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*“And the Lady
stayed with her
Apostles ...*



*Until
the Spirit came.”*

*The Lady of All Nations
May 31, 1954*

AND I WILL ASK THE
FATHER ~~AND HE~~ WILL GIVE
ANOTHER ADVOCATE
TO DWELL WITH
YOU FOREVER

May:
The month of
Mary



The most holy Virgin, who is a Mother of sweetness and mercy, and who never lets Herself be outdone in love and liberality, seeing that we give ourselves entirely to Her, to honor and serve Her,,, meets us in the same spirit. She also gives Her whole self, and gives it in an unspeakable manner, to him who gives all to Her. ...In a word, as that consecrated person is all Mary's, so Mary is all his...

St. Louis de Montfort

FROM the FOUNDER:

Dear Children of Mary...

At the first Pentecost, the Apostles were gathered around Mary, The Mother, praying and awaiting the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised them would come and remind them of all that He had taught them. She was already the Mother of the Church and as such it was Her that the Holy Spirit, Her spouse, came to perfect in Her role as Mother of all the children of God for all time. After descending on Her first, the Holy Spirit, in the form of a flame, burst forth to rest on the Apostles as well. In doing so He gave the Apostles the grace to be witnesses of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Our Lady then, was 2nd to Peter in hierarchy, but first in grace and holiness, and perfection of virtue.

Our Lord Jesus, by the will of the Father, wanted to give us Himself in a new way in giving us the Holy Spirit. Up to this point in salvation history, the Holy Spirit was only given to men according to their mission or special office. But now He wanted to give Himself to all His children that they may manifest His presence through His gifts.

These gifts confer, first of all, His holiness through union with Him. The Holy Spirit, which is the binding Love between the Father and the Son, is also the binding Love between the Father and all His children. Through this Love present in us, the gifts of the Holy Spirit are manifest in each of us according to the call of God. It is the Holy Spirit who both inspires and accomplishes the work of God in us and through us, says St. Paul. Therefore, according to His purpose and will for us and what He desires to do through us, is the Holy Spirit manifested by specific gifts.

St Louis De Montfort said that the more the Holy Spirit finds Mary in a soul, the more He flies there and works wonders of grace in that soul. And this is certainly true. The Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary and produced through this union, a God-Man. The Holy Spirit continues to seek Mary, but now in souls, and when He finds Her He unites Himself to Her in that soul and produces in that soul, through that same union, what He has always produced by it, namely another God-Man. Only now this is purely spiritual instead of physical since there can only be one Jesus Christ in the flesh; but there can be an infinite amount of souls possessing Jesus Christ through divine union and in such a way as to be not only alter Christus (other Christs), but ipsu Christus (Christ Himself)! Is this not what St Paul means when he says, it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me?

So let us unite ourselves to Mary, who will draw upon us the Holy Spirit, Her Spouse, and make us into the image of Christ that Our Father created us to be. And that fire of the Holy Spirit will transform us by binding us to His Love, and allow us to live in that love, which allows God's purpose for us to be fulfilled, whatever the calling.

God bless you and Mary keep you
Br. Mariamartin



The month of...



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A personal testimony about Mary my Mother, who for love of God is a mother to all God's children.

What can we say about Mary that has not been said before. Mary is our Mother, we know it and say it often; but I am sure that most people do not truly understand what this means due to their own mother issues that get projected onto Her and distort the true image of motherhood of which She is the archtype.

Some of my earliest memories are of being at family Church gatherings, like weddings, funerals and wakes. Both my parents were of large families (10 children each), so there were many of these occasions throughout any of the years growing up. I remember being at the wakes when the rosary was being prayed. I was too young to know the prayers, but I liked the Hail Mary. It seemed a prayer of comfort to me as a small child. When I would try to repeat what I heard I sometimes felt a comforting presence, like a warm blanket when your cold, and it instilled a calm in me. Of course I did not know what this was, but

it made me associate this sensation with the praying of the rosary.



When I was in high school, one of the core members of the teen program started a weekly rosary in the afternoon on a weekday. Very few people came to it and no more than 7 teens ever showed up. I was hungry for God and remembered liking the rosary when I was very young and so I went to see if it was something for me. I found it even more than what I remembered from my childhood. It brought me a deep peace and filled me with what I now know as spiritual consolation. Every time I prayed it, I received, at some point during it, infused contemplation which would last throughout the duration of the rosary and would linger for a time after it was over. I was too ignorant at the time to know it was a call of sorts, to grow in a deeper relationship with Our Lady; to experience it was Her way of saying, "I love you my son,

Love Me, and I will take you to Jesus." At the time I just thought that this prayer in and of itself caused this and everyone who ever prayed it experienced the same thing. I had not had any religious education or instruction at all growing up, and certainly no spiritual formation whatsoever, so this is what I concluded about my experience of praying the rosary.



When I was on core in the teen program, at an Easter vigil, at one point people who wanted to be prayer over could be. When I was prayed over I had a vision. I saw a wall made of wood, and the shape of a cross emerged out of the wood. It grew to a huge size. Then it became as of stone, and then it began to glow, and got brighter and brighter while it began to spin faster and faster until it seemed to be of gold and the entire area around it seemed of a gold glow though I could still see the cross clearly. Then I heard a voice say, "listen to Her." I knew it was God speaking of Our Lady.

I did not really understand how to do this, the full meaning of those words, only that Our Lord wanted me to listen to Her, that She was to teach me, that I was to see Her as my teacher. All I could think of at the time was to begin to pray the rosary more, so I did that but still felt that there was more to it and that I would know more down the road. In that moment though when I heard those words I had an unction, a moment of real clarity that God spoke to me and instilled something in me; that I had something in me now that I didn't before. And with all my being I wanted to do what He had said, I just did not really know how to go about it.



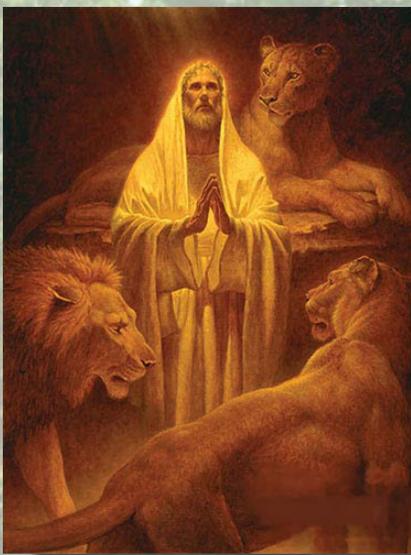
That October at a prayer meeting someone came to talk about Mary appearing in Medjugorje. She played a video tape of a priest who had been there just a few months earlier in June for the anniversary of the first apparition there. This would be the June between my vision and that October. He told of an experience he had on the anniversary date up the big hill where the visionaries had their apparition during their daily rosary. There were a tremendous amount of people gathered there. There was a giant stone cross there on top of the hill, about 15' high. At some point all the people saw the cross start to spin and as it spun it began to glow until it became gold. It was the same experience I had in my vision. This had never happened before, nor since that day. I had told one person about this vision and she was there at the prayer meeting, I looked over at her and she was already looking at me with an expression of understanding on her face. I knew at that moment I had to go there, that this was my next step to understanding more fully how to listen to Her. I felt another spiritual unction then, another moment of complete clarity. God was asking something of me and He

was going to take me step by step to follow His will for me. I trusted fully that He would not leave me wanting, or leave me not knowing enough or understanding enough. He knew what He was doing with me and I just had to give my fiat to what I did know, and He would take care of the rest. This I was certain of now.



When I went to Medjugorje I had many beautiful experiences and experienced many of the phenomena associated with Medjugorje. But the most significant experience for me was

the morning of the last day there. I decided to get up early and go up the hill of the Cross. As a penance I decided to run up the mountain. I was still in an athlete's shape then. I was all alone as the sun was just rising and when I got to the top there was no one else there. It was cold and windy. As I was praying, I remembered that early on in the apparitions Our Lady said that many people put up crosses when they come to Medjugorje, but very few take crosses with them when they leave from Medjugorje. I prayed with all my heart to take whatever crosses She desired to give me back home. What I discovered after coming home was that the crosses She had in mind were my purification. I discovered that there were two areas of my life that I had not fully given over to God. That in my desire to be free of all sin I had taken control and relied on my strong self will to overcome tendencies. I learned from going through my purification that this was not the way to truly overcome sinful tendencies; it was really a form of self reliance. It worked for a time but only because God hadn't allowed any severe temptations to that point. But when I started my purification, He allowed what is called *obsessive temptations*, strong temptations that can last from a few hours to several days without reprieve. The reason He allows them is to get the soul to realize he is relying on self instead of God. No matter how strong of a will a soul has it is no match for the devil in full force. The only way to be truly strong is to have a dependency on God because only He is all powerful, and only His



“If you believe that from all bad can come good through the love of God, then you will have begun to heal.”

God the Father, Seeing with the Eyes of the Soul p. 670

strength is unmatched and is able to defeat the enemy of our souls.

This may seem strange but I did not know how to pray through temptations or aim my will at seeking His presence; I had always just exercised my will with all my strength to resist temptation, not knowing I needed to use all my strength to seek God's help. Like I said, since my former way had worked up to that point I did not know it wasn't the best way. When a soul is in an obsessive temptation it feels like an eternal now, with no end in sight, and it takes away the soul's ability to think clearly. There is no reasoning your way out of it, it can not be fought with the intellect. All that is left is to become a humble beggar and trust in God's merciful love, that He will not let it last longer than you can handle. It was a process of learning over time, but when finally through it all, I had the certainty that praying one Hail Mary with all my heart and strength was enough to make the devil flee. It was not smooth sailing by any means. I learned a lot through consequences of poor decisions and major failings and finally understood that I had to let go of control to allow His grace to operate fully in me and to allow Him to fully be my God and Father. But once I did, I felt His power in me in a way I never had before, and I could never again make the mistake of relying on self to do His will, but complete dependency was the only way. To use all my strength to

depend on His strength was the only real strength to have to not fall into the snares of the adversary.

About a year after my trip to Medjugorje I came across a book in a Catholic book store, *True Devotion to Mary* by St Louis DeMontfort. I started reading it and couldn't put it down so I figured I should buy it. It was truly a revelation to me. He talked about Her in a way I had never heard before. I realized this was the next step in listening to Her, to first know Her, really know Her. He wasn't afraid to love Her, He didn't have the scruple of thinking that to love Her, trust Her, pray to Her was going to offend Jesus in any way. In fact He explained that it was just the opposite; that to love Her this way, to give Her this devotion was exactly what God had intended all along.

After about the first 20 pages or so I began to have a doubt that this was within church teaching. But then I reread the page on "from the popes", and realized it had to be for all the popes to have said what they said about this writing. Then I was inspired to pray this prayer. "Lord I accept in advance that all that is in this book about Her is true with all that I am." After this I seemed to have a special grace to understand it all, without looking up the quotes and scripture passages and having to look for other sources in church teaching to verify the truths of this sublime writing. Well, before I finished the book, I gave the book to every-

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Our Lady of All Nations

*Our Lady appeared to Ida Peerdeman of Amsterdam (1945-1959) to announce God's plan to save the world through "the Mother-
"Coredemptrix, Mediatrix & Advocate" ". (These messages are approved.)*

She also prophesied that a declaration of the final Marian Dogma under this title would take place on a future May 31st (text) & would bring world Peace.

She gave us this powerful prayer below & wants us to say it daily to invoke Her intercession for God's powerful blessings:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send now your Spirit over the earth. Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all Nations, that they may be preserved from degeneration, disaster and war. May the Lady of All Nations, the Blessed Virgin Mary, be our Advocate! Amen.



Note: The famous miraculous statue of Our Lady of Akita was modeled after this Image.

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The titles of Co-Redemptrix Mediatrix and Advocate are already part of Catholic Doctrine. They have been used by many Popes and Pope J.P. 11 used it 5 times during his pontificate. So it has papal approbation. Making it a Dogma would be to give it a solemn definition whereby all Christians would have the same and full understanding of its meaning, since there are a lot of misconceptions about it now. The problem most people have is with the term Co-Redemptrix, as Mediatrix and Advocate are already used dogmatically in Lumen Gentium which is the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church from the 2nd Vatican Council. It must be understood that it does not make Her equal to God or another God or a 4th person of the Godhead turning a Trinity into a Quadrinity. It is like all of the baptized as St. Paul says we are all cooperators in God's plan of redemption and salvation. And we do this through our union with Him, dependent on Him. The difference is that She has a different union with Him because of Her Immaculateness, Her sinlessness, Her perfect union with Him, and Her being the Mother of God and Queen of Heaven. These things give Her a unique union with Him as a Trinity of persons and therefore a unique role of cooperation with Him. And it is not that God had need of Her in the absolute sense but wanted to give us more help in order to make it easier for us to be united to Him and to participate more easily in His plan for us.



An excerpt from Our Lord--Poem of the Man God Vol4, p. 608 & 621

Jesus: "But a voice came from the earthly paradise, the Voice of a God, saying: "I will create enmity between you and the Woman... She will crush your head and you will lay snares for Her heel". Nothing but snares, because the Woman will have, She has in Herself, what defeats the Enemy. So She has been redeeming since She existed. An active, although concealed redemption. ...Do you not remember Tobit? His hymn?... Has Jerusalem any longer a Tabernacle in which is God? Can God from His glory be present the sins consumed within the walls of the Temple? Another Tabernacle was necessary, a holy one, to be a star leading errant people back to the Most High. And that is accomplished in the Co-Redeemer Who throughout ages will rejoice at being the Mother of the redeemed. "You shall shine with a bright light. All the peoples of the earth will come to You from afar bringing gifts and will worship the Lord in You... They will invoke your great name... Those who will not listen to You will be among those cursed, and blessed will be those who gather round You... You will be happy in Your children because they will be the blessed ones gathered near the Lord". The true hymn of the Co-Redeemer. And the angels who see are already singing in Heaven... The new heavenly Jerusalem begins in Her. Oh! Yes, that is the truth. And the world is unaware of Her. And the dull-minded rabbis of Israel do not know Her..."

And with Baruch I say: To establish the true Kingdom of God, God will not choose proud giants, and He will let them perish in their own folly" outside the paths of Wisdom (*prefig of Mary*). Because to ascend to heaven with one's spirit, one must have a humble and obedient and above all an entirely loving spirit, because Wisdom speaks her own language, that is, she speaks the language of love, because she is Love. To become acquainted with her paths it is necessary to have limpid humble eyes, free from the treble concupiscence. To possess Wisdom one must buy her with living money: virtues."

one I knew as a Christmas present. After I finished the book I began my preparation for my consecration for the feast of the Annunciation. During the second period of preparation I was getting discouraged. I did not feel that I was worthy of being Her son. One day I was talking to a friend about it and he told me that he was envious of what was happening to my soul. I suddenly realized my perception was not quite right, and that it was simply that the phase of preparation was working very well. I was gaining true knowledge of self, seeing my weaknesses for what they were without any false humility or veiled puffing of pride, but straight on, and accepting my faults for what they were without any exaggeration or self pity, just a perception that came from His perspective, only being imperfect I was getting discouraged thinking it meant I wasn't worthy. This then encouraged me greatly and I saw that He allowed another soul to see me in order to help me to be free from discouragement which can kill our zeal and is most often a temptation to not persevere on the right path that we are on.

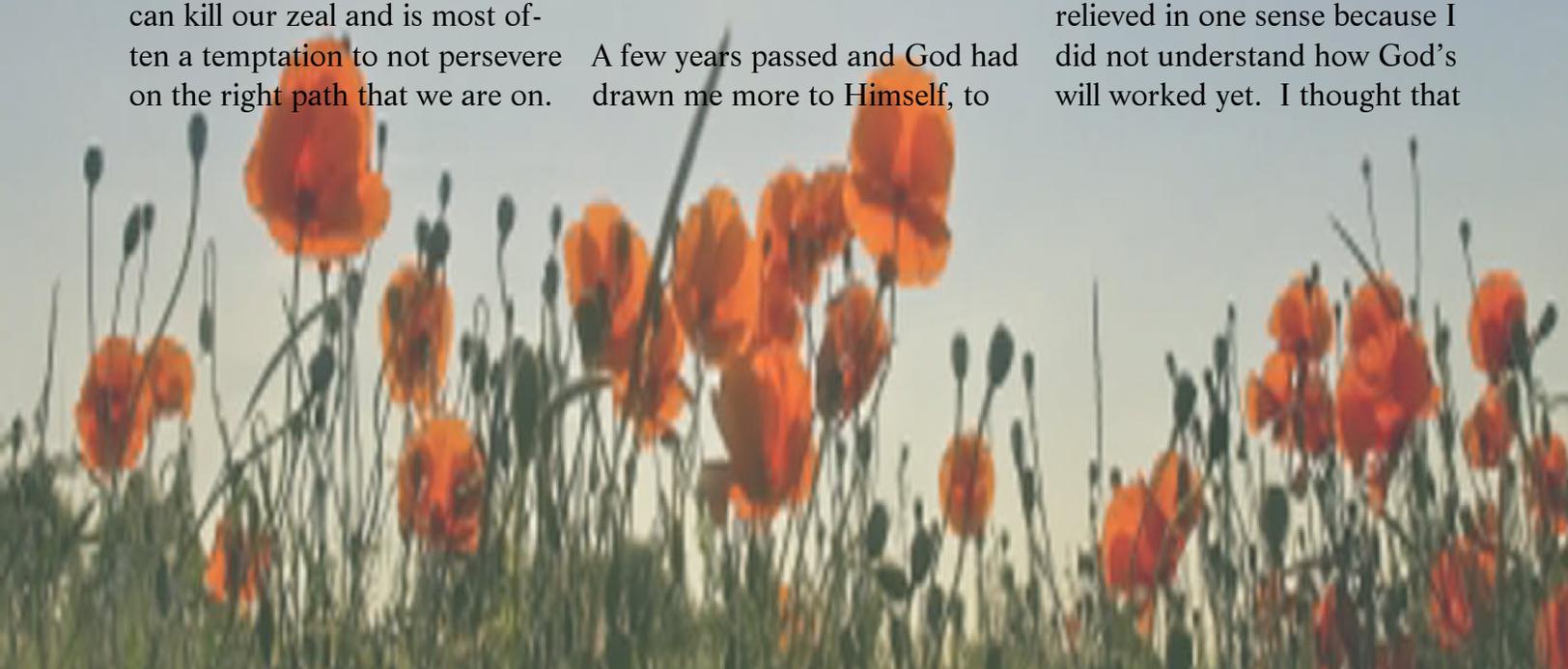
I have seen that everyone who goes through this preparation with a sincere heart suffers this temptation. They all say the same thing as I did, "I don't think I am doing the preparation very well, maybe I should consecrate myself at a later time to give myself more time to do it better." It is a temptation to discouragement made possible by ignorance of God's ways.

It was Our Lady who guided me through my purification, who nurtured me through my failings, who encouraged me to persevere, who formed me into the image of God the He created me to be. Her presence made me experience that what the angel Gabriel said to Her was true, that all things are possible with God. I never turned to Her without experiencing Her help in some way, and without experiencing peace. I am speaking here of fully turning to Her with my whole self, not that kind of sort of turning to Her but still holding back because of fear or self will or pride in one's own abilities.

A few years passed and God had drawn me more to Himself, to

more of a contemplative life. A few people to whom I had given True Devotion, had called me with questions about it. It seemed providential to me. So I asked them if they wanted to have a prayer group that would meet once a week and talk about True Devotion to Mary. They all liked the idea and so it began.

Previously, I had already received my calling of vocation to religious life when in adoration on a retreat on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. I was also in the habit of going to adoration frequently and in those times was having ideas about religious life which I would write down. They were like glimpses, nothing elaborate. In the prayer meeting one night they all started talking about living in community. I found a good spiritual director around this time and when I told him of the thoughts about possibly founding an order, I told him with the uncertainty I had about it all and he said to forget about that right now and let's look for a good order for you to join. I was relieved in one sense because I did not understand how God's will worked yet. I thought that



when He told me His will that I became ultimately responsible for it coming to fruition, as if He gave me an instruction and washed His hands of it and it was up to me to do it. I had not yet learned what St. Paul says, "it is the Holy Spirit who both inspires and accomplishes His works in us and through us." Therefore, I was somewhat afraid of what seemed a daunting task for one as ignorant as myself.

I obeyed and let go of the idea entirely. When at adoration I sometimes would have thoughts about a founding again but they did not come from me. In order to obey my director I tried to treat them as temptations/distractions. Sometimes it was too difficult so I began writing them down just to be able to not think about it anymore. It only kind of worked but I persevered in attempting to obey my director about it. After awhile my director found an order for me to visit, so I called them and set it up. It was at the novitiate house. I met with the novice master several times and the last time he told me I could be a contemplative there although they had none as of yet and teach Total Consecration for days of recollection. It seemed intellectually a perfect fit for how my soul was being formed, but my spirit wasn't moved at all to my surprise. So I asked him to hear my confession and for a penance he told me to say a rosary in the chapel for the intention of desiring what He desired for me. This was another moment for me. I had thought, through most of my spiritual reading up to then, that my desires only reflected my will and not God's. But he made

me realize that the more united a soul is to God the more it naturally desires God's will and that it is manifested in His peace through that union. His will becomes the soul's will because the soul has no willfulness and is disposed to want what He wants for him. So I went to the chapel and prayed the rosary for the intention he said. At some point I could feel in my spirit an unction, it was as if I could tell something was coming. It welled up inside me and felt like it would explode soon. I had been trying to not pay attention to it and focus on my rosary but it became too much and I knew I had to let Him do whatever He was going to do. Suddenly, in an instant, I saw in my spirit the founding of an order, its name, charism and all the main attributes of its life and structure. I was overwhelmed. All at once it gave me peace, joy, and once again perfect clarity. I could now accept what He had been forming me for all this time without fear of self will or of inability, knowing that it was His desire to begin with and He would give me all I needed and make possible what was impossible. I knew also that Fr. had been praying for me while I was praying the rosary.

I wanted to leave the next day to tell my director. As I was leaving, Fr. walked me to my car. He said to me, "the founder says he has a good feel for you and your vocation... but whatever you decide we will both be working for the Church, and if you ever need my help give me a call." I knew then that he knew what God had showed

me as he said this with a look of knowingness.

When I told my director he was very joyful and only said, "and you know it was God because of the peace you have about it." I no longer had any fears, only the certainty that it was God's work and He would provide all the help for me to do my part and that the rest was up to Him. It would take as long as He wanted, and whatever He allowed in the way of obstacles or persecutions would only serve to bring about more fruitfulness and that was what truly mattered; doing His will and fruitfulness, all else was in His hands and not my job or worry. He could do whatever He wanted with me, for "I am all thine, and all I have is thine, O my sweet hidden crucified Jesus, through Mary thy most holy immaculate and sorrowful mother."

I share this with you as a testimony of Our Lady's motherly care for Her children. No matter what the call of a soul, She will guide and form and take through purification all who are willing to give themselves to Her. The more generous we are in our self gift, the more She will take into Herself and transform us into that particular image of God that He created us to be.

She is the Co-redemptrix Mediatrix and Advocate because God willed it so. He deigned to want to give us a gratuitous gift out of His infinite love and generosity that we might become in full measure, the children of His inheritance, heirs to His Kingdom, the dwelling place of Love. Amen.

Liturgical Calendar: May

(not on calendar) / Sunday overrides memorial

- 1: St. Joseph the Worker
- 3: Sts. Philip & James
- 10: Bl. Damien of Molaka'i
- 12: Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, St. Pancras
- 13: The Ascension of the Lord
(Our Lady of Fatima)
- 14: St. Matthias
- 15: St. Isidore
- 18: St. John I
- 20: St. Bernadine of Siena
- 21: St. Christopher Magallanes & Co.
- 22: St. Rita of Cascia
- 23: Pentecost Sunday
- 25: St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII,
St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi
- 26: St. Philip Neri
- 27: St. Augustine of Canterbury
- 30: The Most Holy Trinity
- 31: The Visitation of the B.V. Mary
(Mary Mediatrix of all grace)



[All the Feasts of Our Lady for the Month of May](#)

Can you guess this months Saints?
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Do You have Questions?



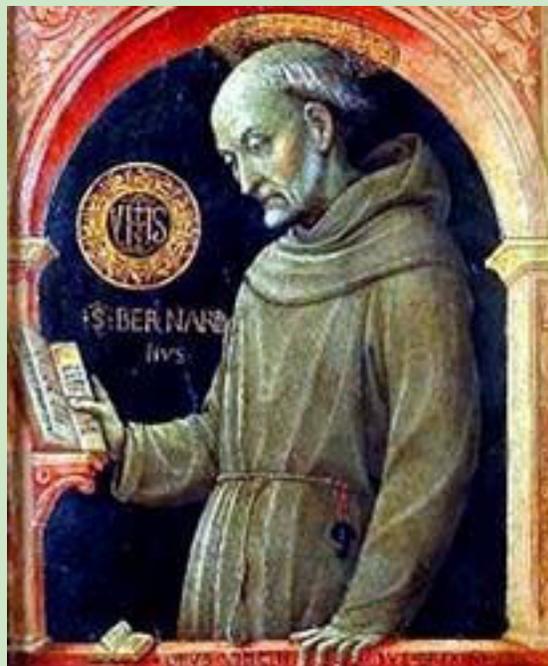
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furnace of Holy Love."

~ St. Bernadine of Siena