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A. MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (VENERATION)

Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT

PREFIGURATION OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

1. "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign; the virgin, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel..."(that means God with us- cf. Matt 1:22-23) (Is 7:14)

NEW TESTAMENT

WELCOME MARY IN YOUR LIFE

2. Before all was accomplished, "Jesus said to the - disciple - "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home." (John 19:26-27).

So have you welcomed Mary into your home or in your life? If yes then you are a disciple of Jesus. If you have not welcomed her, we respect your point of view but think well who you are...

Teaching of the Catholic Church

PATRISTIC AGE

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF MARY BEING THE MOTHER OF GOD ?

3. --- COUNCIL OF EPHEBUS (431) : "And since the holy Virgin brought forth corporally God made one with flesh according to nature, for this reason we also call her Mother of God, not as if the nature of the Word had the beginning of its existence from the flesh, indeed it existed from the beginning, and it was God, the Verb was with God." (COUNCIL OF EPHEBUS, 3rd Letter of St. Cyril of Alexandria to Nestorius).

MIDDLE AGES

4. --- FRANCISCAN OMNIBUS OF SOURCES : "Hail, Lady, holy queen holy Mother of God, Mary you are the virgin that became Church." (FRANCISCAN OMNIBUS OF SOURCES, 259).

MODERN ERA

MARY AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

5. --- **S. LOUIS M. GRIGNON DE MONTFORT** (1673 - † 1716): *"The Holy Spirit generated his masterpiece... through Her (Mary)... namely God who became Man !"* (Saint Louis M. G. de Monfort / Messalino Febbraio 2006, Lunedì VII° sett. per Annum)

OUR LADY IS MOTHER BOTH OF THE HEAD AND OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST.

6. --- **S. LUIGI M. GRIGNON DE MONTFORT** (1673 - † 1716): *"Who wants to be a member of Jesus Christ? Since Mary formed the head of the elect, Jesus Christ, she must also produce the members of that head, that is, all true Christians. A mother does not conceive a head without members, nor members without a head. If anyone, then, wishes to become a member of Jesus Christ, and consequently be filled with grace and truth, he must be formed in Mary !"* (LOUIS M. GRIGNON DE MONTFORT, True Devotion to Mary, No. 12)

POST-MODERN (OR CONTEMPORARY) AGE

IF ONE WANTS TO BE A BROTHER OF CHRIST MARY HAS TO BE THEIR MOTHER.

7. --- **ST. MAXIMILIAN M. KOLBE** (1894 - †1941): *"Those who do not want to have Immaculate Mary as their Mother, will neither have Christ the Lord as their brother."* (ST. M. KOLBE, SK 1295)

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF MARY BEING THE MOTHER OF GOD ?

8. --- **CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**: *Since the Virgin Mary's role in the mystery of Christ and the Spirit has been treated, it is fitting now to consider her place in the mystery of the Church. "The Virgin Mary... is acknowledged and honored as being truly the Mother of God and of the redeemer.... She is 'clearly the mother of the members of Christ'... since she has by her charity joined in bringing about the birth of believers in the Church, who are members of its head." "Mary, Mother of Christ, Mother of the Church."* (CCC 963).

Experiences

EXAMPLES and TESTIMONIES

9. « A child needs not only father but also mother to grow well and quick, so also Jesus left us his Mother (cf. John 19:27)... and then he said "all is fulfilled".. (cf. Sac. Pass. pg. 100 -103)..
10. « Those who do "not listen" to Mary our Mother cannot become Saints, because they neither respect the will of the Father, who placed His eyes on her absolute beauty (Cf. Luke 1:30,32), nor do they respect the will of the Son, who gave her to us as our Mother, (Cf. John 19:26), and they also do not respect the will of the Holy Spirit, who chose her for his dwelling. (Cf. Luke 1:35)" (Sac. Pass. pg. 108)..

B. MARY, COOPERATED IN THE WORK OF SALVATION OF HER SON

Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT

PREFIGURATION OF THE VICTORY OVER THE ""ENEMY"" THAT HAPPENED THROUGH A WOMAN: MARY.

11. *"Then the LORD God said to the snake:..I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; They will strike at your head, while you strike at their heel"* (**Gen 3:14-15**)¹.
12. *"At that time the prophet Deborah, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She had Barak, son of Abinoam, summoned from Kedesh of Naphtali. She said to him, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, commands: Go, march against Mount Tabor, and take with you ten thousand men from Naphtali and Zebulun. I will draw Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, out to you at the Wadi Kishon, together with his chariots and troops, and I will deliver them into your power." But Barak answered her, "If you come with me, I will go; if you do not come with me, I will not go." "I will certainly go with you," she replied, "but you will not gain glory for the expedition on which you are setting out, for it is into a woman's power that the LORD is going to sell Sisera" (**Judg 4:4.6-9; cf. Judg 4:17-22**).*

PREFIGURATION OF THE POWERFUL INTERCESSION OF MARY

13. *"Since you are a devout woman, pray for us" (**Jdt 8:31**)*
14. *"Queen Esther..prayed to the Lord, the God of Israel, saying: "Be mindful of us, Lord. Make yourself known in the time of our distress and give me courage, King of gods and Ruler of every power.24Put in my mouth persuasive words in the presence of*

¹ Indeed, like so affirms the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium*: *"The Sacred Scriptures of both the Old and the New Testament, as well as ancient Tradition show the role of the Mother of the Saviour in the economy of salvation in an ever clearer light and draw attention to it. The books of the Old Testament describe the history of salvation, by which the coming of Christ into the world was slowly prepared. These earliest documents, as they are read in the Church and are understood in the light of a further and full revelation, bring the figure of the woman, Mother of the Redeemer, into a gradually clearer light. When it is looked at in this way, she is already prophetically foreshadowed in the promise of victory over the serpent which was given to our first parents after their fall into sin (cf. Gen 3:15). Likewise she is the Virgin who shall conceive and bear a son, whose name will be called Emmanuel(cf. Is 7:14; Mt 1:22-23). She stands out among the poor and humble of the Lord, who confidently hope for and receive salvation from Him. With her the exalted Daughter of Sion, and after a long expectation of the promise, the times are fulfilled and the new Economy established, when the Son of God took a human nature from her, that He might in the mysteries of His flesh free man from sin."* (II VATICAN COUNCIL, Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium*, No. 55).

the lion, and turn his heart to hatred for our enemy, so that he and his co-conspirators may perish.²⁵ Save us by your power, and help me, who am alone and have no one but you, Lord.. O God, whose power is over all, hear the voice of those in despair. Save us from the power of the wicked, and deliver me from my fear." (Est 4, 17k.r-t.z)

15. "Then Uzziah said to her, "Blessed are you, daughter, by the Most High God, above all the women on earth; and blessed be the Lord God, the creator of heaven and earth, who guided your blow at the head of the leader of our enemies". (Jdt 13:18)

This passage could prefigure what Elisabeth said of Mary: "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"² (Luke 1:42). And also what Mary then said of herself and that was fulfilled in the following centuries and also today: "From now on will all ages call me blessed" (Luke 1:48).

Teaching of the Catholic Church

PATRISTIC AGE

MARY'S AND THE WOMEN'S PLACE IN THE HISTORY OF SALVATION

16. --- ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO (Bishop, 354 - † 430): "When our Lord Jesus Christ came to free humankind and for the salvation of men and women, he did neither despise men because he was born as a man nor did he despise women because he was born of a woman. Here a great mystery is hidden because death befell us through a woman, through a woman life rose within us, so that the devil was defeated in regards to both the male and the female nature, for (the devil) rejoiced in the destruction of both genders" (AUGUSTINE, *The Christian Combat*, 22. 24).

POST-MODERN (OR CONTEMPORARY) AGE

MARY COOPERATES IN THE SAVING WORK OF HER SON THE REDEEMER

17. --- JOHN PAUL II (Pope 1978 -†2005): "The Mother cooperates in the saving work of her Son, the Redeemer of the world." (JOHN PAUL II, *Encyclical Redemptoris Mater*, 25th March 1987, No. 40).

C. MARY, EVER VIRGIN

Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT

PREFIGURATION OF MARY, ALWAYS VIRGIN

18. "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign; the virgin, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel.." (Is 7:14)² Now where is the sign? It is in the fact that a Virgin conceives and gives birth and remains a virgin.

NEW TESTAMENT

MARY ALWAYS VIRGIN

19. "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame.. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."
All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus." (Matt 1:18-25).
20. "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.. But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. " (Luke 1:30-31.34-35).

EXPLANATORY GESTURES TO WHO JESUS CONSIDERS BROTHERS (TO EXPLAIN THAT MARY NOT HAD OTHER BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN).

21. " And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother." (Matt 12:49-50).
22. "And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." (Mark 3:34-35)
23. "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it." (Luke 8:21)

ANAGRAPHIC DATA THAT SHOW THAT JESUS HASN'T BIOLOGICAL BROTHERS AND SO THAT MARY HASN'T GOT OTHER BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN.

24. "But I did not see any other of the Apostles, only James the brother of the Lord." (Gal 1:19). Now, among the apostles, there are only two with the name of James:
25. "He appointed the twelve: Simon, whom he named Peter; James, son of Zebedee, and John.. Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus; Thaddeus, Simon the Cananean," (Mark 3:16-18).³

² Ibidem.

--- And then the two Apostles called James, one was the son of Zebedee and the other one son of Alphaeus, *ipso facto* they are not the children of St. Joseph and therefore they are not native brothers of Jesus, if anything they were but cousins or only spiritual brothers, according to the first passage (cf. Gal 1:19)⁴.

--- So consequently Mary did not have other children, and therefore we can demonstrate at this point the Virginity of Mary, because Jesus was born through an extraordinary conception (cf. Luke 1:31-35).

--- Moreover we will give proof that in Hebrew, the word brother did not mean such a direct family bond. It is not by chance that in the Old Testament, Abraham uses the term "Achîm" "brothers" (אֲחִים 'aHîm;) speaking of himself and **of his nephew Lot** (Genesis 12:5), Indeed we read: *So Abram said to Lot: (his nephew- Genesis 12:5): "Let there be no strife between you and me.. for we are (brothers in Italian) (kindred in English)." (Genesis 13:8).* So does the Word confirm that talking about the so-called "brothers" of Jesus (*your brothers are waiting outside* – cf. Matt 12:47) the authors of the Gospels do not refer strictly to native brothers of Jesus, but to a wider kinship, as it was proven just now by various passages on this topic regarding about the native brothers or not blood brothers of Jesus⁵.

Teaching of the Catholic Church

PATRISTIC AGE

MARY IS ALWAYS VIRGIN

26. --- **ST. IRENAEUS OF LIONE** (Bishop and Martyr, 130 - † 202): *"The Lord himself has given us a sign.. that man did not ask for, because he never dreamt that such thing would be possible, that a virgin could become mother, giving birth to a son and remain a virgin." (IRENEAUS OF LYON, *Off. of Read.*, Tue. IV Sett. O.T.).*
27. --- **ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS** (Bishop, 380 - † 450): *"A Virgin conceived, bore a son, and yet remained a virgin. This is no common occurrence, but divine signs." (PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, *Off. of Read.*, 30th July).*
28. --- **II COUNCIL OF CONSTANTINOPLE** (553): *« If someone does not confess the two births of the Verb of God, one from the Father before all ages, out of time and incorporeal, the other one in these last times, when he came down from Heaven and incarnated in the holy and glorious mother of God and always virgin Mary and born from her, shall be anathema." (II COUNCIL OF CONSTANTINOPLE, *Anathemas against the "Three Chapters"*, II).*
29. --- **ST. JOHN DAMASCENE** (Bishop, 650 – † 749): *"The Virgin Mother of God.. was virgin before she gave birth, whilst she gave birth and after she gave birth." (JOHN DAMASCENE, *Off. of Read.*, 26th July).*

D. MARY, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

PREFIGURATION OF THE IMMACULATE

30. *"You are beautiful in every way, my friend, there is no flaw in you!" (Song 4:7).*
31. *"Forever it marches crowned in triumph, victorious in unsullied deeds of valor". (Wis 4:2)*

Teaching of the Catholic Church

PATRISTIC AGE

MARY IS IMMACULATE (from the Latin word "*Im-maculata*" / *macula* = stain / in *macula* = **WITHOUT STAIN**)

32. --- **ST. GREGORY OF NYSSA** (335 - † 395): *"What happened in the stainless Mary when the fullness of the Godhead which was in Christ shone out through her, that happens in every soul that leads by reason the virgin life. No longer indeed does the Master come with bodily presence; "we know Christ no longer according to the flesh" (2 Cor 5:16) ; but, spiritually, He dwells in us and brings His Father with Him, as the Gospel somewhere tells." (GREGORY OF NYSSA, *On Virginity*, Chap. II).*

MODERN AGE

DOGMA OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

33. --- **POPE B. PIUS IX** (Pope from 1846 - † 1878): *"We declare, affirm and define as revealed by God the doctrine concerning the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, ancient indeed is that devotion of the faithful based on the belief that her soul, in the first instant of its creation and in the first instant of her conception, was, by a special grace and privilege of God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, her Son and the Redeemer of the human race, preserved free from all stain of original sin. And this has to be object of a certain and unchangeable faith of all the faithful of the Conception." (POPE B. PIUS IX, Bolla Ineffabilis Deus, 8 December 1854, Session VI, Paragraph 16).*

POST-MODERN (OR CONTEMPORARY) AGE

DOGMA OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

34. --- **CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**: *« Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854: The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin. [Pius IX, Bolla *Ineffabilis Deus*: Denz. ->]. (CCC 491).*

³ On the 24th January 2014 we have included this Gospel passage (Mark 3, 16-18) in this file or in these notes, and shortly after, we found the same passage in the Gospel of the Mass of the same day.

⁴ (Cf. Meditation by friar Picchignito , with int. VV).

⁵ (Cf. Meditation by Friar Michael, with int. VV).

35. "The 'splendor of an entirely unique holiness' by which Mary is 'enriched from the first instant of her conception' [II Vat. Council, Lumen Gentium, 56] comes wholly from Christ: she is 'redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son.' [II Vat. Council, Lumen Gentium, 56]. The Father blessed Mary more than any other created person 'in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places' (Eph 1:3) and chose her 'in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before him in charity. (Eph 1:4)." (CCC 492)
36. "The Fathers of the Eastern tradition call the Mother of God "the All-Holy" (*Panagia*) and celebrate her as "free from any stain of sin, as though fashioned by the Holy Spirit and formed as a new creature." [II. Vat. Council. Lumen gentium, 56]. By the grace of God Mary remained free of every personal sin her whole life long." (CCC 493).

E. MARY, WALKS IN HASTE

Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT

PREFIGURATION OF THE HASTE THAT MARY HAD IN DOING THE WILL OF GOD

37. "I will run the way of your commandments, for you will broaden my heart." (Ps 119:32)

38. "Should you run, you will not stumble" (Prov 4:12).

NEW TESTAMENT

IMITATE THE HASTE OF MARY TOWARDS THE HIGH OF THE DIVINE WILL (- CF. LUKE 1:39 ; SLC p.89) TO HAVE A HIGHER GEAR

39. "During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Juda" (Lc 1:39).
40. "Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping (like Mary – cf. John 19,25-27) our eyes fixed on Jesus " (Heb 12:1-2), so we can fly (cf. Rev 12:14) faster towards the number 1 up there..
41. Brothers, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue (*la corsa in italiano*) (my pursuit in english) toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus." (Phil 3:13-14).

Experiences

EXAMPLES and TESTIMONIES

42. "Here are several examples from the Bible regarding the haste in doing God's Will: Mary (cf. [Luke 1:39](#)); the Pious women (cf. [Matt 28:8](#)); Zacchaeus (cf. [Luke 19:6](#)); the calling of Peter and Andrew (cf. [Matt 4:20](#)) and of James and John (cf. [Matt 4:22](#)); Mary of Magdala (cf. [John 20:2](#)); Peter and John running to the tomb (cf. [John 20:4](#)); Peter freed from Prison by the Angel (cf. [Act 12:7](#)); etc.."

F. MARY TELLS US TO PRAY THE ROSARY

Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT

MEDITATE ON THE MYSTERIES OF GOD

43. "He will direct his knowledge and his counsel, as he meditates upon God's mysteries.. He will make the doctrine in his teaching shine, and glory in the Law of the Lord's covenant" (Sir 39:7-8).

PRAY TOGETHER WITH MARY

44. "All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus.. » (Acts 1:14).

THE IMPORTANCE TO BEING ALLIES WITH MARY

45. "A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth... She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. * Her child was caught up to God and his throne... Then the dragon became angry with the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring, those who keep God's commandments and bear witness to Jesus. !" (Rev 12:1-2.5.17).

--- Are you allied with the Woman of the Book of Revelation, namely with Mary and with her Marian Church, that listens to her advice? Then you are in possession of the true testimony of Jesus.. But in case you are not allied with this woman, we respect your point of view, but you need to be cautious maybe you're getting allied with the dragon...

Teaching of the Catholic Church

MODERN AGE

WHY MEDITATE THE ROSARY ?

46. --- ST. LOUIS M. GRIGNON DE MONTFORT (1673 - † 1716): "The Rosary without meditation of the sacred mysteries of our salvation, would be like a body lacking the soul, an excellent matter without the shape of meditation, that distinguishes them from other devotions." (S. LUIGI M. GRIGNON DE MONTFORT, *Il segreto meraviglioso del Santo Rosario*, 61)

POST-MODERN (OR CONTEMPORARY) AGE

WHY MEDITATE THE ROSARY ?

47. --- **ST. PADRE PIO** (1887 - †1968): *"Love Our Lady and make others love her, recite the Holy Rosary and have others recite it."* (PADRE PIO, *Testament of St. Pio*).
48. --- **Sr. LUCIA DOS SANTOS** (1907 – 2005): *"I Promise to assist them in the hour of their death, with the necessary graces for the salvation of the soul, to all those who.. (often) stay with me during 15(-20) minutes meditating on the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, with the purpose of offering reparation to me !"* (cf. SR. LUCIA DOS SANTOS, *Messag. of Mary to Sr Lucia in Fatima*).
49. --- **POPE BENEDICT XVI** (Pope from 2005 to 2013) : *"The Rosary is a contemplative and Christocentric prayer, inseparable from meditation on Holy Scripture. It is the prayer of the Christian who advances on his pilgrimage of faith, following Jesus and preceded by Mary."* (POPE BENEDICT XVI, *Angelus 1st October 2006*).
50. --- **PAUL VI** (Pope from 1963 to † 1978): *"Without this the Rosary is a body without a soul, and its recitation is in danger of becoming a mechanical repetition of formulas.. By its nature the recitation of the Rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and a lingering pace, helping the individual to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord's life as seen through the eyes of her who was closest to the Lord."* (PAUL VI, *Exhortation Apostolica Marialis Cultus, No. 47*).
- Who are the ones who say that we should pray the Holy Rosary ? it was continually said by: Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Fatima, and so on, the Pope and the Saints say it, whose words are confirmed by our good God through "Signs and Wonders" .. - Healings - and # Conversions ! #. (cf. " Mark 16:17; Act 2:22. 43 "; - Act 3:1-10; Act 4:29-30 -; # Act 2:41-; Act 9:10-18 # ; Matt 16:3).
- So let us trust them (let us pray the Holy Rosary), not so much because they say it but for acknowledging in them " the Works of the Father " and " his Will" (cf. *John 10:37*)

THE VISION OF HELL THAT OUR LADY SHOWED TO THE CHILDREN OF FATIMA.

51. --- **Sr. LUCIA DOS SANTOS** (1907 - †2005): *"Our Lady showed us a great sea of fire which seemed to be under the earth. Plunged in this fire were demons and souls in human form, like transparent burning embers, all blackened or burnished bronze, floating about in the conflagration, now raised into the air by the flames that issued from within themselves together with great clouds of smoke, now falling back on every side like sparks in a huge fire, without weight or equilibrium, and amid shrieks and groans of pain and despair, which horrified us and made us tremble with fear. The demons could be distinguished by their terrifying and repellent likeness to frightful and unknown animals, all black and transparent. This vision lasted but an instant. How can we ever be grateful enough to our kind heavenly Mother, who had already prepared us by promising, in the first Apparition, to take us to Heaven. Otherwise, I think we would have died of fear and terror."* (SR. LUCIA OF FATIMA, *Vision of Hell, year 1917, in Magisterium 294*).

Experiences

EXAMPLES and TESTIMONIES

- 52.« The many apparitions approved by the Church (Fatima, Lourdes, Guadalupe..) »
53. "The house of the Jesuits was not destroyed after the explosion of the atomic bomb in Hiroshima. The Jesuits who stayed alive and uncontaminated, had always the same answer on their many questions: *"As missionaries we wanted to live the Message of Fatima in our country and that is why we prayed the Rosary every day"*. A similar miracle happened also in Nagasaki, where a franciscan convent - "Mugenzai no Sono" ("Garden of the Immaculate") – founded by Saint Maximilian Kolbe remained intact. (Cf. [IL ROSARIO DI MARIA E LA BOMBA ATOMICA DI HIROSHIMA](http://il-rosario-di-maria-e-la-bomba-atmica-di-hiroshima), in <http://grcompany.wordpress.com>, <http://grcompany.wordpress.com/2011/05/30/il-rosario-di-maria-e-la-bomba-atmica-di-hiroshima>, [07-03-2014]),
54. "The Holy Rosary is in the end but "a collection of KEYS of pieces of the Gospel", where God wants to simplify the long birth of our "Spiritual Walk" (to our Crucifixion, for our Blessed and Glorious Immortality !). Amen ! ». (WHY LISTEN TO MARY ? AND PRAY THE HOLY MEDITATED ROSARY ?... WHERE IS IT WRITTEN ?... in: www.poorfriars.net, <http://nuke.fratipoveri.net/Default.aspx?tabid=172> , [02-26-2014]).
55. "Example of the beefsteak that is used as a figure of the Bible, that needs to be chopped for the spiritual kids also through the mysteries of the Rosary that are a summary (or précis) of the history of Salvation."

G. IMITATING MARY (TO BETTER IMITATE JESUS)

IMITATE LISTENING OF MARY

56. *"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."* (**Luke 2:19**).
- LISTEN TO MARY TO BETTER IMITATE JESUS**
57. *"His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you."* (**John 2:5**).

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PATRISTIC AGE

RUN TOWARDS THE HEIGHTS IMITATING MARY (cf. LUKE 1:39 ; SLC pg.89)

58. --- **ST. AMBROSE OF MILAN** (Bishop, 339 - † 397): *"Being so filled with God could (Mary) but go in haste towards the heights ? Indeed: the Grace of the Holy Spirit is not slow."* (AMBROSE, *Off. of Read.*, 4th Sun. of Advent).

POST-MODERN (OR CONTEMPORARY) AGE

MARY: MODEL, STRENGTH AND JOY FOR THE IMITATORS OF CHRIST

59. --- JOHN PAUL II (Pope 1978 -†2005): « *For this reason, the Church, as a wise teacher of morality, has always invited believers to seek and to find in the Saints, and above all in the Virgin Mother of God "full of grace" and "all-holy", the model, the strength and the joy needed to live a life in accordance with God's commandments and the Beatitudes of the Gospel.*” (Cf. JOHN PAUL II, Enc. *Veritatis Splendor*, No. 107).

Experiences

EXAMPLES and TESTIMONIES

60. “Did Mary know the Sacred Scriptures ? Yes, an example to be followed is found in the “Magnificat”
61. “The vision of a friar and friend of St. Francis of Assisi, of the two staircases, the red one leading to Jesus and no one was able to climb it up, and the blue one leading to Mary, who then directed them to Jesus.”

H. INTERCESSION OF MARY

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62. Mary interceded for the miracle of the Wine at Cana: (*cf. John 2:3*).

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DEVOTION AND INTERCESSION OF OUR LADY AND THE SAINTS.

63. --- II VATICAN COUNCIL (1963-1965): “The Church has always believed that the apostles and Christ's martyrs who had given the supreme witness of faith and charity by the shedding of their blood, are closely joined with us in Christ, and she has always venerated them with special devotion, together with the Blessed Virgin Mary and the holy angels. The Church has piously implored the aid of their intercession. To these were soon added also those who had more closely imitated Christ's virginity and poverty, and finally others whom the outstanding practice of the Christian virtues and the divine charisms recommended to the pious devotion and imitation of the faithful.” (II VATICAN COUNCIL, Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium*, No. 50)

I. MARY, THE CHURCH AND OUR MARIAN SOUL

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MEDIEVAL ERA

QUEL CHE SI DICE IN MODO SPECIALE DI MARIA, VA RIFERITO IN GENERALE ALLA CHIESA E ANCHE ALLA SINGOLA ANIMA FEDELE

64. --- BEATO ISACCO, *abate del monastero della Stella* (1110 - † 1169): “Without any sin, Mary gave birth to Christ the head for the sake of his body. By the forgiveness of every sin, the Church gave birth to the body, for the sake of its head. Each is Christ's mother, but neither gives birth to the whole Christ without the cooperation of the other. In the inspired Scriptures, what is said in a universal sense of the virgin mother, the Church, is understood in an individual sense of the Virgin Mary, and what is said in a particular sense of the virgin mother Mary is rightly understood in a general sense of the virgin mother, the Church.... In a way, every single faithful soul can be considered to be a bride of God's Word, a mother of Christ, his daughter and sister, at once virginal and fruitful.” (BLESSED ISAAC, *abbot of the monastery of Stella, Off. of Read., Sat. II week of Advent*).
65. --- SAINT BERNARD OF CHIARAVALLE (Abbot, 1090 - † 1153): “Is it not a just pious and holy thing to meditate on all of these mysteries ? It is therefore true Wisdom to contemplate them” (SAINT BERNARD ABBOT, *Off. of Read., 7 Oct.*).

CONCLUSION:

- ✓ The awesome of the power of the Rosary!!! So powerful that in 1945 when the two atomic bombs razed to the ground Hiroshima and Nagasaki the only things that withstood were 2 houses used by a religious community. The houses were in the middle of the explosion of the atomic bombs. These religious fathers prayed the Holy Rosary every day they stayed alive and were uncontaminated of the nuclear radiation. (Cf. [IL ROSARIO DI MARIA E LA BOMBA ATOMICA DI HIROSHIMA](http://grcompany.wordpress.com/2011/05/30/il-rosario-di-maria-e-la-bomba-atomica-di-hiroshima), in <http://grcompany.wordpress.com>, <http://grcompany.wordpress.com/2011/05/30/il-rosario-di-maria-e-la-bomba-atomica-di-hiroshima>, [07-03-2014]). Indeed we meditated about the Resurrection during the Rosary: the Victory over every sort of death !!!

SUMMARY:

- ✓ « Those who do “not listen” to Mary our Mother cannot become Saints, because they neither respect the will of the Father, who placed His eyes on her absolute beauty (Cf. Luke 1:30,32), nor do they respect the will of the Son, who gave her to us as our Mother, (Cf. John 19:26), and they also do not respect the will of the Holy Spirit, who chose her for his dwelling. (Cf. Luke 1:35)” (Sac. Pass. pg. 108)..

We wish you a GOOD MEDITATION and GOOD SPIRITUAL WALK IN A HASTE together with MARY towards the Heavenly Destination. All this *Ad Maiorem Dei Gloria et Salutem animarum* ! Amen !

NB. In regards to all the passages that we didn't read nor explain, if you're interested in having a deeper knowledge of the topic, according to God and the Church and experience ... you can make an appointment with us at the end of the teaching or through e-mail, and we will come to your house as far as it's possible. We only have to coordinate and unite some people, who thirst for truth!. You find the e-mail on: www.poorfriars.net