

"This Marian Year shall begin on the Solemnity of Pentecost, on June 7 next."  
John Paul II, Mother of the Redeemer

PENTECOST SUNDAY: MARIAN YEAR      ACTS 2: 1-11  
ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH              1 COR. 12:3-7; 12-13.  
7 JUNE 1987, 12:30 P.M.              JOHN 20: 19-23

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN, MOTHER OF MERCY, OUR  
LIFE, OUR SWEETNESS AND OUR HOPE!

SO I GREET YOU ON THIS PENTECOST SUNDAY  
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-  
SEVEN. WITH THESE ANCIENT WORDS: SALVE, REGINA,  
MATER MISERICORDIAE, VITA, DULCEDO, ET SPES NOSTRA,  
SALVE!

THE VIRGIN MOTHER OF GOD IS INTIMATELY  
JOINED TO THE CHURCH, THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL  
REMINDED US (CF. "LUMEN GENTIUM" PARA. #63) AND  
SO MARY MODELS AND EXEMPLIFIES FOR US ALL THE KIND  
OF LIFE WE ARE TO LIVE IN COMMUNITY WITH EACH OTHER AND  
WITH GOD. ~~AND~~ THIS COMMUNITY IS FORMED THIS DAY BY  
THE SAME ACTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT COMING DOWN UPON  
THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH WHICH FIRST MADE MARY BOTH SPOUSE  
AND MOTHER. SO IT IS FITTING THIS PENTECOST DAY  
THAT WE BEGIN A YEAR HONORING MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD  
AND OUR MOTHER TOO, AND ALSO THAT I USE HER ANCIENT  
HONORED HYMN TO GREET YOU, TOO, THIS DAY: MOTHER OF  
MERCY, LIFE, SWEETNESS AND HOPE!

THE CHURCH, LIKE MARY, IS INDEED GOD'S CHOSEN  
VESSEL OF MERCY, BRINGING FORTH IN MATERNAL LOVE BY  
THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE LIFE, SWEETNESS AND  
HOPE OF THIS WORLD. JUST AS MARY HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE GIVING THE YES OF FAITH TO GOD, SO ALSO THE CHURCH IDENTIFIES WITH THE ASPIRATIONS OF PEOPLE EVERYWHERE FOR FREEDOM AND JUSTICE. MARY APPEARS TO CHILDREN, TO THE POOR, THE UNEDUCATED, THE OPPRESSED, AND IN TIMES AND PLACES OF PERSECUTION AND DISPOSSESSION. HER WORDS, ALWAYS IN THE COMMON VERNACULAR OF THE LOWEST CLASSES, BRING DIGNITY AND AND GRACE, COURAGE AND STRENGTH, AND RALLY ALL HUMAN CAUSES INTO A UNITY OF FAITH IN THE LIBERATION OF THE GREAT SON OF GOD, THE CHILD OF HER MOTHERHOOD. INDEED, MARY'S FAITH, OUR FAITH, THE CHURCHES FAITH IS AT ITS FINEST HERE. HERE HOPE IS AT ITS PUREST, HERE THE SWEETNESS OF LOVE IS AT ITS FULLEST. *John Paul II*

MARY IS THE TEACHER OF THE FAITH, FOR SHE IS FIRST TO TEACH US HOW TO LOVE CHRIST, AND NOW THE CHURCH CONTINUES ON THIS SAVING, MATERNAL MINISTRY. AND WHEN WE TURN OUR HEARTS TO MARY OUR MOTHER THIS YEAR, WITH GREAT LOVE, SO WE LEARN TO LOVE HER MINISTRY WHICH IS THE WORK OF THE CHURCH ITSELF, BRINGING FORTH BY THE PREACHING OF THE WORD THE JUSTICE THAT IS CHRIST IN THIS WORLD.

THE SPIRIT TEACHES TODAY: THERE IS NO STRENGTH OF LOVE LIKE A MOTHER'S LOVE, NO BOND, NO TIE EVER SO STRONG-- A DRIVING WIND, OUR FIRST READING CALLS IT, OVERPOWERING THE FEAR OF LOCKED DOORS AND UPPER ROOMS, SURMOUNTING FORIEGN TONGUES AND STRANGE AND

OPPOSING CULTURES, CLIMATES AND SOCIETIES. A DRIVING WIND AND A CONSUMING FIRE: LIKE TONGUES AFLAME THE WORD IS PREACHED IN POWER AND HEARTS COME ALIVE, A BIRTH WITH CHRIST. THE SPIRIT, AS MARY OUR MOTHER, SPEAKS THROUGH ALL THE PAIN OF DIFFERENCES IN THE UNITY, THE ONENESS OF THE WORD OF LOVE.

DIFFERENT GIFTS, ONE SPIRIT, MAKING BOND WITH ONE DRINK: WE ARE ONE, MADE ONE, ENLIVENED WITH ONE VOICE AND ONE HOPE AND ONE WORK. WE ARE ALL MEMBERS OF ONE ANOTHER, BORN INTO A COMMON FAMILY BY THE CALL OF GOD AND BOUGHT AT GREAT, YES INFINITE PRICE, THE BLOOD OF CHRIST. SO IS BORN THE JUSTICE OF GOD: OUR COMMON CONCERN FOR THE PEACE AND UNITY OF PEOPLES, THE CAUSE OF THE OPPRESSED AND PERSECUTED, THE ALIENS AND THE ALIENATED, THE POOR, THE EXILED AND HOMELESS, THOSE WITHOUT BREAD, SHELTER, THE VOICELESS AMONG US SPEAK WITH THE WOUNDS OF CHRIST, BORN ANEW IN THE WORLD.

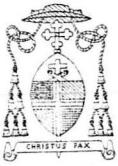
PEACE BE WITH YOU, PEACE IS MY GIFT AND YOUR BOND. SEE MY HANDS AND MY SIDE. MY HANDS PIERCED FOR LOVE AND MY SIDE OPENED FOR BIRTH, FOR GIFT AND FOR LIFE. RECEIVE MY BLESSING AND MY CALL: FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE FORGIVEN YOU. HOLD FAST ONE ANOTHER, AS I HAVE ALWAYS HELD YOU FAST TO ME. FORGIVENESS --RECONCILIATION-- IS OUR GREATEST GIFT AND OUR GREATEST COMMISSION AND WORK AS WELL: FOR THIS WE ARE FORMED IN THE MYSTERY OF MARY, THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST, EVER BORN

ANEW IN THE LIFE OF HIS CHURCH. MAY WE  
NOW --BEGINNING THIS DAY--AND THROUGHOUT THIS COMING  
MARIAN YEAR--EVER DRAW CLOSER TO MARY OUR MOTHER.  
MAY WE BE BLESSED BY HER MINISTRY AND BE CONFORMED  
TO HER FAITH, HER HOPE AND HER LOVE OF CHRIST  
CRUCIFIED, CHRIST EVER ALIVE IN LOVE FOR HIS PEOPLE.  
SALVE, REGINA, MATER MISERICORDIAE, VITA, DULCEDO  
ET SPES NOSTRA, SALVE.  
HAIL HOLY QUEEN, MOTHER OF MERCY, OUR LIFE, OUR  
SWEETNESS AND OUR HOPE!

The piety of the Christian people has always very rightly sensed a  
profound link between the devotion to the Blessed Virgin and  
worship of the Eucharist.... Mary guides the faithful to the Eucharist.

Redemptoris Matris

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The bread which you do not use  
is the bread of the hungry.  
The garment hanging in your wardrobe  
is the garment of him who is naked.  
The shoes that you do not wear  
are the shoes of one who is barefoot.  
The money you keep locked away  
is the money of the poor.  
The acts of charity you do not perform  
are so many injustices you commit.

... St. Basil the Great

As the Holy Father says in his encyclical letter:

Mary is deeply imbued with the spirit of the "poor of Yahweh,"....

Mary truly proclaims the "Messiah of the poor." Drawing from

Mary's heart, ... the Church renews ever more effectively in herself the awareness that the truth about God who saves...cannot be separated from the manifestation of his love of preference for the poor and humble, that love which, celebrated in the Magnificat, is later expressed in the words and works of Jesus.... There is a duty to safeguard carefully the importance of the "poor" and of "the option in favour of the poor" in the word of the living God. These matters are intimately connected with the Christian meaning of freedom and liberation.... 'It is to Mary as Mother and Model that the Church must look in order to understand in its completeness the meaning of her own mission.'"

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