

MARY IMMACULATE!



She, so sinless, does not withhold pitying help from sinners. Men and women of Catholic instinct, training and tradition, know this. The circumstance that they do know it keeps them from surrendering to a discouragement that mounts to despair when the affairs of time go not so well with them. The thought has kept them from putting an end to dependence and privation during those days of depression, by making a mad leap from time into eternity.

And she the Immaculate expresses beauty in equal measure with mercy. We cannot think of the wonder of her perfection without including beauty. And not only spiritual beauty, of which ascetic writers are never tired telling, but physical beauty too; beauty of assembled and unified features that express a face; shapeliness of body, grace of movement, charm of speech and look. And so she is--and we say it in a reverent humility--the universal sweetheart of Catholic men who labor in the work of life, of boys who battle for their conquests.

Immaculate of the race! We follow the trail of her garments--far-off sometimes, it is to be feared; but we follow, never losing the vision of the splendor, we hope. And if we keep in the wake of her, she will stay for our hesitant, uncertain feet, and show us home.

(--From the Ave Maria for December 7, 1935.)

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Tomorrow is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Offer your Mass and Communion in honor of Our Lady.

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The Christmas Novena for your Parents starts Monday. Mass and Communion daily. Adoration from 7:30 to 5:00 every day of the novena (excepting next Monday afternoon and the following Sunday.)

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AYERS: (deceased) Mr. Frank Robison, father of F. Wells Robison ('34). Ill, Mrs.annon, friend of Bill Sheils ('34); Bob Heywood (Dillon); Ralph Wingfield.