

*LEGION OF MARY*  
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***“Mariology” – Bringing Mary to the World***

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# MARIOLOGY

- *FOUR MARIAN DOGMAS*
- *MARY'S ROLE IN SALVATION HISTORY*
- *BRINGING MARY TO THE WORLD*



# WHAT ABOUT MARY

- ▶ ***CCC Devotion to Mary differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the Incarnate Word, and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and greatly fosters this adoration.***
- ▶ ***Lumen Gentium states "The Church looks at Mary as an example of what it means to be a redeemed person***





# WHAT ABOUT MARY

- ▶ **Saint Bonaventure**
- ▶ *Those who make the glories of Mary known to others are certain of salvation*
- ▶ **Richard of Saint Lawrence**
- ▶ *To honor Mary is to gain eternal life*
- ▶ **Saint Bernard**
- ▶ *There is not a sinner, no matter how wicked, who is lost as long as Mary protects him*

# WHAT IS MARIOLOGY

***Mariology*** is the study of the theology of the revelation of Mary, her role in salvation history and her relevance in our lives.

Through scripture, tradition and historical research, Mariology seeks to uncover the profound significance of Mary's role as the Mother of Jesus and her continued presence in the life of the Church.

# WHAT IS A DOGMA

- ▶ **DOGMA**
- ▶ **A BELIEF COMMUNICATED BY DIVINE REVELATION AND DEFINED BY THE CHURCH AS INFALLIBLY TRUE**

# FOUR GREAT MARIAN DOGMAS



- **The Mother of God**
- **Perpetual Virginity**
- **Immaculate Conception**
- **Assumption into Heaven**

# MARY IS THE MOTHER OF GOD





# NESTORIANISM

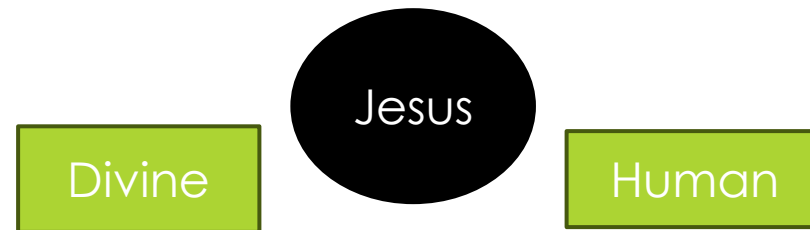
- ▶ **A belief that Jesus was two separate persons – one divine and the other human**
- ▶ **He refused to call Mary the “Mother of God” because he believed Mary to be the mother of Christ, the human person, and not of the Divine person, Jesus, who is both God and man**

Jesus is a  
Divine  
Person

Jesus is a  
human  
person

# MARY IS THE MOTHER OF GOD

- ▶ **Saint Cyril of Alexandria led the Council of Ephesus in 431 to condemn the errors of Nestorius and declare Mary as “The Mother of God”**



- ▶ **Jesus is one person with two natures**
- ▶ **Mary gave birth to a Son who was truly God. She gave Jesus a human nature identical to her own and that is why we call Mary the “Mother of God”**

# MARY'S PERPETUAL VIRGINITY



# MARY'S THREEFOLD VIRGINITY

## ▶ BEFORE THE BIRTH OF JESUS

### ▶ FULFILLMENT OF A PROPHECY

▶ Isiah 7:14

### ▶ APOSTLES CREED

### ▶ NEW TESTAMENT

▶ Luke 1:27

▶ Luke 1:34



# DURING THE BIRTH OF JESUS

- ▶ **Teachings of the Fathers of the Church**
- ▶ **Free from Original Sin**
- ▶ **Teachings of Vatican II and CCC**



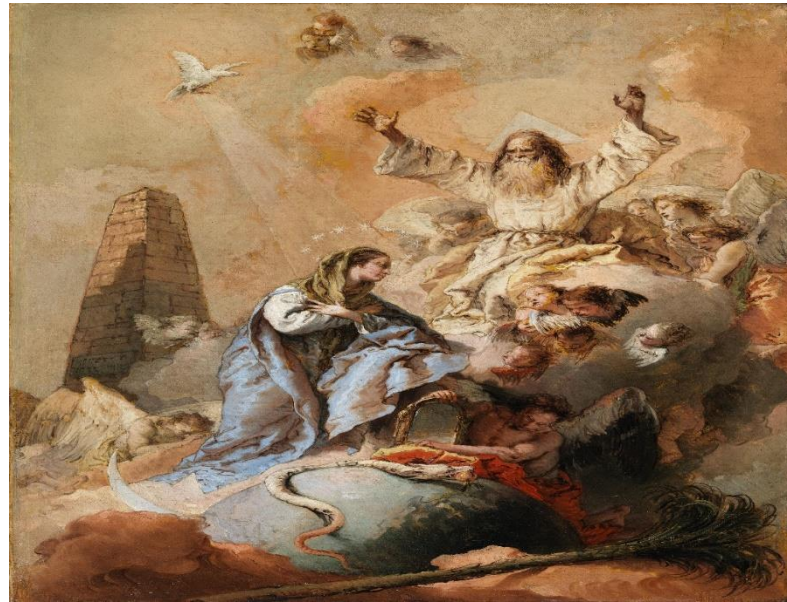


# AFTER THE BIRTH OF JESUS

- ▶ **ANCIENT JEWISH TRADITION**
- ▶ **BOOK OF NUMBERS IN OT**



# THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



**THE GREATEST SINGLE MOMENT OF  
GRACE FOR A HUMAN BEING**

# DOGMA DECLARATION

- ▶ **On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX used the gift of papal infallibility to solemnly define the dogma of the Immaculate Conception**
- ▶ **We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most blessed Virgin Mary, at the first instant of her conception, was preserved immune from all stain of sin, by a singular grace and privilege of the Omnipotent God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, was revealed by God and must be firmly and constantly believed by all the faithful.**

# HOW IS MARY PRESERVED FROM ORIGINAL SIN

- ▶ **By the merits of Jesus Christ**
- ▶ **A higher form of salvation**
  - ▶ ***“I am the Immaculate Conception”***

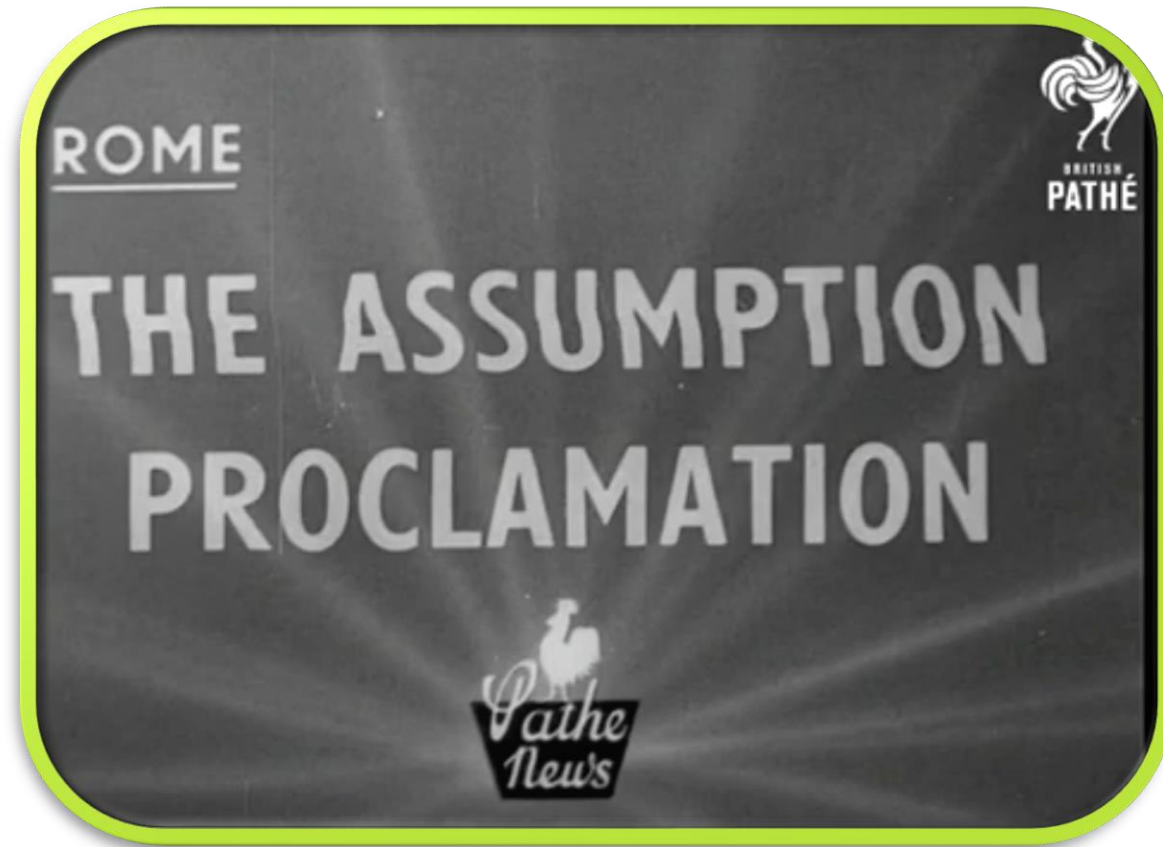
# MARY'S ASSUMPTION INTO HEAVEN



- ▶ **Proclaimed by Venerable Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950**
- ▶ **The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.**



# 1950 PROCLAMATION OF THE ASSUMPTION



# BIBLICAL SUPPORT FOR THE ASSUMPTION



- ▶ Luke 1:28
- ▶ Psalm 132:8
- ▶ Revelation 11:19
- ▶ Revelation 12:1
- ▶ **MARY'S ASSUMPTION IS A SIGN OF HOPE FOR US ALL. IT TELLS US THAT ONE DAY, GOD WILLING, AT THE END OF TIME AND AFTER FINAL JUDGMENT, WE WILL BE JUDGED WORTHY TO HAVE OUR BODIES UNITED WITH OUR SOUL.**

# BIBLICAL SUPPORT FOR THE ASSUMPTION



**Luke 1: 28 “HAIL FULL OF GRACE”**

**Psalms 132: 8 “ARISE O LORD, INTO YOUR RESTING PLACE, YOU AND THE ARK WHICH YOU HAVE SANCTIFIED”**

**Revelation: 11:19 “THEN GOD’S TEMPLE IN HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE ARK OF HIS COVENANT WAS SEEN WITHIN HIS TEMPLE”**

**Revelation: 12:1: “WOMAN CLOTHED WITH THE SUN WHO GIVE TO THE MALE CHILD, THE RULER OF ALL NATIONS.”**

# MARY AS CO-REDEMPTRIX



- ▶ **This is the name given to Mary to identify her unique role with Jesus in the work of human redemption**
- ▶ **Hebrews 10:10**
- ▶ **She suffered with Jesus**
- ▶ **Mary uniquely shared in Jesus' saving work of redemption. Mary alone participated in the actual obtaining of the graces of salvation with Jesus as the co-redemptrix, working and suffering with the Redeemer to restore graces to the world.**

# MARY AS MEDIATRIX

- ▶ **A mediatrix is a woman who is a mediator, a type of go-between, an intercessor.**

- ▶ **MARY AS MEDIATOR**



**MARY CARERS FOR ALL HUMANITY**

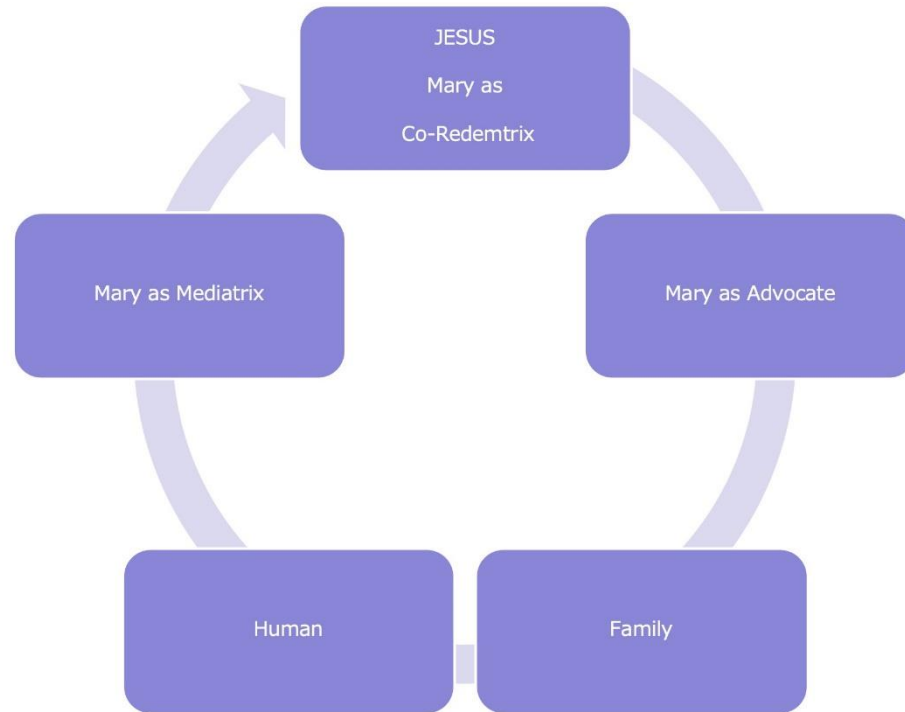


# MARY AS ADVOCATE

- ▶ **An “advocate” is one who speaks on behalf of someone else:**
- ▶ **Queen Mother**
- ▶ **Queen of Jesus’ Kingdom**

# CIRCLE OF GRACE

## Mary's Role in Salvation History



# BRINGING MARY TO THE WORLD

▶ Handbook quote:

▶ **“If devotion to Mary will work wonders, then the great purpose must be to bring that instrument to bear, to bring Mary to the world”**

# ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP IN THE LEGION

- ▶ **“In order to bring Mary to the world, we are all required to act in perfect harmony of loyalty and discipline”**
- ▶ **“The Legion aims to bring Mary to the world as the infallible means of winning the world to Jesus”.**
- ▶ **“Its members become living images of Mary”**

# THE THREE C'S

- ▶ **THE APOSTOLIC WORKS OF THE LEGION OF MARY ARE CATEGORIZED INTO WHAT IT CALLS THE “THREE CS”:**

**CONVERSION**

**CONSERVATION**

**CONSOLOLATION**



# CONVERSION

- ▶ **Bringing a soul closer to Jesus Christ through His Church and by means of the sacraments – introducing the Catholic faith to others:**
  - ▶ **DOOR TO DOOR VISITATION**
  - ▶ **INSTRUMENTAL IN INFANTS BEING BAPTIZED AND TEENS RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**
  - ▶ **APOSTOLATE TO THE CROWD**
  - ▶ **BOOK BARROW**
  - ▶ **EVANGELIZING NEAR ABORTION CLINICS**

# CONSERVATION

## **These works involve strengthening the Catholic faith among baptized Catholics**

- ▶ **Teaching catechism (Faith Formation)**
- ▶ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
- ▶ **First Friday and First Saturday devotion**
- ▶ **Enthronement of the Sacred Heart**
- ▶ **Pilgrim Virgin in homes**
- ▶ **Bible studies**

# CONSOLATION

- ▶ **Works that bring comfort, solace and inner peace to God's people**
- ▶ **The main focus is to bring forth the love and mercy of Jesus Christ to the suffering**
  - ▶ **Visitations to prisons, hospitals, convalescent homes and retirement homes**
  - ▶ **Help make necessary arrangements for confessions and anointing of the sick**
  - ▶ **Bring communion to the homebound**



# PERSONAL SANCTIFICATION

- ▶ **WE NEED THE STRENGTH AND GRACE WHICH COMES FROM:**
- ▶ **Daily prayer**
- ▶ **Daily meditation of the rosary**
- ▶ **Yearly consecration of ourselves to Mary**
- ▶ **“WE ARE ALL YOURS MY QUEEN, MY MOTHER AND ALL THAT WE HAVE IS YOURS”**
- ▶ **AMEN**

# THE MEMORARE

*Remember O most gracious Virgin Mary. That never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me*

AMEN

**"I AM ALL YOURS MY QUEEN AND MOTHER AND ALL THAT I HAVE IS YOURS"**

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