

# St. Maximilian and St. Louis de Montfort

"Mary as the Mother of the Savior Jesus has been made the Co-Redemptrix of the human race, and as the Spouse of the Holy Ghost she participates in the distribution of all the graces.



Whence we can say with the theologians: '...as the first Eve worked for our downfall by her truly personal and free actions, and truly helped cause it, so Mary by her truly personal actions joined in the reparation... in this there is already in a most evident way true mediation properly speaking'. In recent times especially we are perceiving the Immaculata, the Spouse of the Holy Ghost, as our Mediatrix."

*Fr. Maximilian Kolbe, "Knight of the Immaculata", 1938*



"God has chosen her to be the dispenser of all He possesses, in such sort that she distributes to whom she wills, as she wills and when she wills, all His gifts and graces. The Holy Ghost gives no heavenly gift to men which He does not have pass through her virginal hands."

*St. Louis Marie  
Grignon de Monfort*

## Mary – Our Hope

Even though the horizon seems ready to pour down a new flood upon us; even though paths close before us, precipices open up, and the very earth moves under our feet, we should not lose heart. Our Lady will overcome all obstacles that exceed our strength. As long as this confidence does not desert our hearts, victory will be ours and the cunning of our adversaries will be worth nothing.

We love Our Mother,  
Mary so very very much!



Through her we learn who Jesus is.  
Through her, we find Him!



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Immaculata  
**Mediatrix**  
of all graces

## Title Mediatrix of all graces

The Catholic Church honors our Blessed Mother with so many beautiful titles including that of "Mediatrix of all graces". The Holy Ghost, the third person in the Blessed Trinity, chose Mary to bring the Word, our Lord, Jesus Christ, into the world.



Upon choosing Mary to be the vessel of the incarnate Word, the Holy Ghost made her His channel through which all graces flow to this world! Jesus was brought into this world to complete the "new covenant" through His Passion, Death and Resurrection. It was only through grace that He

was made in the flesh and walked on this earth. It was only through grace that God our Father chose to make a new covenant with us, to open the gates of Heaven. And there was only one vessel in which this grace was bestowed, and that was in our Mother Mary!

It is recorded in the bible that Mary was "full of grace". This direct translation from the original language actually meant that Mary was, is, and has always been since her conception, full of grace. This is why we call her the Immaculate Conception and we believe Our Lady was conceived without original sin.

Mary was always free from sin. Mary was always full of grace. Mary was chosen by God. Mary, who was given free will to say "No", chose to say "I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me according to thy Word".

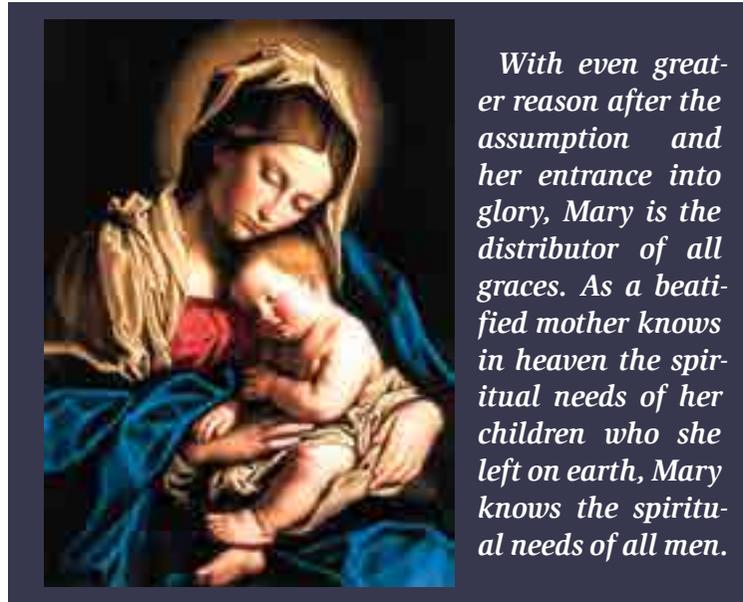
*"According to the will of God, nothing is granted to us except through Mary; and, as no one can go to the Father except through the Son, so generally no one can draw near to Christ except through Mary."*

Pope Leo XIII in an encyclical on the Rosary

## Mary Mediatrix during her earthly life

During her earthly life, Mary truly appears in Scripture as the distributor of graces. Through Mary, Jesus sanctified the Precursor when she went to visit her cousin Elizabeth and sang the *Magnificat*.

Through His mother, Jesus confirmed the faith of the disciples at Cana, by granting the miracle that she asked. Through her, He strengthened the faith of John on Calvary, saying to him: "Behold thy mother." Lastly, by her the Holy Ghost came down upon the apostles, for she was praying with them in the cenacle on Pentecost day when the Holy Ghost descended in the form of tongues of fire.



*With even greater reason after the assumption and her entrance into glory, Mary is the distributor of all graces. As a beatified mother knows in heaven the spiritual needs of her children who she left on earth, Mary knows the spiritual needs of all men.*

Since she is an excellent mother, she prays for them and, since she is all powerful over the heart of her Son, she obtains for them all the graces that they receive, and which are received by all those who do not persist in evil.

She is, it has been said, like an aqueduct of graces and, in the mystical body, like the virginal neck uniting the head to its members.

## All graces come through Our Blessed Mother

All graces that are bestowed upon this world must come through Our Blessed Mother; given by Christ of course, but only through the Blessed Mother. She is the channel through which the world receives our Lord! So yes, we as Catholics, rightly so, give our Blessed Mother, the title of Mediatrix of all graces! It was through her fiat, her "yes", that all graces came, and will forever come into this world.



*"Not only every kind of grace is distributed to us by Mary, but every grace in particular. Is this not what the faith of the Church says in the words of the Hail Mary: 'Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen'? This 'now' is said every moment in the Church by thousands of Christians who thus ask for the grace of the present moment. This grace is the most individual of graces; it varies with each of us, and for each one of us at every moment."*

Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, O.P.