

### JUBILEE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

General Intention for May Named and Blessed by the Sovereign Pontiff.

"I am the Immaculate Conception" was the response as if from heaven, to the definition of December 8th, 1854, proclaimed by the Church on earth. It has been a response given at Lourdes amid such prodigious signs that there can be no doubt of its heavenly origin or of the authority of the voice that uttered it. In light and celestial glory with the testimony of miracles, Mary Immaculate reveals herself as the hope of a world plunging back into paganism, a vision of supernatural truth, grace and purity, before the eyes of nations defiled by the stains and vices of a materialistic age.

Our reigning Pontiff Pius X., in order to prepare the world for the coming jubilee, calls its attention in an encyclical to this great truth and establishes the claim of Mary Immaculate to our confidence and devotion. In view of the Intention for the Month of May, we can assuredly do nothing better or more pleasing for our associates than to give them a summary of the thoughts of this beautiful letter.

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Referring to the chief reason why the fiftieth year after the proclamation of the Immaculate Conception should excite a singular fervor in the souls of Christians, the Pontiff asks: "Can any one fail to see that there is no surer or more direct road, than by Mary for uniting all in Christ and obtaining through Him the perfect adoption of sons, that we may be holy and immaculate in the sight of God?" For she is that blessed one among all women through whom the Son of God, invisible in Himself, by a new birth became visible in our flesh and as the Son of God made man as the author and finisher of our faith, it follows that His Mother Most Holy must have shared in the Divine mysteries as their guardian, and after Christ as the noblest foundation of the faith of all centuries. Since Divine Providence has been pleased that the Man-God should be born of Mary, it only remains for us to receive Christ from the hands of Mary.

Hence Holy Scripture almost invariably presents to us the Redeemer in figure and prophecy as united with His mother. The lamb was to be sent to rule—from the rock of the desert; the flower was to blossom—from the root of Jesse. Adam saw the woman crushing the serpent's head, and he dried the tears that the malediction had brought into his eyes. Noah was saved from the deluge—but in the ark. Abraham was prevented from slaying his son, in whom all nations were to be blessed,—by an angel. Moses was overcome with wonder at the sight of God in a burning bush that was not consumed. Thus after Christ we find Mary the fulfilment of the figures and oracles of the old testament.

As to the new dispensation, when shepherds and Wise Men led by signs and apparitions, sought the new born king, did they not find Him with Mary His Mother; and can it be doubted that with her alone of all others Jesus was united for thirteen years in closest ties of intimacy and domestic life? She had a clear knowledge of the mystery of the Incarnation which is the beginning and foundation of faith. She kept in her heart and pondered the events of Bethlehem, on what took place in the Temple of the Lord in Jerusalem, and sharing the thoughts and inmost wishes of her Son, she may be said to have lived His very life. Who ever knew Christ as she did, and who, therefore can be a more competent teacher of the knowledge of Christ?

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As we obtain through Mary the knowledge of Christ, to know whom is eternal life, we also gain through her more easily that life of grace of which Christ is the fount and principle. Because she is the Mother of Christ, she is our Mother also, for Scripture tells us she brought Him forth, not only as the Man-God, but also as Saviour. "For this day is born to you a Savior who is Christ the

Lord," born namely, as Head of the mystical and spiritual body of the redeemed. "We are many in one body in Christ," all we believe in Him. All who are united in Christ by the Grace of his Headship are, says the Apostle, "members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones." The Mother of the Head is the mother of the members. We are therefore by grace the children of Mary, and she is "the Mother spiritually and truly of the members of Christ which we are." (St. Augustin). Who then, can doubt that she uses all means to obtain from the "Head of the body of the Church," that He transfuse His gifts through His members, above all the gift of knowing Him and living by Him.

Mary has still another claim to the title of Mother of the Redeemed, because of the intimate part she took in the work of the Redemption. Having given the substance of His flesh to the only-begotten Son of God, who was to be born with human members, a substance from which the victim was to be prepared for the salvation of men, she was entrusted with the charge of guarding and nourishing the victim and of presenting Him for the sacrifice at the appointed time. After a never-broken communion of life and labor between the Son and the Mother, when the last hour came, there stood by the cross of Jesus His Mother offering her only begotten for the human race, participating in His passion, and willingly suffering all the torments which her Son suffered. Now by this communion of pain and will Mary "merited to become most worthily the restorer of the lost world and, therefore, the dispenser of all the gifts which Jesus purchased for us by His death and His blood."

True, the distribution of these gifts belongs strictly to Christ in His own right, who is by nature the Mediator between God and man, yet, by that participation of pain and sorrow, "it was granted to the august Virgin to be with her only begotten Son, the most potent mediatrix and advocate in all the earth." (Pius IX, Ineffabilis). Christ is therefore the fount, "and of His fulness we have all received." Mary is the channel, or, as St. Bernardine says, "the neck of our Head through which every spiritual gift is communicated to his mystical body." She is the first of ministers in the distribution of grace; and as Christ sitteth on high, so Mary stands at His right hand, Queen, "the surest refuge and the most faithful helper of all in peril, so that we have naught to fear or despair of so long as she is our guide and protector and intercessor and defender." Hapless, then, is their lot who neglect Mary under pretext of the honor to be paid to Jesus Christ. As if the Child could be found without Mary, His Mother. So true is it that Mary knew as none else knew the secrets of the heart of Jesus; she distributes as by a mother's right the treasures of His merits and is the surest help to knowledge and love of Christ.

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This is the end which the devout exercises and solemnities ought to have in view at the approaching celebration of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, to know and really love Jesus Christ, and to follow His example. Unless we add to outward manifestations the homage of the heart and will, they will be empty forms, mere appearances of piety. "He that keepeth my commandments, he it is that loveth me," and as the Virgin said to the servants at the marriage-feast: "Whatsoever He shall say to you, do ye," so if we turn to her with true devotion of the heart and will, we shall keep the commandments.

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Hate of sin. Let all therefore, take this as certain, that if their piety towards the Blessed Virgin does not keep them from sinning, or inspire the desire to mend their evil ways, it is false and deceptive piety. That true devotion to Mary should show itself in hate of sin, the very dogma of the Immaculate Conception teaches. We shrink with horror from the thought that as Denis the Carthusian so well expresses, "this woman who was to crush the head of the serpent

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should have been crushed by him, and that the Mother of God was ever, even for a moment, the child of the demon." Why this, but that God and sin are divided from each other by an infinite chasm. Such is this hate that from all eternity He decreed that the future Mother of His Son should be free from every sin, and by a singular gift He accorded her from the first moment of her conception the privilege of exemption from that original stain which the children of Adam bring with them into the world as a fatal legacy.

If, however we wish, as all should wish, our devotion to be full and worthy of her, we should strive might and main to imitate the example of all her virtues. True, we can hope for heaven only so far as we bear the image of the patience and sanctity of Christ, "the first born among many brethren." But our weakness is such that the splendor of the Divine Exemplar overcomes and dazes, and the Providence of God has proposed another Exemplar, who, being the nearest possible to Christ, accords more closely with our littleness. This second pattern is the Mother of God, in whose life, as in a mirror, says St. Ambrose is reflected the brightness of chastity and the form of virtue." We desire the faithful to copy with particular earnestness, the chief virtues which are the nerves and joints of Christian life.

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Faith, Hope and Charity ever shone forth from Mary's life, yet they reached their highest brightness when, at the foot of the Cross, amid blasphemies and mockery because "He made Himself the Son of God," she recognized and adored with unshaken constancy His Divinity. She placed Him dead in the sepulchre, but never for a moment doubted that He would rise again.

The love of God, with which she was consumed, makes her a partaker in the sufferings of Christ, and at the same time, as if forgetful of her own sorrow, she prays for the pardon of the executioners though they cry out in their hate His blood be upon us and upon our children.

The error of our times, which aims at these virtues a deadly blow, and strikes at the very root of Christianity itself, is Naturalism. It denies the original fall, consequently the need of a Redeemer, grace and Church. But let the people believe and confess the Immaculate Conception of Mary, and all these dogmas are safe. Rationalism, materialism, anarchism are torn up by the roots and to Christianity will belong the glory of protecting truth and order.

Well, then, may we pray during Mary's month that the preparation for and approaching celebration of the jubilee of her Immaculate Conception may beget all over the world a renewal of that true devotion explained in the Encyclical of Pius X.—J. J. C., in Messenger of the Sacred Heart.

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