

## MARKS OF AUTHENTIC DEVOTION TO OUR MOTHER

*From St. Louis de Montfort's Book, "True Devotion to Mary"*

After having explained and condemned false devotions to the Blessed Virgin, we shall now briefly describe what true devotion is. It is interior, trustful, holy, constant and disinterested.

**First**, true devotion to Our Lady is interior, that is, it comes from within the mind and the heart and follows from the esteem in which we hold her, the high regard we have for her greatness, and the love we bear her.

**Second**, it is trustful; that is to say, it fills us with confidence in the Blessed Virgin, the confidence that a child has for its loving Mother. It prompts us to go to her in every need of body and soul with great simplicity, trust and affection. We implore our Mother's help always, everywhere, and for everything. We pray to her to be enlightened in our

doubts, to be put back on the right path when we go astray, to be protected when we are tempted, to be strengthened when we are weakening, to be lifted up when we fall into sin, to be encouraged when we are losing heart, to be rid of our scruples, to be consoled in the trials, crosses and disappointments of life. Finally, in all our afflictions of body and soul, we naturally turn to Mary for help, with never a fear of importuning her or displeasing Our Lord.

**Third**, true devotion of Our Lady is holy, that is, it leads us to avoid sin and to imitate the virtues of Mary. Her ten principal virtues are: deep humility, lively faith, blind obedience, unceasing prayer, constant self-denial, surpassing purity, ardent love, heroic patience, angelic kindness, and heavenly wisdom.

**Fourth**, true devotion to Our Lady is constant. It strengthens us in our desire to do

good and prevents us from giving up our devotional practices too easily. It gives us the courage to oppose the fashions and maxims of the world, the vexations and unruly inclinations of the flesh and the temptations of the devil. Thus a person truly devoted to Our Blessed Lady is not changeable, fretful, scrupulous or timid. We do not say, however, that such a person never sins or that his sensible feelings of devotion never change. When he has fallen, he stretches out his hand to his Blessed Mother and rises again. If he loses all taste and feeling for devotion, he is not at all upset because a good and faithful servant of Mary is guided in his life by faith in Jesus and Mary, and not by feelings.

**Fifth**, true devotion to Mary is disinterested. It inspires us to seek God in his Blessed Mother and not ourselves. The true subject

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## TEACH PEOPLE TO PRAY THE ROSARY

*From "The Pope Speaks"*

The 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of October 13, 1917, when the miraculous "dance of the sun" occurred in the sky, is an excellent occasion for me to turn in spirit to that shrine, since I cannot do so in person, with a prayer to the Mother of God for the preparation of the Christian people – and in a certain way of all humanity – for the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, and with an exhortation to families and ecclesial communities to recite the Rosary daily.

On the threshold of the third millennium, as we observe the signs of the times in this 20<sup>th</sup> century, Fatima is certainly one of the greatest, among other reasons because its message announces many of the later events and conditions them on the response to its appeals.

Signs of the times include two world wars, but also great gatherings of nations and peoples marked by dialogue and peace; the oppression and turmoil suffered by various nations and peoples, but also the voice and the opportunities given to peoples and individuals who, in the meantime, have emerged on the international scene.

The signs of the times include the crises, desertions and many sufferings of the Church's members, but also renewed and intense feelings of solidarity and mutual dependence in Christ's Mystical Body, which is being strengthened in all the baptized, in accordance with their vocation and mission.

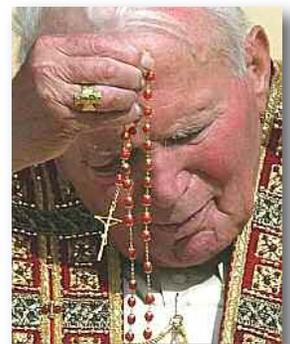
They include also the separation from and abandonment of God by individuals and societies, but also the in-breaking of the Spirit of Truth in hearts and communities, to

the point of sacrifice and martyrdom, to save "God's image and likeness in man" (cf. Gn 1:27), to save man from himself.

Among these and other signs of the times, as I said, Fatima stands out and helps us see the hand of God, our providential Guide and patient and compassionate Father, also in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

In analyzing the human separation from God in the light of Fatima, we should recall that it is not the first time that, feeling rejected and

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*Pope John Paul II*

of Mary does not serve his illustrious Queen for selfish gain. He does not serve her for temporal or eternal well-being but simply and solely because she has the right to be served and God alone in her. He loves her, not so much because she is good to him or because he expects something from her, but simply because she is lovable. That is why he loves her and serves her just as faithfully in weariness and dryness of soul as in sweet and sensible fervor. He loves her as much on Calvary as at Cana. How pleasing and precious in the sight of God and his holy Mother must these servants of Mary be who serve her without any self-seeking. How rare they are nowadays! It is to

increase their number that I have taken up my pen to write what I have been teaching with success, both publicly and in private, in my missions for many years.

I have already said many things about the Blessed Virgin and, as I am trying to fashion a true servant of Mary and a true disciple of Jesus, I have still a great deal to say, although through ignorance, inability, and lack of time, I shall leave infinitely more unsaid.



But my labor will be rewarded if this little book falls into the hands of a noble soul, a child of God and of Mary, born not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man. My time will be well spent if, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, after having read this book he is convinced of the supreme value of the solid devotion to Mary I am about to describe. If I thought that my guilty blood could help the reader to accept in his heart the truths that I set down in honor of my dear Mother and Queen, I, her most unworthy child and slave, would use it instead of ink to write these words. I would hope to find faithful souls who, by their perseverance in the devotion I teach, will repay her for the loss she has suffered through my ingratitude and infidelity.

I feel more than ever inspired to believe and expect the complete fulfillment of the desire that is deeply engraved on my heart and what I have prayed to God for over many years, namely, that in the near or distant future the Blessed Virgin will have more children, servants and slaves of love than ever before, and that through them Jesus, my dear Lord, will reign more than ever in the hearts of men.

I clearly foresee that raging beasts will come in fury to tear to pieces with their diabolical teeth this little book and the one the Holy Spirit made use of to write it, or they will cause it at least to lie hidden in the darkness and silence of a chest and so prevent it from seeing the light of day. They will even attack and persecute those who read it and put into practice what it contains. But no matter! So much the better! It even gives me encouragement to hope for great success at the prospect of a mighty legion of brave and valiant soldiers of Jesus and Mary, both men and women, who will fight the devil, the world, and corrupt nature in the perilous times that are sure to come.

“Let the reader understand. Accept this teaching who can.”

**True devotion to Mary always leads to Jesus. As Mary said, “...Do whatever He tells you.” Jn. 2:5**

despised by man but respecting his freedom, God allows man to feel distant from Him, with the consequent obscuring of life which causes darkness to fall on history, but afterward provides a refuge.

This already happened on Calvary, when God Incarnate was crucified and died at the hands of men. And what did Christ do? After invoking the mercy of heaven with the words, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do” (Lk 23:34) He entrusted humanity to Mary, His Mother, “Woman, behold, your son” (Jn 19:26). A symbolic interpretation of this Gospel event enables us to see reflected in Him the final scene of the well-known and common experience of the son who, feeling misunderstood, confused and rebellious leaves his father’s house to wander into the night.

And his mother’s mantle protects him from the cold during his sleep, helping him to overcome his despair and loneliness. Beneath the maternal mantle, which extends from Fatima over the whole world, humanity senses anew it’s longing for the Father’s house and for His Bread (cf. Lk 15:17).

Dear pilgrims, as if it were possible to embrace all humanity, I ask you to say in her name and for her sake, “We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God. Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.”

“Woman, behold, your son.” Thus Jesus spoke to His Mother, while thinking of John, His beloved disciple who also stood at the foot of the cross. Who has no cross? To carry it day after day, following in the footsteps of the Master, is the condition the Gospel imposes on us (cf. Lk 9:23), certainly as a blessing of salvation (cf. 1 Cor 1;23-24).

The secret lies in not losing sight of the first Crucified One to whom the Father responded with the glory of the Resurrection, and who began this pilgrimage of the blessed.

That contemplation took the simple and effective form of meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary, popularly venerated and recommended with great insistence by the Church’s magisterium. Dear brothers and sisters, recite the Rosary every day.

I earnestly urge pastors to pray the Rosary and to teach people in their Christian communities how to pray it. For the faithful and courageous fulfillment of the human and Christian duties proper to each one’s state, help the people of God to return to the daily recitation of the Rosary, this sweet conversation of children with the Mother whom “they took into their house” (cf. Jn 19:27).

Joining in this conversation and making my own the joys and hopes, the sorrows and anxieties of everyone, I fraternally greet all who are physically or spiritually taking part in the October pilgrimage, invoking for everyone, but in a special way for those who suffer, God’s comfort and strength, so that they may be willing to “complete what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is the Church” (cf Col 1:24), recalling the “truly tremendous mystery on which one can never sufficiently meditate.”

**-Pope John Paul II**

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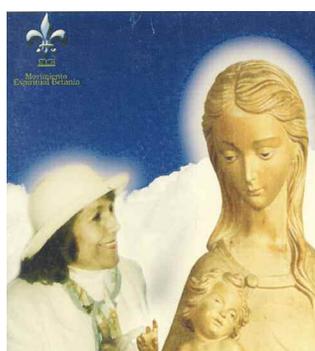
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