

The title **Seat of Wisdom**

- "Seat of Wisdom" or "Throne of Wisdom" (in Latin: *Sedes Sapientiae*) is one of many devotional titles for Mary, the Mother of God.
- It refers to her status as the vessel in which the Holy Child was carried.
- In "Seat of Wisdom" icons and sculptures, Mary is seated on a throne with the Christ Child on her lap.



For the only creature found worthy to conceive and give birth to Eternal Wisdom is Our Lady.

And when we go to her, justly called the Seat of Wisdom, she will lead us to this Treasure.



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*Sedes Sapientiae,
ora pro nobis*

Mary is the Seat of Wisdom

- Mary is the Seat of Wisdom, because she is the mother of the uncreated wisdom: – "the first born before all creatures."

- As the praises of the son are necessarily participated in by the mother, the church celebrates the dignity of Mary by repeating, in the public service by which she honours her, the praises of her Divine Son.

- The wisdom of God was manifested in the creation of the world according to that of the psalmist – "Thou hast done all things in wisdom."



- Our Lady is the Seat of Wisdom because she is the creature who knew and loved God most, contemplating Him in the universe. The Gospel tells us: "she observed all things and kept them in her Heart."

- Our Lady is the Seat of Wisdom because she is the Universal Mediatrix that God established between Himself and men in order to be known and loved.

Mary's participation in God's Wisdom

- Mary participated more in God's wisdom than any other creature, because she approached nearer the source whence it emanated.

- Mary manifested in all her actions the fruits of the Divine Wisdom which had made her the tabernacle of God with men.

- "The fear of the Lord, says the Psalmist, is the beginning of Wisdom," and His holy fear was signally displayed in Mary. How great must have been this filial fear with which Mary watched over all her actions, and which preserved her from ever displeasing the Divine Wisdom.



- Was not her wisdom manifested in the choice of so holy a spouse as Joseph, who was at once the guardian of her innocence before God, and of her character before men?

- Was not her wisdom displayed by treasuring up in her heart whatever words were spoken of her Divine Son?

- But why enumerate particular instances? Did she not enjoy for thirty years, the society of Him, of Whom the evangelist remarks that He "advanced in wisdom and age and grace before God and men?"

The admirable secret to possess Divine Wisdom according to St. Louis Grignion de Montfort



- Mary is the **SECRET MAGNET**.

- Wherever she is, she **DRAWES ETERNAL WISDOM SO POWERFULLY** that He cannot resist. ...Once we possess Mary we shall easily and in a short time possess Divine Wisdom through her intercession. Of all the means to possess Jesus Christ, Mary is the surest, the easiest, the shortest way and the holiest.

- And the best way to belong entirely to Mary is, so to speak, to take Mary into our house by consecrating ourselves unreservedly to her as her servants and slaves. To surrender into her hands all we possess.

- And then, this good teacher, who never allows herself to be outdone in generosity, will give herself to us, in an incomprehensible but real manner, and then **ETERNAL WISDOM WILL COME TO DWELL IN HER AS IN HIS GLORIOUS THRONE ROOM**.