

# Mary is the Mother of God

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- In this Divine Saviour, divine and human natures are united in an inconceivable manner, of which, however, we may form some idea, although imperfect, by considering the union of soul and body in man.

- Mary is the Mother of God, because she is the Mother of Jesus Christ, who unites in his person the two natures of God and man.

- Hence Elizabeth, when visited by Mary, after she had conceived the son of God, exclaimed: *whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?*



*The honour we give to Mary redounds to God, since we honour her for His sake.*

*Let us honour her. The person who honours the Blessed Virgin; who loves, respects, and venerates her as the Mother of God; who takes her as a model and imitates her virtues; who prays to her in trials and afflictions and asks her intercession with her divine Son, does not only act in a reasonable manner, but such action is certain to make the path through this world smooth and easy and at the same time safe to a life of eternal happiness.*



# Divine Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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# The Dignity of the Mother of God

- When Mary of Nazareth conceived in her womb the Word of God, that conception was the effect of the fullness of her grace, and of an action of the Holy Ghost which occurred in her soul first of all, thereby making of her flesh a tabernacle and a sanctuary.

- The dignity of the Mother of God is her great sanctity, it is the incomparable grace which raises her above all the Angels, the grace in which she was predestined and created for this glorious purpose.

- We understand better what Mary is for the Church by listening to St. Louis Maria Grignion de Montfort, Apostle of the Cross and of the Rosary of Our Lady. As Mary was necessary for God in the Incarnation of the Word, so she is necessary for Him to sanctify souls and bring about their likeness to Christ, and she is much needed by us, in our great infirmity:

*Let us boldly implore the aid and intercession of Mary, our Mother. She is good, she is tender, she has nothing in her that is austere and forbidding, nothing too sublime and too brilliant... She is so charitable that she repels none of those who ask her intercession, no matter how great sinners they have been; for, as the Saints say, never has it been heard, since the world was the world, that anyone has confidently and perseveringly had recourse to our Blessed Lady and yet been repelled. (True Devotion to Mary)*



# Honouring the Blessed Virgin

- The principal reason, then, why we honour Mary is because she is the Mother of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This honour consists of love, respect, and veneration. We love her with an interior love, a love proceeding from the heart.



- Our respect, our veneration for her, should be affectionate and deep. When we remember that it was her hand that first lifted from the ground and received in maternal embrace the sacred body of Jesus, just born and just dead; when we think how respectfully Elizabeth greeted her; when we recall to mind the reverent salutation of the archangel; when we consider the honour shown her by the apostles and by her own divine Son, can we help feeling a deep love, respect, and veneration for her?

# The Divine Maternity of Mary



- Pope Pius IX in the year 1854 instituted the Feast of the Divine Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary to be observed by the whole Church. The Feast is celebrated on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October.

- The Council of Ephesus (year 431) asserted the glorious privilege of Mary by declaring her to be the Mother of God.

- We cannot conceive of the greatness of Mary's dignity in being made the mother of God.

- *The Lord*, – says she, in the canticle with which she responded to the pious congratulations of Elizabeth, – *has regarded the humility of his handmaid*. It was, then, the humility of Mary that in a special manner rendered her the object of God's complaisance.

- St. Bernard, when inculcating the necessity of this virtue, says of Mary: *Without humility, I am certain that even her virginity would not have been acceptable to God; for although she pleased him by her virgin purity, still it was her humility that caused her to be made the Mother of God*.

- If the humility of Mary was so wonderfully rewarded, we should remember our obligation to practise this virtue, as that which will most assimilate us to our divine model, Jesus Christ.