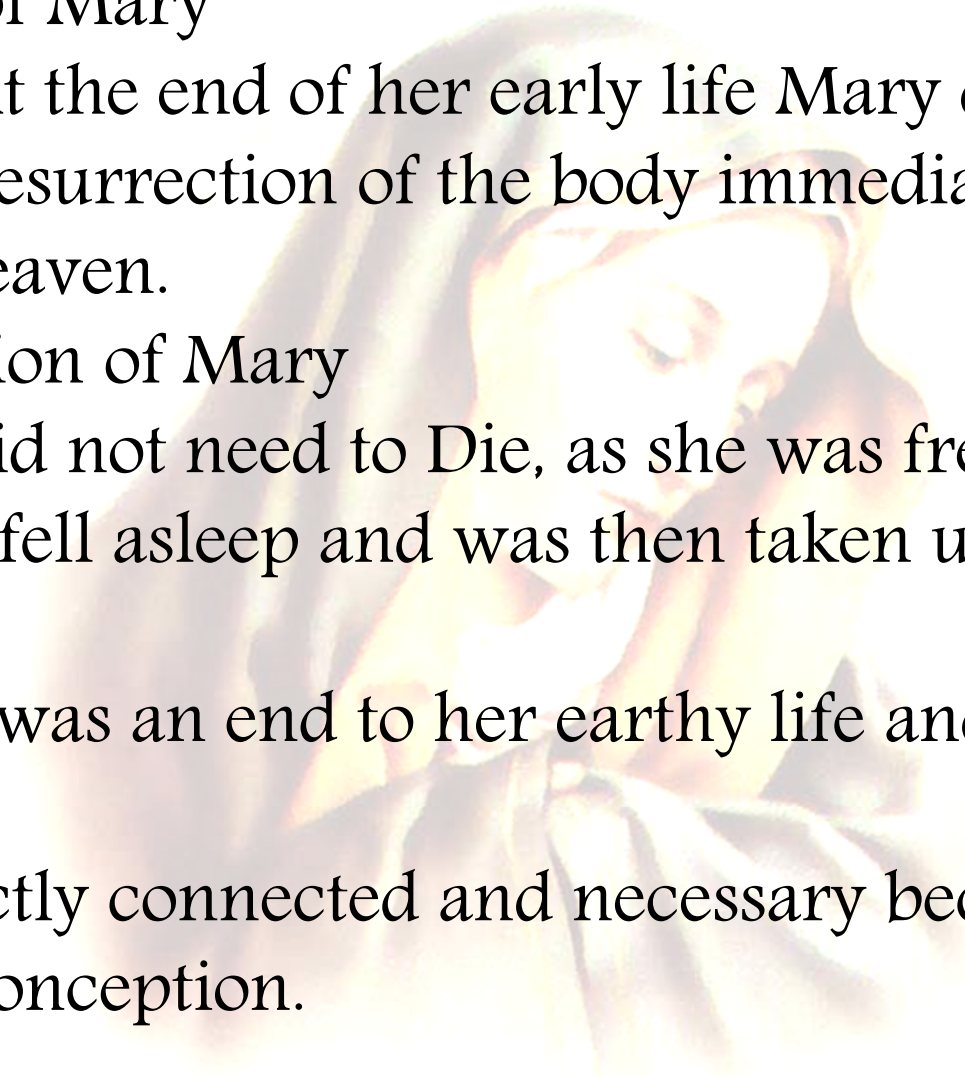
At the end of her early life Mary died and then received the resurrection of the body immediately and was taken up to heaven.

Dormition of Mary

Mary did not need to Die, as she was free from sin and so she simply fell asleep and was then taken up into heaven.

Either way, it was an end to her earthy life and she began her eternal life

This was directly connected and necessary because of her Immaculate conception.



Dogma 4: Mary: Assumed into Heaven

“Mary the glorious mother of Christ, who is believed to be a virgin before and after she bore Him, has, as we said above, been translated into paradise, amid the singing of the angelic choirs. . . .”

~St. Gregory of Tours, *Eight books of Miracles* 6th century

“Although the body was duly buried, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay. . . . You were transferred to your heavenly home, O Lady, Queen and Mother of God in truth.”

~St. John Damascene, *Sermons* 8th century

“Though still human, it is changed into the heavenly life of incorruptibility, truly living and glorious, undamaged and sharing in perfect life.”

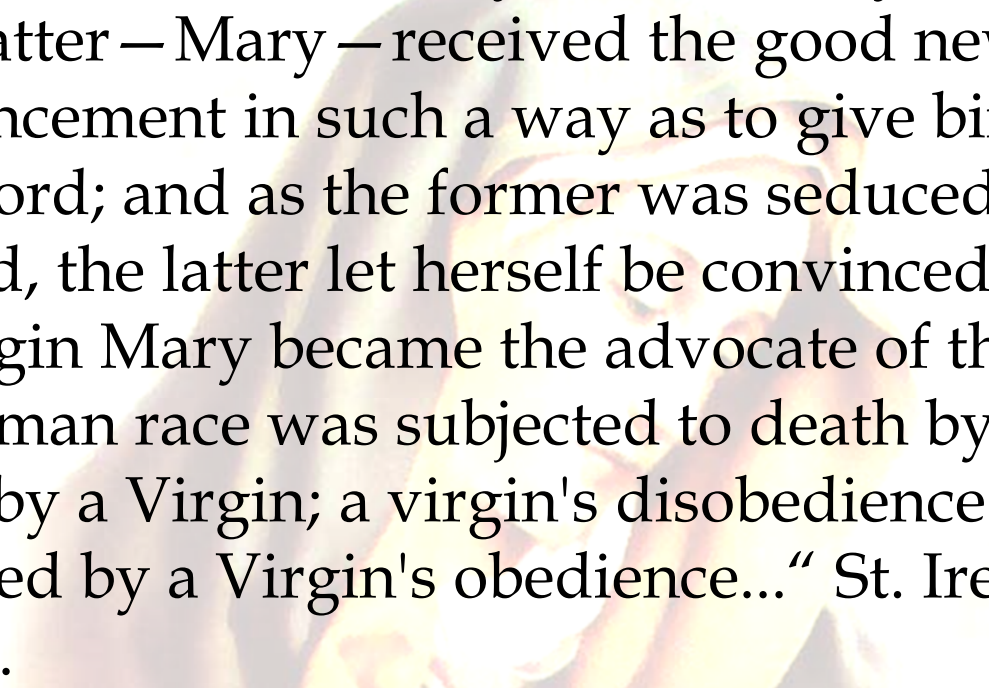
~St. Germanus of Constantinople, *Sermon 1*. 8th century

IMAGES FOR MARY

- Moon-
 - Reflects the light of Jesus her son
 - No light in and of herself
- Mirror- Always reflects back to her son Jesus
 - Similar to the Moon imagery
- Neck-
 - She connects the Body of Christ (Us) to the Head (Jesus)
 - St Bernard, Bernadine, John Chrysostom
- Ark of the Covenant
 - Compare

Mary, The New Eve

"Just as the former — that is, Eve — was seduced by the words of an angel so that she turned away from God by disobeying his word, so the latter — Mary — received the good news from an angel's announcement in such a way as to give birth to God by obeying his word; and as the former was seduced so that she disobeyed God, the latter let herself be convinced to obey God, and so the Virgin Mary became the advocate of the virgin Eve. And as the human race was subjected to death by a virgin, it was liberated by a Virgin; a virgin's disobedience was thus counterbalanced by a Virgin's obedience..." St. Ireneaus (*Adv. Haer.*, V, 19, 1).



MARY: ARK OF THE NEW COVENANT

- David went out to retrieve the ark (1 Sm 6:1-2). After a man named Uzzah was struck dead when he touched the ark, David was afraid and said, "How can the ark of the Lord come to me?" He left the ark in the hill country of Judea for three months. We are also told that David danced and leapt in front of the ark and everyone shouted for joy. The house of Obed-edom, which had housed the ark, was blessed, and then David took the ark to Jerusalem (2 Sm 6:9-14).

- In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." (Lk 1:39-45)

Universal Motherhood

“When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, Woman behold your son. And looking to the disciple he said, behold your Mother”

~John 19:26-27

Sacramentals Devoted to Mary



The Most Holy Rosary

“Arm yourself with prayer
rather than a sword;
wear humility rather
than fine clothes.” ~St. Dominic

Created by St. Dominic (from antiquity)

Approved by Pope St. Pius V

Marian Apparitions:

Lourdes: Reveled herself as

Our Lady of the Rosary

Fatima: Our Lady told the Children

the importance of Pray the Rosary Daily

Many popes have written on the Rosary totaling 21 Encyclicals on the Rosary as well as many apostolic Letters



“Dominic looked to that simple way of praying and beseeching God,
accessible to all and wholly pious, which is called the Rosary

~Pope St. Pius V, *Consueverunt Romani*, 1569

“...it is clearly evident that this form of prayer is particularly pleasing
to the Blessed Virgin, and that it is especially suitable as a means of
defense for the Church and all Christians”

~Pope Leo XIII, *Supremi Apostolatus Officio*, 1883

“We do not hesitate to affirm again publicly that We put great
confidence in the Holy Rosary for the healing of evils which afflict our
times. Not with force, not with arms, not with human power, but with
Divine help obtained through the means of this prayer”

Pope Pius XII, *Ingruentium Malorum*, 1951

“For the rosary is a very commendable form of prayer and meditation.”

~Pope St. John XXIII, *Grata Recordatio*, 1959

The Brown Scapular



“WHOSOEVER DIES IN THIS
GARMENT SHALL NOT SUFFER
ETERNAL FIRE.”

~Promise of Our Lady to St. Simon
Stock, July 16, 1251

Given to St. Simon Stock for the benefit
of Mankind

Sabbatine Bull of Pope John XXII, 1322

Established the Sabbatine Privilege which promised release from
Purgatory the first Saturday after death if the following were noted.

1. Wear the Brown Scapular continuously.
2. Observe chastity according to one's state in life (married/single).
3. Recite daily the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin or With permission of a priest, say five decades of the Most Holy Rosary.

“The Carmelite Scapular’s nobility of origin, its extraordinary spread among Christian peoples for many centuries, the spiritualizing effects produced by it and the outstanding miracles worked in virtue of it render the Scapular of Carmel commendable to a wondrous degree.”

~Pope Leo XIII

“May they all see in this keepsake of the Virgin herself a mirror of humility and purity; may they read in the very simplicity of the Garment a concise lesson in modesty and simplicity...” ~Pope Pius XII

“The Scapular is a practice of piety, which by its very simplicity is suited to everyone.” ~Pope Paul VI

“For those who wear it, it is a sign of filial abandonment to the protection of the Immaculate Virgin,” he said. “In our battle against evil, may Mary our Mother wrap us in her mantle.”

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Address, July 17th 2011

The Miraculous Medal

“Have a medal struck in this model. Persons who wear it will receive great graces, especially if they wear it around the neck.”

~ Blessed Virgin to St. Catherine Laboure, 1830



The Blessed Virgin Appeared to St. Catherine Laboure, A Daughter of Charity, in 1830 in France.

The medal was eventually struck in 1832 and many miracles became associated with it quickly, garnering the name it now bears.

The saying on the medal, “ Oh Mary, conceived without sin, Pray for us who have recourse to Thee.” is said to have inspired Pope Pius XII to define the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

Meaning Of The Medal

The Front

1. "O Mary conceived without sin, Pray for us who have recourse to Thee" Being conceived without sin—the mystery of her Immaculate Conception—means that from the beginning this woman was full of grace.
2. Mary stands on a globe, the world. Around her feet a twisted serpent, the devil, struggles for mastery. This is a biblical recollection of the enmity that flows between these two (Gen. 3)
3. There is light and grace of Christ flowing from her hands. Showing her role not only as full of grace but as a conduit of grace for all of humanity

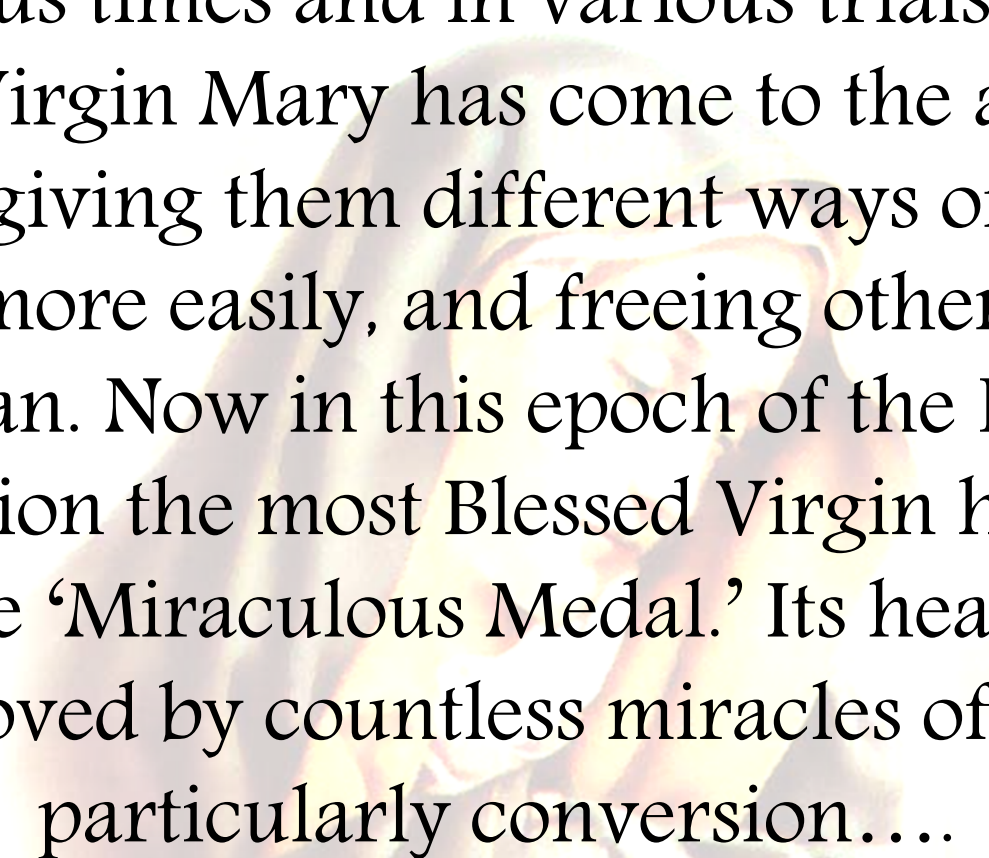


The Back

1. a large letter M with a cross above it. M is for Mary and Mother because she is indeed the Mother of God's people. She stood at the foot of the cross, where Christ gave her to us all
2. a people founded on the twelve Apostles, signified by the twelve stars arranged around the rim.
3. The two hearts are those of Jesus and Mary. God's message for Mary was one of suffering "a sword will pierce your heart too"—just as the heart of her Son would be pierced by a soldier's lance.

The medal, then, is a summary in itself of the Church's teaching on Our Lady—a mini-catechism of the faith for everyone.

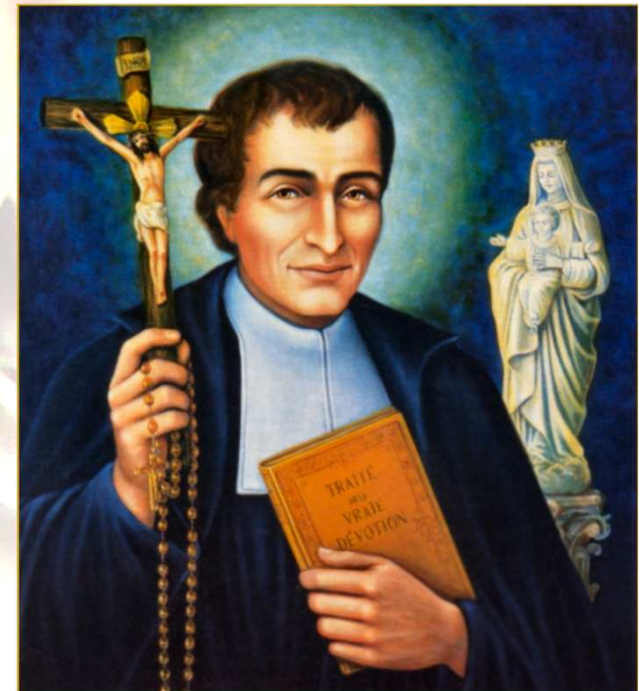
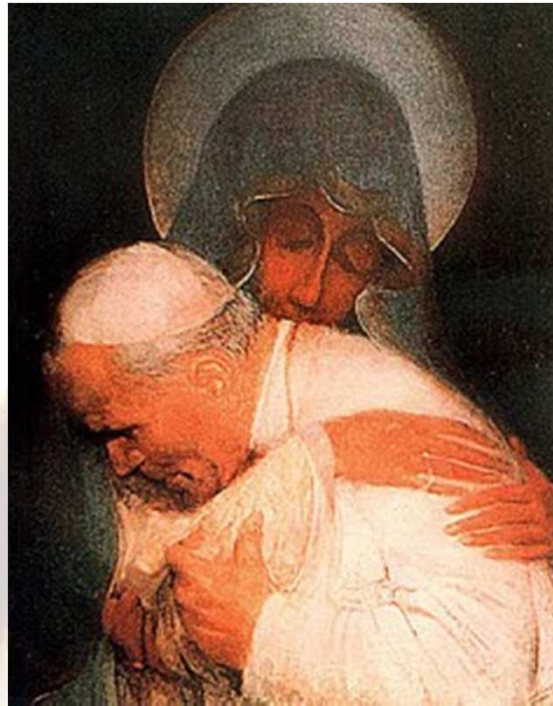




“At various times and in various trials the most Blessed Virgin Mary has come to the aid of her children, giving them different ways of attaining salvation more easily, and freeing others from the yoke of Satan. Now in this epoch of the Immaculate Conception the most Blessed Virgin has given mankind the ‘Miraculous Medal.’ Its heavenly origin has been proved by countless miracles of healing and particularly conversion....

~St. Maximilian Kolbe

Marian Saints



St. Alphonsus Ligouri–The Glories of Mary

“Mary having co-operated in our redemption with so much glory to God and so much love for us, Our Lord ordained that no one shall obtain salvation except through her intercession.”

“This divine mother is infinitely inferior to God, but immensely superior to all creatures; and if it is impossible to find a Son more noble than Jesus, it is also impossible to find a mother more noble than Mary. ~431

Here is to be considered the other circumstance that rendered the martyrdom of Mary– far greater than the sufferings of all the martyrs, for in the passion of Jesus she suffered much, and she suffered without alleviation. ~526

“...she is our mother. And who has ever had recourse to Mary and been abandoned ? ~736

St. Louis de Montfort– True Devotion to Mary

“**First**, true devotion to our Lady is interior, that is to say comes from within the mind and the heart and follows from the esteem in which we hold her

Second, it is trustful, that is to say, it fills us with confidence in the Blessed Virgin, the confidence that a child has for its loving Mother

Third, true devotion to our Lady is holy, that is, it leads us to avoid sin and to imitate the virtues of Mary.

Fourth, true devotion to our Lady is constant. It strengthens us in our desire to do good and prevents us from giving up our devotional practices too easily.

Fifth, true devotion to Mary is disinterested. It inspires us to seek God alone in his Blessed Mother and not ourselves.”

~True Devotion to Mary, Sections 105–110

Consecration to Jesus through Mary

“Now of all God's creatures Mary is the most conformed to Jesus. It therefore follows that, of all devotions, devotion to her makes for the most effective consecration and conformity to him. The more one is consecrated to Mary, the more one is consecrated to Jesus.”

“Now by this consecration of ourselves to the Blessed Virgin we give her all satisfactory and prayer value as well as the meritorious value of our good works, in other words, all the satisfactions and the merits. We give her our merits, graces and virtues, not that she might give them to others”

“It follows then that anyone who in this way consecrates and sacrifices himself voluntarily to Jesus through Mary may no longer dispose of the value of any of his good actions. All his sufferings, all his thoughts, words, and deeds belong to Mary. She can then dispose of them in accordance with the will of her Son and for his greater glory”

St. Maximillian Kolbe: Knight of the Immaculate

“it is to be understood in the sense that the Holy Spirit has chosen to manifest his fruitfulness by the mediation of Mary, which certainly he does not absolutely need, by producing the human nature of Christ through her and with her.” ~Why Mary is our Mediatrix.

"Prayer is powerful beyond limits when we turn to the Immaculata who is queen even of God's heart."

“There is no doubt that the will of Mary should be the will of God for us. When we dedicate ourselves to him, we become tools in her hands just as she became a tool in his. Let us let her direct us and lead us by the hand. Let us be calm and serene under her guidance: she will foresee all things for us, provide all things, swiftly fulfil our needs both bodily and spiritual, and keep away from us all difficulty and suffering.” ~Why we must sanctify the whole world.

Pope St. John Paul II–Redemptoris Mater

“at the Annunciation Mary entrusted herself to God completely, with the "full submission of intellect and will," manifesting "the obedience of faith" to him who spoke to her through his messenger:

Ss. 13

Thus there is a mediation: Mary places herself between her Son and mankind in the reality of their wants, needs and sufferings.

Ss. 21

“In accordance with the eternal plan of Providence, Mary's divine motherhood is to be poured out upon the Church, as indicated by statements of Tradition, according to which Mary's "motherhood" of the Church is the reflection and extension of her motherhood of the Son of God.” Ss. 24

Pope St. John Paul II–Redemptoris Mater

“The Church sees the Blessed Mother of God in the saving mystery of Christ and in her own mystery. She sees Mary deeply rooted in humanity's history, in man's eternal vocation according to the providential plan which God has made for him from eternity. She sees Mary maternally present and sharing in the many complicated problems which today beset the lives of individuals, families and nations; she sees her helping the Christian people in the constant struggle between good and evil, to ensure that it "does not fall," or, if it has fallen, that it "rises again.” Ss. 52

Further Dogmas???

Advocate–

For all of mankind

Mediatrix of all Graces

Coremptrix–

participates in the work of
redemption

TRADITIONAL IMAGES OF MARY

- There are many traditional images of Mary that can be invoked in times of special need.

Mother of Perpetual Help



Mary Undoer of Knots



Our Lady of Czestochowa (Black Madonna)



Our Lady of Sorrows



Our Lady of Good Remedy



Our Lady, Queen of Victory



Our Lady of Grace



MARIAN APPARITIONS

- The Church does not mandate belief in any private revelation
- She does however issue statements on these
 - Permitted- Nothing in the revelation is contrary to Church teaching and it may be useful to some people. Visits to shrines are allowed and at times encouraged
 - Under investigation- the case is still open (apparitions may still be occurring) caution is urged at this point.
 - Forbidden- This site is not to be visited and the message are not to be read or shared as they are not considered authentic and may be harmful to the spiritual well being of the faithful.

Our Lady of Fatima

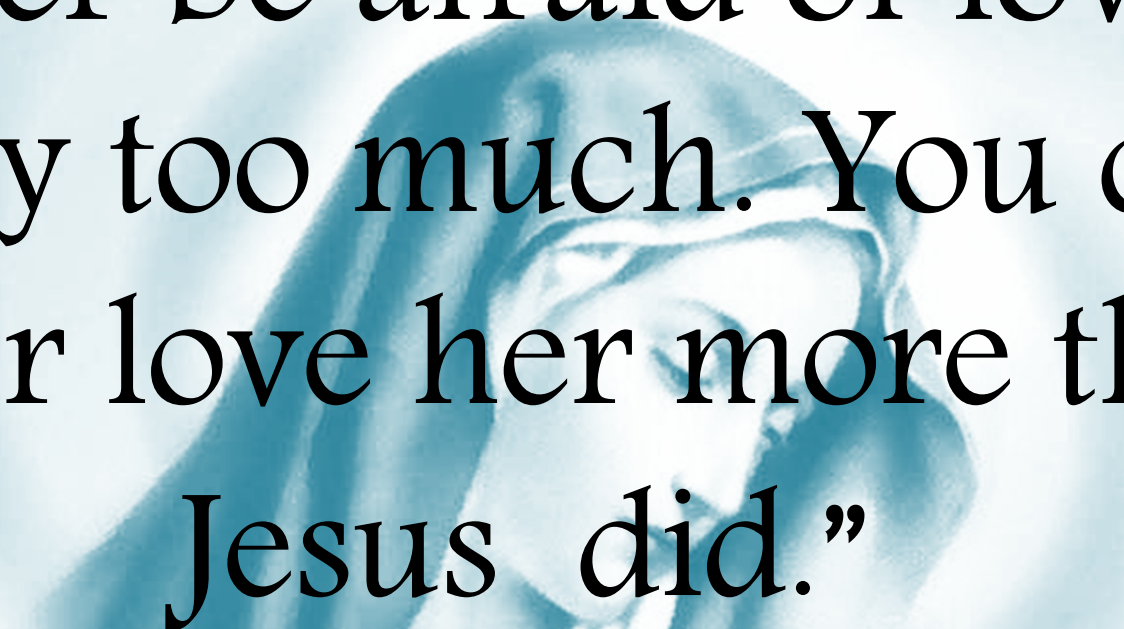


Our Lady of Lourdes



Our Lady of Guadalupe





“Never be afraid of loving
Mary too much. You can
never love her more than
Jesus did.”

~St. Maximilian Kolbe