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Meet Your Mother.

You often hear that Mary, mother of Jesus, is also your mother. Is that only pretty exaggeration?

It startled Mary, the young girl, to hear from the angel that she was to be mother of Christ.

"How can that be?" she puzzled. "I am a virgin, vowed to a virginal life."

Then the angel Gabriel assured her that she would remain a virgin and still be mother of the Savior. It would be done, not by weak human agency, but through direct action of the Holy Ghost.

That satisfied Mary. Under illumination of divine grace she saw it all in an instant.

She the woman would help restore what the first woman, Eve, had plundered. She would become both moral and physical mother of the Redeemer.

She would bring Him into the world at Bethlehem, raise Him up at Nazareth, and, on Calvary, take from Him the salvation of all humanity into her motherly care. "Mother, behold thy son." All His brothers, members of His mystical body, would be her sons, too.

As mother of men she would possess power almost measureless. No part, however small, of God's grace would be given unless through her.

Calmly and humbly she accepted the far-reaching burdens and opportunities of this new motherhood. Thy will be done, my God, according to Thy word!

A Mother of Mercy.

What kind of mother is she? Stern, exacting, spiteful? That would be natural. But she is full of grace, above the curse of Adam, outside all the meannesses that came, through the Fall, into the human heart.

She smothers weakness in love. She loves, even sinners, St. Thomas tells us, "with the same love with which she loves her own Son."

And, according to St. Bernard, "the duration of her mercy is unto the end of the sinner's life; the broadness of her mercy is unto the limits of the earth; the height of her mercy is unto heaven; the depth of her mercy is unto the lowest abyss of human sorrow. She is always merciful; she is only merciful; she is our Mother of Mercy."

Tomorrow is the feast of the Maternity of Mary. Offer your Mass and Holy Communion in the morning in honor of Mary. You Notre Dame men, her sons by your own choice, have special claims upon her motherhood.

Take ten minutes to say the beads tomorrow, and continue the practice each of the remaining days of this month. This Mother of Mercy is your life, your sweetness, and your home.

Gaps In Adoration.

7:30; 8:00; 8:30; 9:30; 10:30; 11:00; 11:30; 12:00; 1:30; 2:00; 4:00; 5:00

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of Jack O'Neil; uncle of Art Kane (Dillon); godmother of John Anderson '31. Ill, Joe Callahan. Deceased, grandmother of James Dutton.