

Saint Louis Marie de Montford showed how True Devotion to Jesus Christ is enhanced and most fully expressed when we go to Jesus while assisting ourselves of the help that Jesus wants to give to us through Mary. He summarized it well when he pointed out that there is no shorter way to Jesus than the route were we avail ourselves of God's help that we receive through Mary. There is no easier road than the one with Mary. God works through her to help us grow more deeply in love with Him. There is no surer road to Jesus than the one through Mary. Understanding Mary helps us to understand who her Son is.

Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Do not be afraid to love the Immaculata (Mary) too much because we could never equal the love that Jesus has for Her, and His imitation is our sanctification. To approach the Immaculata is the easiest way to draw near to God. Wherever Thou dost enter, O Mary, Thou dost obtain the grace of conversion and growth in holiness. It is through Thy hands that all graces come to us from the most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Vatican II, Lumen Gentium 60, 62

“Mary's function as mother of men in no way obscures or diminishes this unique mediation of Christ, but rather shows its power. But the Blessed Virgin's salutary influence on men originates not in any inner necessity but in the disposition of God. It flows forth from the superabundance of the merits of Christ, rests on his mediation, depends entirely on it and draws all its power from it. It does not hinder in any way

the immediate union of the faithful with Christ but on the contrary fosters it. 60

“Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked by the Church under the titles of Advocate, Auxiliatrix, Adjutrix, and Mediatrix. This, however, is to be so understood that it neither takes away from nor adds anything to the dignity and efficaciousness of Christ the one Mediator.

“For no creature could ever be counted as equal with the Incarnate Word and Redeemer. Just as the priesthood of Christ is shared in various ways both by the ministers and by the faithful, and as the one goodness of God is really communicated in different ways to His creatures, so also the unique mediation of the Redeemer does not exclude but rather gives rise to a manifold cooperation which is but a sharing in this one source.” 62. Also see CCC 970

1 Corinthians 12:21

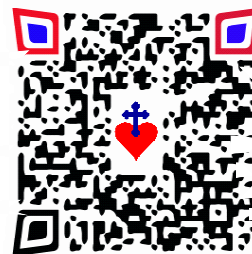
“The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I do not need you,’ nor again the head to the feet, ‘I do not need you.’”

James 5:16

“... pray for one another, that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful.”

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Why Pray To Mary ?



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

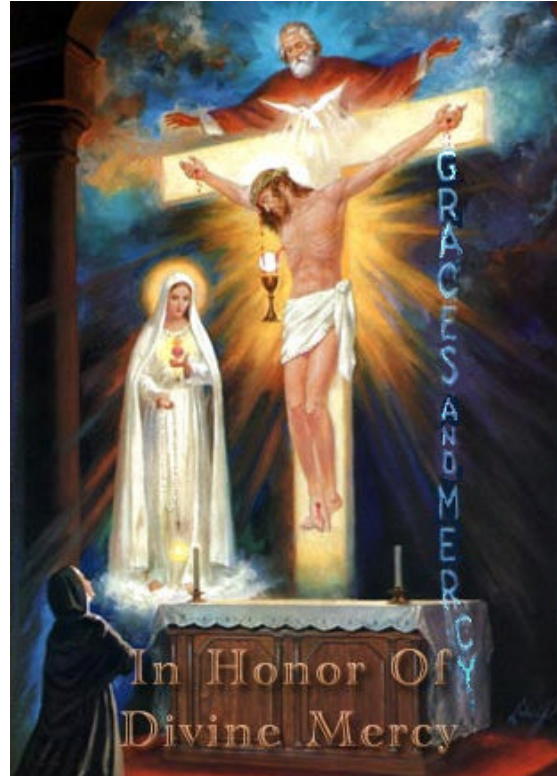
“Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed ... ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ... And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.’ ”

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)