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Mary: God's Yes To Man : Pope John Paul II Encyclical Letter : Mother Of The Redeemer



MARY: God's Yes to Man

John Paul's Encyclical Redemptoris Mater

Introduction by

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger

Commentary by Hans Urs von Balthasar



Synopsis

Encyclical Letter of John Paul II, *Redemptoris mater* Introduction by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Commentary by Hans Urs von Balthasar. Pope John Paul II's only encyclical on our Blessed Mother, with introduction by the Cardinal Prefect of the congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, and commentary by one of the world's leading Catholic theologians, Hans Urs von Balthasar. The Church's supreme magisterium and representative of the Church's most penetrating theological reflection combine to provide for all the faithful a rich and concise compendium of the Mother of the Redeemer. The development of traditional Marian dogma in the light of the present day bears the Pope's unmistakable personal stamp. The three parts of the encyclical ("Mary in the Mystery of Christ", "The Mother of God in the Midst of the Pilgrim Church" and "Motherly Mediation") draw predominantly from two sources: Sacred Scripture and the central documents of the Second Vatican Council. There is a particular emphasis on ecumenism. What binds all Christians to Mary becomes ever clearer: she is the model of their faith. "Preparing for the advent of the year 2000, the great memorial of Christ's birth, is a fundamental concern of the encyclical. In the liturgy, Advent is a Marian time: the time when Mary made room in her womb for the Savior of the world and bore within her humanity's hope and expectation. Celebrating Advent means becoming Marian, imitating Mary's unconditional Yes which is ever anew the place of God's birth, the 'fullness of time'" -- Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger

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Customer Reviews

Text: English, German, Latin (translation)

An excellent text, clearly printed and well worth the trouble to study. It's a "easy read" but a demanding think, my favorite kind of work! Sorry I missed it the first time around and very glad to find it on .

We honor the Blessed Mother, we pray to God.

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Pope John Paul II's love for Mary is no secret. In this encyclical he brings Mary off of the pedestal where she is often placed. In showing her human side he makes her infinitely accessible, and in explaining her relationship with Christ, he illustrates why she is deserving of great honor. The commentary by von Balthasar serves to flesh out the finer points of the encyclical, and what emerges is a useful volume both to enhance devotion to Mary, and to aid in ecumenical dialog. Ratzinger's introduction was simply icing on the cake.

As a young man in the process of converting to Catholicism, I found "Mary: God's Yes to Man" to be a very compelling, deep, and driving study of the role of the Blessed Virgin in History, in Tradition, in the Church, and in the lives of the modern believer. I went into this book with very little knowledge of who the Church says the Virgin Mary is, and coming out of it, I feel like I could comfortably explain the doctrine to anyone. The use of Biblical exegesis, and the style of Biblical interpretation was quite interesting for this former Protestant Evangelical. The Holy Father is an excellent writer, and both Cardinal Ratzinger and von Balthasar offer interesting commentary on his writings. A good read, seeing as it took me less than 36 hours to do so.

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