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Devotion to Mary

NEVER was the devotion to Our Lady more tersely and yet more adequately set forth than in the words of that worthy child of Mary, the amiable little saint Stanislaus: "Mater Dei mater mea." The one who is Mother of God is my mother: this short sentence conveys to us the formal motive of the honour due to Mary; for if we honour her as we do it is solely because she is the Mother of God. It marks out the measure of that honour, for if we honour her more than any other of God's creatures, it is because she was raised by God Himself to a dignity, as His mother, far exceeding any other dignity He could bestow. It assigns the motive of our confidence in her, for she has the power to help us, since as mother of our Redeemer her intercessory power with Him is boundless. It makes it equally clear for us that if she has the power to help us, as our mother she is also most disposed to