

St. Maximilian's writing

- The words “thou alone hast vanquished all the heresies throughout the world” are taken from the divine office which the Church requires priests to recite with regard to her.

- The Church speaks of “heresies”, not “heretics”, because she, Mary, loves them and on account of this love wants to free them from the error of heresy.

- It also reads: “all”, without exception.

- “Thou alone”, because she suffices. God, in fact, belongs to her with all the treasures of grace, grace of conversion, and of sanctification of souls.

- “Throughout the world” – no corner of the earth here is excluded.

- In this section of the act of consecration, we implore her to make use of us to destroy the whole body of the serpent, that is to say the most diverse heresies that hold the world captive.

St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe
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How does she vanquish heresies?

- Most of all she is the Vanquisher of all heresies by virtue of who she is.

- In the book of Genesis we see Mary as the one foretold who will crush the head of the serpent, the devil, and since heresy (or anything false) comes straight from the mouth of Satan, Mary is seen as the one who can vanquish heresy.

- We are then reminded that Mary is our protector from heresy and leads us to the truth.



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Mary, Vanquisher of all heresies



“Thou alone hast vanquished
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throughout the world”

From the statutes of the M.I.

The Immaculata overthrows heresies

- The Immaculate Heart of Mary is very afflicted because the Mystical Body of Jesus, the Church, is torn by heretics. She comes to help overthrow heresies and save the misguided.

History records many wonderful examples of the goodness of Our Lady!

- Remember the heresy of the Albigensians, which was eradicated by St. Dominic de Guzman, who was chosen by the Virgin directly and instructed on the means of victory, that is, with the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

- In a similar and more striking way, we remember the victory of Lepanto, obtained with the Rosary, so that Europe was freed from the dangers of Muhammad's doctrine.

One of the great dangers threatening humanity is modernism.



The title Mary, Vanquisher of all heresies

- In encyclical *Pascendi dominici gregis*, Pope St. Pius X invokes the Blessed Virgin Mary by the title 'Destroyer of all heresies'. He took this appellation for the gentle, sweet Blessed Virgin Mary from the *Roman Breviary*.



- The title had particular meaning in *Pascendi dominici gregis*, which was written in 1907 against **modernism**, the “**synthesis of all heresies**.”

- Faced with that crisis, it was proper to appeal to the Vanquisher of all heresies. The title still applies. Indeed, it describes something that has always been true of Our Lady – and is perhaps even more urgent now.

From the encyclical *Pascendi dominici gregis*

Meanwhile, Venerable Brethren, fully confident in your zeal and work, we beseech for you with our whole heart and soul the abundance of heavenly light, so that in the midst of this great perturbation of men's minds by the insidious invasions of error from every side, you may see clearly what you ought to do and may perform the task with all your strength and courage.

May Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of our faith, be with you by His power; and may the Immaculate Virgin, **the destroyer of all heresies**, be with you by her prayers and aid.

Pope St. Pius X, *Pascendi dominici gregis*