

in heaven are united to Him. They make up the Body of Christ and they are the Super Highways that God has built for us to aid us in going to Him

James 5:16

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

Matthew 18:20

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

O.K. I can see that when I claimed to “Go Directly to God” I was assuming that I could achieve that all by myself. And I can see that the claim of going directly to God does not allow me to assume that the most direct way means that I may exclude how God may want to work through others. Now, I am ready to examine the Catholic claims that God wants to work through Mary so that I might go more directly, more completely, and more deeply into Christ.

Catholics worship only God.¹

And the Catholic Church consistently proclaims each year the Biblical passages that teach God, and He alone, is to be worshipped. For example, Matthew 4:10, Exodus 20:1-3, Luke 4:8¹

The purpose of Marian devotion is to help us love Jesus more. The primary reason we honor her is because of what God has done in her. Even more important than her vocation as Jesus’ mother was how God perfected her heart and her faith by His grace to which she was totally open.

See the Uniqueness of Jesus, the God-Man.¹ Mary is the perfect work of Jesus Christ. She does not detract from His glory, rather she reflects and refracts that glory. She does not undermine it, but rather she manifests His glory. She does not rob or diminish Christ of His glory, but rather she is the one who magnifies the glory that Christ gained for us through His redemptive work. (Luke 1:46)

Through her Jesus helps us to focus and appreciate the power of His grace and how He triumphed most completely over Satan in the human race. Mary is proof positive that God’s redemptive work is infinitely greater than our sin. He is her Savior and Redeemer par-excellence.

Jesus did not get a single drop of glory more for Himself when He redeemed us than what He had before He became Man. Jesus came into the world, redeemed us, and gave us the indwelling of the Holy Spirit not so that He might increase in glory, but so that we might partake and share in His glory.¹

To make a long story short, I have converted to Catholicism. Now, I just try to help Catholics become better Catholics by helping them go more directly to God by appreciating how He works through the Saints and through the Church He built upon Peter. See Biblical case for Marian devotion below.

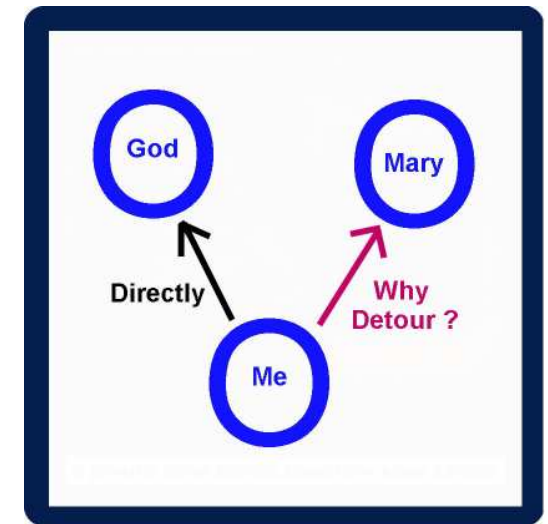
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