

Is Your Mother Proud of You?

Of course she is -- even though you sometimes wonder why. And you are proud of her. You can show the world that you are proud of her by making the Novena to the Mother of God for her intentions.

The Month of Hope

The statue on the dome represents the Blessed Virgin as crushing the head of the serpent, in fulfillment of the promise made to Adam when he was driven from Paradise. The month of May, when the flowers bloom again, is the month of hope -- and hope in Mary and her Divine Son kept faith alive in the human race for the coming of the Redeemer.

Hope Makes Life Worth Living

The hope of a future, eternal life, a life without injustice, inequality, sickness, hardships, death, is what makes life worth living. "Though I should walk in the midst of the shadow of death, I will fear no evils, for Thou art with me." -- Ps. 22.

The Seed of Resurrection

"He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath everlasting life and I will raise him up in the last day.

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Many therefore of his disciples, hearing it said: This saying is hard, and who can bear it?

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"After this many of his disciples went back; and walked no more with him.

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"Then Jesus said to the twelve: Will you also go away?

"And Simon Peter answered him: Lord to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." -- John, 6:55, 61, 67-69.

Exegesis.

Holy Communion is the seed of eternal life. It seemed a hard doctrine to some who had followed Our Blessed Lord up to that time, and wedded to their own opinions, they went away. Christ did not call them back. He did not tell them they had misunderstood Him; He let them go.

Strengthening Hope.

A Notre Dame Man without devotion to the Blessed Virgin is a contradiction in terms. Ask Our Blessed Mother, "Our tainted nature's solitary beast," to teach you during her fair month, the meaning of the virtue of hope. Ask her to teach you how to plant "the seed of immortality." Ask her to prepare your heart each morning for a worthy reception of her Blessed Son, and to help you thank Him for coming. Unite these two great devotions of the Notre Dame man by daily Communion and a daily visit to the Grotto.

A Reminder.

Take care of your confession tonight. The basement chapel will be crowded tomorrow morning. The Novena begins tomorrow.

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Special for Mother's Day.

The spiritual boquet cards, now in the hands of the printer, will contain the following items:

Novena for Mother's Day.
Masses offered.
Masses heard.
Holy Communions.
Spiritual Communions.
Rosaries.
Aspirations.
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament.
Visits to the Grotto.
Mortifications.

These cards will be sold for the benefit of the Bengal Mission.

Important

If God has taken your mother, send the card to your father or to her sister or your sister -- some one will appreciate it.

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