

# Reflections

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## Mary Reveals to Us the Father in his Son

Let us think about the mission of the Blessed Virgin for our times, its importance for the inner renewal of the Church and for all of us.....because She is the perfect model of the postconciliar Church and, furthermore, the ideal image of each Christian.

We want to see how Mary reveals to us God as Father and Christ as the great proof of his love for man.

A false idea of God exists in many Christians. They see Him distant and strict. The only sentiment which brings them before God is fear. It is the idea of God the policeman, the God guard who watches over us to punish us from the time we are small.

But the truth is something else: God is Father and loves us infinitely and is constantly concerned for us. He does not want us to live in fear but in confidence as his children.

God created us to make us his children, to be able to love us with the same infinite love with which He loved his divine Son, to attach us to his Father heart for all eternity. And so that this love would be known and accepted by man, God gave us the Incarnation of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is the Son of God who became man to be able to reveal to us and to fulfill the plan of love of the Father. In the first place, Jesus Christ came to announce to us that God is Father because He wants to truly make us his children.

That is his great Good News: God is truly our Father. We can see his face as Father with our eyes of the flesh, reflected in the face of Christ. "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (Jn 14, 9), He says to his apostles.

Furthermore, Christ came to show us that the love of this Father for us is much greater than all human love. Thus He gives unto death his only Son. In Christ, it is God himself, carried by his infinite love, who dies for us.

The Man-God is the sign that God wanted to bind his own destiny, forever, to the history of men. Jesus Christ went to Heaven to lead us there so that we would remain permanently in the heart of our Father. And to make the way easy for us, He also remains with us, in his Church, in the Eucharist, and even allows himself to be consumed by us. Truly, the love of God infinitely surpasses our human love.

The Blessed Virgin, at the moment of the Annunciation, is the first to know the incredible plan of God's love. And She is also the one who lives it more intensely. Mary is daughter of the Father more than anyone because She lives more united to Jesus Christ than anyone. From the moment the angel speaks to Her, She remains somewhat dazzled by the extraordinary message of love which signifies this Son of hers. She forms Him in her womb and later serves Him with all the love in her heart.

The meaning of Mary's life consists in always discovering more and more the infinite love of the Father through Jesus Christ. Therefore She keeps in her heart each word He says, as the Scriptures assure us. Thus She always follows Him as often as She can because in the face of Jesus, the face of the Father radiates there and She does not want to miss any ray from this light.

In Jesus Christ, She feels totally sheltered in the love of the Father: therefore Mary is strong, nothing knocks Her down and She can stand at the foot of the Cross. Everything, also the Cross, forms part of Her history of love with the Father.

We should ask the Blessed Virgin that She helps us to discover in Jesus Christ this immense Good News which He brought: that the God of our life is our Father, that He is my Father and that He has shown me his infinite love.

Because of this, let us open our heart for this liberating message of Mary. Let us imitate her attitude of desire and hope in the coming of God. It will then be a profound time of grace and fruitfulness for us.

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