

Devotion to Mary leads us directly to her Son, Jesus

We should all want to go directly to God. However, because we lack perfection in the virtues of faith, humility, obedience, and love, we therefore lack perfection in our direction. All we need is Jesus, BUT we need ALL that He does. He has built up in Mary's Immaculate Heart a Super highway to bring us closer to Him. Mary is the perfect disciple.

Luke 1:41-45

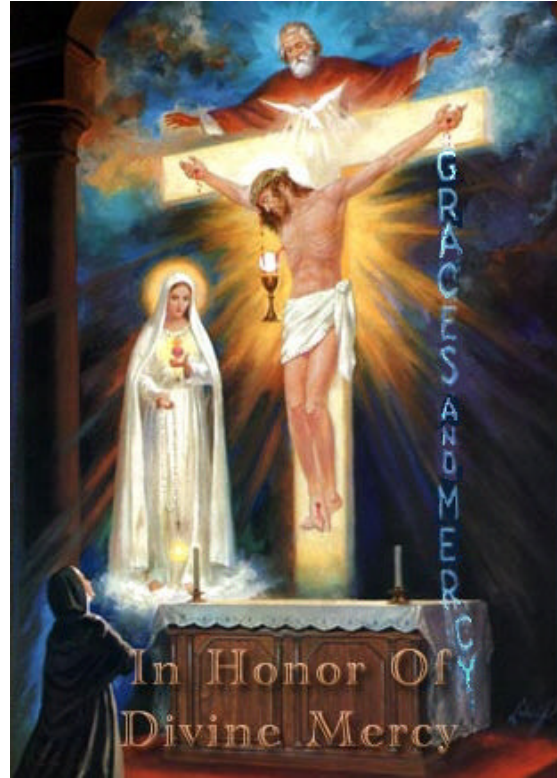
“Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed ... ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ... And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.’ ”

Jesus introduces us, the disciples whom He loves, to her. “Behold, your mother!” John 19:27. And He shows us how important she really is and how He wishes to work through her. Revelation 11:19 – 12: 1-5, 17. It is worth noting that **the only Apostle that persevered in following Jesus all the way to the Cross was the one who was strengthened by his walk with Mary.** All the others abandoned him. Through Mary is the most direct way to get closer to Jesus.

Pope Benedict XVI

“Our Lady of the Rosary ... We are therefore asked to let ourselves be guided by Mary in this prayer, ancient and ever new, which is especially dear to her because it leads us directly to Jesus, contemplated in his Mysteries of salvation:

joyful, luminous, sorrowful and glorious. In the footsteps of Venerable John Paul ii (cf. Apostolic Letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae), I would like to recall that the Rosary is a biblical prayer, interwoven with Sacred Scripture throughout. It is a prayer of the heart, in which the repetition of the Hail Mary directs the thoughts and affections to Christ ...”



Pope John Paul II

“Christ is the supreme Teacher, the revealer and the one revealed. It is not just a question of learning what he taught but of “learning him”. In this regard could we have any better teacher than Mary? From the divine standpoint, the Spirit is the interior teacher who leads us to the full truth of Christ (cf. Jn 14:26; 15:26; 16:13). **But among creatures no one knows Christ better than Mary;** no one can introduce us to a profound knowledge of his mystery better than his Mother.”

[Rosarium Virginis Mariae section 14]

“Totus tuus. This phrase is not only an expression of piety, or simply an expression of devotion. It is more. During the Second World War, while I was employed as a factory worker, I came to be attracted to Marian devotion.

“At first, it had seemed to me that I should distance myself a bit from the Marian devotion of my childhood in order to focus more on Christ. Thanks to St Louis de Montfort, I came to understand that **true devotion to the Mother of God is actually Christocentric,** indeed, it is very profoundly rooted in the mystery of the Blessed Trinity, and the mysteries of the Incarnation and Redemption” (Crossing the Threshold of Hope by JP2 pp. 212-213)

On May 13, 1981 there was an assassination attempt on the life of Pope John Paul II. He credited Mary with saving his life. He said that the purpose of Marian consecration was so that she can lead us to the pierced side of Christ, the Fountain of Mercy.

“Meaning of consecration

8. On the Cross Christ said: “Woman, behold, your son!” With these words he opened in a new way his Mother’s heart. ... Consecrating the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary means drawing near, through the Mother’s intercession, to the very Fountain of life that sprang from Golgotha. ... And so she calls us. **She not only calls us to be converted: she calls us to accept her motherly help to return to the source of Redemption.”** (Pope John Paul II homily at Fatima May 13, 1982)